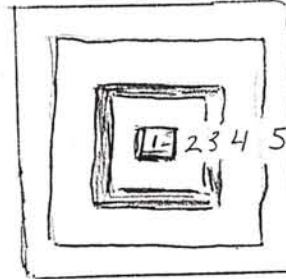


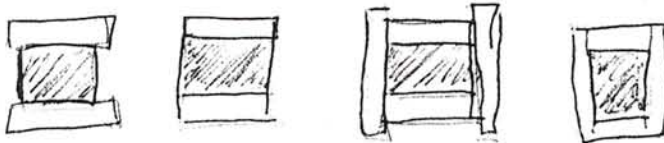
BEGINNING MYSTERY PILLOW QUILT – Making the Pillow

You will need a 24" square of "flat" batting, cotton or poly or blend.

- (1). Cut center square 4 ½"
- (2). Cut one strip 3 ½" x 30"
- (3). Cut two strips 1 ½" x width of fabric
- (4). Cut two strips 3 ½" x width of fabric
- (5). Cut three strips 2 ½" x width of fabric



Sew piece # 2 to opposite sides of the center square, rough cut ½" longer than square, press and then cut squarely with rotary to make a rectangle. Sew more of #2 to the remaining opposite sides, cut excess off roughly ½" longer than needed, press, then square up with rotary. Repeat this technique with numbers 3 through 5



This is a good size piece to test your machine quilting. Drop the feed dogs, put on the darning foot on your machine, and machine quilting gloves on your hands. Spray baste a piece of cotton or cotton blend (flat) batting to the back of your pillow top and try your luck at stippling. Use a thread that matches the pillow top in both the top of the machine and the bobbin. It's ok that the bottom piece is batting.

Trim and square quilted pillow. Place pillow backing right sides together and stitch around three sides. Clip corners and turn right side out. Press edges so that front does not show to back. I like to stitch in the ditch of pattern design through all using nylon thread on the top and thread matching the pillow back in the bobbin. Pin perpendicular to stitching line before stitching.

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Note: Not to worry! All will be revealed next month.
 Your pillows raw edge will be sewn into the quilt, and,
 the stuffing for your pillow will be the quilt. Remember it's a mystery.

