

# Fabric Trends

for Quilters

## Boys Will Be Boys Pillowcase & Tossed Pillow



### BEGINNER

Finished Size of Pillowcase: 21½" x 32"

Finished Size of Tossed Pillow: 18" square

### MATERIALS

- ▶ 1 panel (#930)
- ▶ ¼ yd. each of four different blues (#933/3, #936/1, #937/1, #935/1), and four different greens (#934/2, #936/2, #937/2, #933/1)
- ▶ ½ yd. blue check (#934/1)
- ▶ ½ yd. blue star (#938/2)
- ▶ ½ yd. green star (#938/3)
- ▶ ¾ yd. toy block print (#931)
- ▶ ⅞ yd. purple check (#934/3)
- ▶ 18" x 18" pillow form
- ▶ Standard size pillow
- ▶ Thread in colors to match fabrics
- ▶ Basic sewing supplies

### CUTTING

From each of the four different blues:

One 1½" x 42" strip; recut into two 1½" x 20" pieces  
(Pieces 1, 7, 9, 11 for tossed pillow)

From each of the four different greens:

One 1½" x 42" strip; recut into two 1½" x 20" pieces  
(Pieces 2, 4, 8, 10 for tossed pillow)

From the blue check:

Two 4¼" x 42" strips; recut into two 4¼" x 30½" pieces  
(for pillowcase backing)

One 1½" x 42" strip; recut into two 1½" x 20" pieces  
(Piece 3 for tossed pillow)

From the blue star:

One 3½" x 42" strip; recut into one 3½" x 16½" piece  
(for pillowcase)

Two 2¾" x 42" strips; recut into two 2¾" x 22¾" pieces  
and one 2¾" x 16½" piece (for pillowcase)

One 1½" x 42" strip; recut into two 1½" x 20" pieces  
(Piece 5 for tossed pillow)

From the green star:

Two 7" x 42" strips; recut into two 7" x 22" pieces (for  
pillowcase) and two 1½" x 20" pieces (Piece 6 for  
tossed pillow)

From the toy block print:

One *lengthwise* strip consisting of eight blocks trimmed  
¼" outside of black and white check border

Two *widthwise* strips consisting of ten blocks trimmed ½"  
outside of black and white check border

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## From the purple check:

One 14½" x 42" strip; recut into one 14½" x 30½" piece (for pillowcase backing)

One 12½" x 42" strip; recut into two 12½" x 18½" pieces (for tossed pillow backing)

## DIRECTIONS

**Note:** Use a ¼" seam allowance throughout, unless otherwise indicated. Sew all pieces with right sides together and raw edges even, using matching thread. When piecing, it is helpful to use the black and white check border as a guide.

### Pillowcase

1. Referring to **Diagram 1**, trim the center of the panel (the Boys Will Be Boys logo and the images to the left and right) ¼" beyond the black and white check border. The panel will measure approximately 12" x 22¾". Sew one 2¾" x 22¾" blue star piece to the top of the panel and another to the bottom. Stitch a 2¾" x 16½" blue star piece to the left side of the panel and a 3½" x 16½" blue star piece to the right. Press seams toward the blue star fabric after adding each piece. (**Note:** If needed, adjust the blue star pieces before adding the outer border to make sure the black and white check borders line up.)

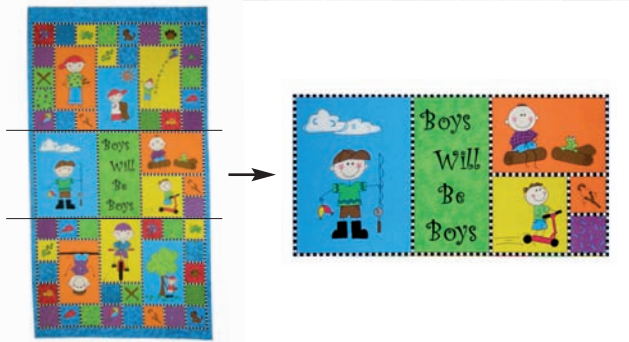


Diagram 1

2. **Border.** Trim ½" off the left (short) side of each widthwise toy block piece (along the black and white check border). Referring to the **Pillowcase Layout Diagram**, sew one widthwise toy block strip to the top of the pillowcase center and another to the bottom. Stitch the lengthwise toy block strip to the left side, lining up the black and white



Pillowcase Layout Diagram

check border with the top and bottom black and white check border. Press seams toward the center after adding each strip. Trim the right side of the pillowcase top even with the border strips.

3. **Pillowcase back.** Sew the 14½" x 30½" purple check piece lengthwise between two 4¼" x 30½" blue check pieces. Press seams toward the purple fabric.

4. Place the pillowcase front and back right sides together, trim back even with the front and stitch ¼" along the top edge only. Open and press seam toward the back.

5. **Cuff.** Stitch the two 7" x 22" green star pieces short ends together to make one long strip and press seam open. Fold this pieced strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together, then press. Following **Diagram 2**, line up the raw edge of the green star strip lengthwise with the right side raw edge of the pillowcase front and back. Stitch in place using a ½" seam allowance. Trim and press the cuff (green star fabric) open. (*Optional:* Stitch over the ½" raw edge using a zigzag stitch to finish the edge.) Fold the pillowcase front over the back with right sides together, matching the cuff seams on the right, then stitch (using a ¼" seam allowance) along the bottom and left side of the pillowcase. Turn right side out and press.

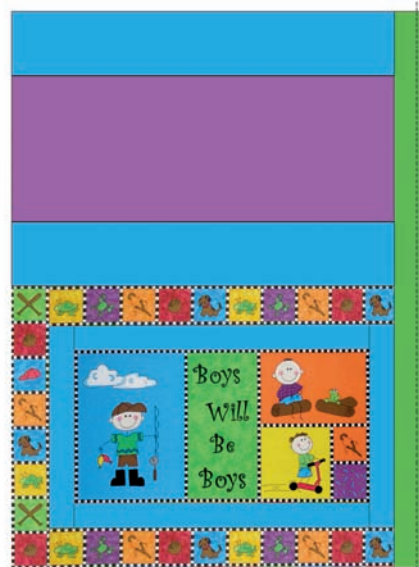


Diagram 2

### Tossed Pillow

**Note:** The numbers on the **Diagram 3** correspond to the stitching order and fabric pieces. After adding each strip, press seams away from the center and trim.

1. From the remaining panel pieces, choose one of the 5¾" x 8½" boy motifs and cut out ¼" outside the black and white check border.

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2. Following **Diagram 3**, stitch a blue Piece 1 to each of two opposite sides of the center boy motif. Press and trim even with the center. Sew a green Piece 2 to the top and another to the bottom. Press and trim as indicated. Continue adding the pieces in numerical order to complete the 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 19" pillow top.

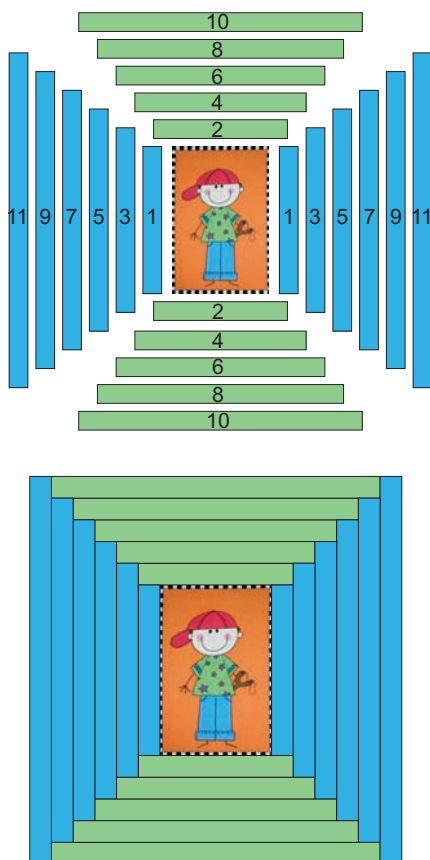


Diagram 3

3. *Backing.* Fold the long edge of each 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " purple check piece under  $\frac{1}{4}$ " with wrong sides together and press. Fold again, only this time folding under  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and stitching  $\frac{1}{4}$ " in from the fold. Layer the two 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " backing pieces with hems toward the center and right sides together on the pillow top, overlapping the backing pieces as shown in **Diagram 4**. Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " around all four sides.

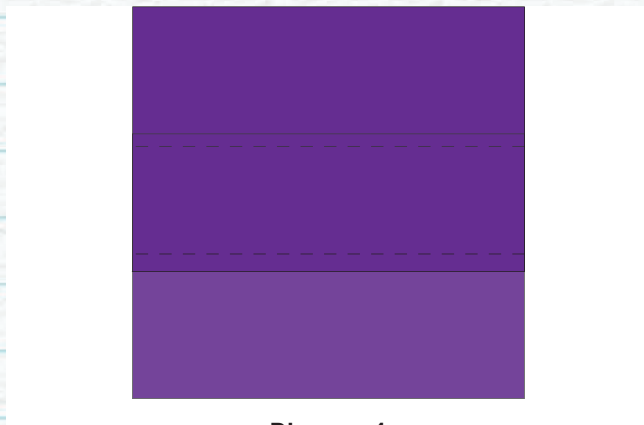


Diagram 4

4. Turn the pillow right side out and insert the 18" pillow form.