
Pieced Sofa Throw/ Beach Blanket

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A FEW PROJECT NOTES:

This project is designed with a LOT of flexibility! You can make it larger or smaller dependent upon how many fabrics you select and how many squares you cut. By changing the number of rows/squares you can make the Beach / Sofa Throw shown or any number of items for example: a table topper, placemats, coasters or go BIG and make it a bed spread (*Dependent upon the size of the bed, you may need more fabric!*)

We wanted to create a Throw with a Summery, Beachy Vibe large enough to be used as a beach or picnic blanket and this dictated our fabric choices. *There were so many to choose from, we just couldn't decide, so our Throw has 17 different fabrics!

(To create our coordinating pillowcase, we increased the yardage of 2 of our fabrics to ½ yard)

We also took a "Scrap Busting" approach and created a coordinating table runner using smaller squares cut from the leftovers! Some other ideas along these lines include: napkins, coasters, toss pillows, etc. The possibilities are endless !!!

Make it your own by choosing different colors, themes, etc. We'd love to see what you create! Share it with us on Facebook



SIZE – APPROXIMATE # SQUARES - LAYOUT

Depending upon your desired finished size & the number of fabrics you have chosen to use, you may need to adjust the number of squares you cut – take a look below to get an idea of how many squares you'll need.

Hint: (After pre-shrinking) each 3/8-yard cut will yield between 3 or 4 - 10 ½" squares.

Approx. Size +/-	Qty 10 ½	Layout
<u>(not including trim)</u> squares		<u># squares across x down</u>
• THROW – 50" x 90"	45 - 50	5 x 9
• Lap 40" x 50"	20 – 25	4 x 5
• Std. Throw 50"x 60"-70"	30 - 40	5 - 6 x 6 - 7
• Table Square 70" x 70"	49 - 64	7 – 8 x 7 - 8
• Twin 60 x 90	54 – 70	6 – 7 x 9 - 10

You can always add an additional row or rows to the length &/or width to get the finished size you desire. Just add more or reduce the number of squares!

Skill Level: BASIC

Materials for Pieced SofaThrow/Beach Blanket:

- 3/8 yard each of 5 or more assorted* Home Décor Fabrics
- ***OPTIONS for finishing:**
 - A. TRIM on 2 short sides only
 - *3 yards each – tassel trim
 - 1" wide Twill Tape -if no lining
- *3 yards – Cotton Deluxe or Sateen Lining – Lining is recommended if seams are not overlocked.

*Optional

Tools, Notions & Accessories:

- Sewing Machine or Serger
- Thread to coordinate w/fabrics
- Iron & Ironing Board
- Rotary Cutter& Mat &/or Scissors
- Ruler, Yardstick
- *12" x 6" clear gridded ruler OR square
- Sharp Tip Scissor or Snips
- Hand Sewing Needle & Thread

*Optional

Directions:

The directions below are specific to our Beachy Sofa Throw, but the process is the same regardless of the size you choose to create – HAVE FUN!

1. Finish the raw edges of your fabrics to preserve the integrity of your yardage (overlock, zig-zag or overcast, pinking shears, etc.).
2. Pre-shrink, dry and press ALL of your fabrics. (MOST home décor fabric manufacturers recommend dry cleaning so expect some shrinkage. The amount will vary. For this project we suggest you avoid upholstery fabrics or those with vinyl or rubberized coatings.)
3. Cut your pre-shrunk fabrics into 10 1/2" squares. To create this throw you will need to cut a total of 45 – 50 squares.

HINT: we cut 3 squares from each fabric to give us flexibility with the placement/layout.

4. Layout your squares 5 rows x 9 columns. (figure 1) Play with the placement of your fabrics until you are pleased!

figure 1 - layout

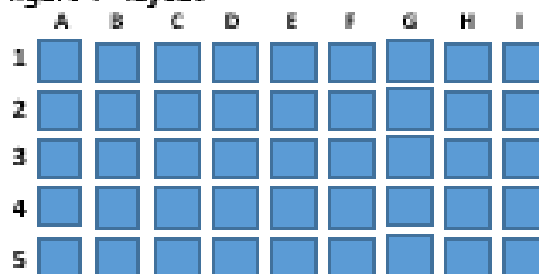
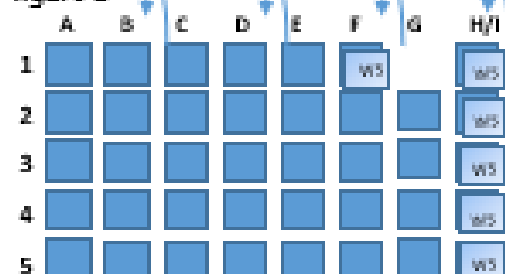


figure 2



5. Working 2 rows at a time, from right to left, flip 1st row squares "I" onto the adjacent row of squares "H" so they are right sides together (RST) (figure 2).
6. Stitch or serge each pair of squares together along the right edges using an ample 1/4" seam to form units of 2.

HINT: open & reposition the units as you go so you do not mix up the positioning of the squares.

7. Repeat steps 5 & 6 with columns F & G, D & E, C & B leaving only the squares in column A unstitched.
8. With RST, join the right edge of each A square to the left edge of each "B/C" unit. (figure 3a).

figure 3a



figure 3b

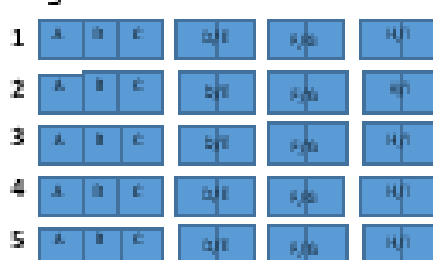
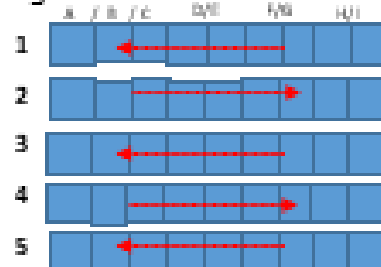
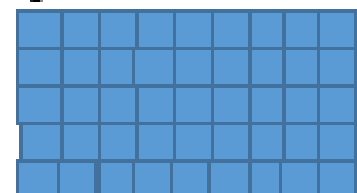


figure 3c



9. To complete the rows, use the same process to joining the smaller units in each row together until all of squares in each row are seamed together leaving 5 rows.
10. Press the seam allowances in each row in alternating directions as shown by the arrows in (figure 3c).
11. Next stitch the rows together. Note that the seam allowances should "nest" together giving more accurate seam matching because of the directional pressing. (figure 4)
12. Once all of the rows are assembled, press. (figure 4).



Directions: Beachy Sofa Throw

FINISHING OPTIONS:

Option 1. TASSEL TRIM ON 2 ENDS (without Lining) –

(This is how we finished our Throw because our seams were assembled with the serger and there are no raw edges.)

1. Hem the two long edges of the throw.
 - a. Using the overlock, zig-zag or overcast stitch, finish the raw edges and press stitching to the back. Pin or clip to hold in place.
 - b. Topstitch along the folded edges.
2. With the throw right side up, position the tassel trim right side down so the straight edge of the trim is aligned along the two unfinished edges of the throw. (figure 5). **NOTE- The tassels will be to the center of the throw.** Clip or Pin in place. At the sewing machine, straight stitch through trim (insertion) and the throw so stitching is just inside where the top of the tassels begin.
3. Turn under edge so tassels are now hanging over the edge of the throw.
4. Tuck cut ends of trim under the newly formed "hem" and clip or pin in place. Topstitch through all the layers.

HINT: To conceal the upper portion of the tassel trim and achieve a more finished look, apply the twill tape on the back tucking the raw ends under at the edges. We topstitched in the ditch of each seam and then used a hand sewing needle slipstitched the outer edges in place.

figure 5

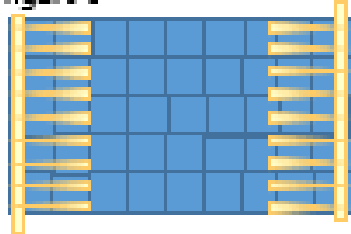


figure 6



Option 2. TASSEL TRIM ON 2 ENDS with Lining-

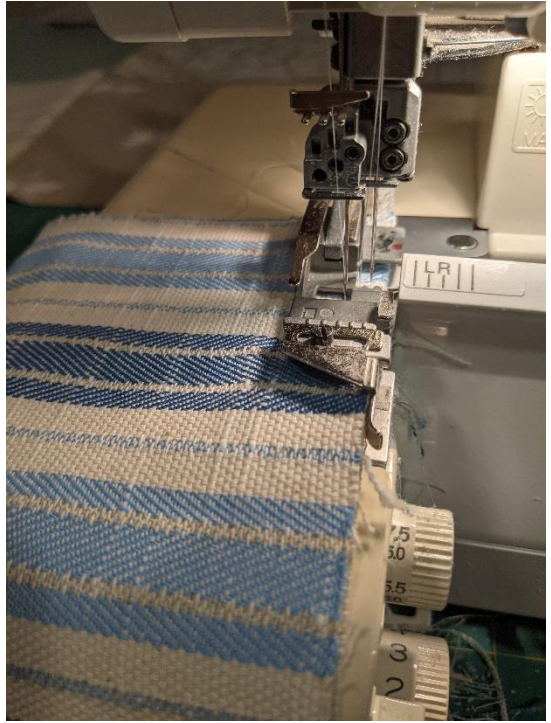
(Lining is recommended if you assemble the throw with just a straight stitch.)

1. Measure your pieced throw and cut your lining to match.
2. Position throw right side up and following step 2 (option 1) apply the tassel trim along the 2 short edges. (figure 5)
3. Matching the raw edges on all 4 sides position the lining over the throw RST and use pins or clips to hold the layers in place. (figure 6)
4. Leaving an opening 6-7" in the center of one of the two long edges, straight stitch around the throw to secure the layers together. Be careful not to catch the tassel trim in the seams.
5. Turn the throw right side out through the opening. Press and then topstitch around all 4 edges to close the opening and complete your throw.

Option 3. Lining with no tassel

(Lining is recommended if you assemble the throw with just a straight stitch.)

Omitting step 2 cut, apply lining and finish as in Option 2



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