

Sprocket Pillows

Large pillow: 16"
Small pillow: 14"

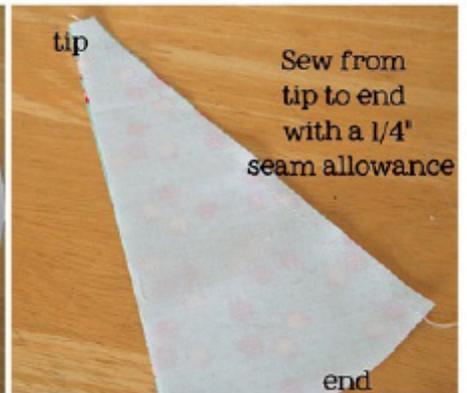
Materials needed for each pillow:

- 6 assorted 1/4 yards (this will be enough to make both pillows), or 12 scraps large enough to cut the templates from.
- 1/3 yard fabric for the center band
- 1 fat quarter for pillow back
- 1 bag polyfill or other stuffing
- Button for center, or fabric covered button kit



1. Trace and cut out the template for the size you are making. Using the template cut 12 wedges from the print fabrics.

2. Arrange the wedges how you like them. Sew the wedges into pairs, right sides together. Sew from the tip to the end. Use a 1/4" seam allowance while constructing the pillow top.



3. Press and arrange the pairs. Sew the pairs into two halves.



4. Pin the edges and center seams of the halves together. Sew the halves together, slightly pulling or easing the fabric as necessary to get the edges and center to match. Don't worry if your center seams don't match perfectly...the button will cover it. Press well.



5. Make the pillow back by folding the backing fat quarter, and the circle top in half. Line up the folds, trace, and cut out the back.



6. Cut 2 strips from the 1/3 yard, 5" x the width of the fabric. Sew the strips together to make one long strip, press seam. Cut the strip down for the size you are making:

Large Pillow: 5" x 50" strip
Small Pillow: 5" x 43 1/2" strip

Sew the ends of the strip right sides together using a 1/2" seam allowance and press. You'll use a 1/2" seam allowance from here on out.



7. Pin one edge of the strip to the edges of the pillow top. Start anywhere and work your way around, easing or slightly stretching as necessary. If you have too much excess, pin all the way around except for the last 6" or so and pinch the extra together and sew it together. If you don't have enough strip and you can't slightly stretch it larger...you can either cut and sew another small strip on, or pin the strip 1/8" or so in from the pillow top edge.



8. Sew along the edge using a 1/2" seam allowance.



9. Now pin the other edge of the middle strip to the backing, right sides together. Do it the same way you did the front.



10. Again, sew along the edge using a 1/2" seam allowance... but this time leave a 4" hole for turning and stuffing.



11. Turn the pillow right side out and stuff with your poly-fill. I like my pillow to look full but still be really cushy...that way when you add the button it sinks right in.

12. Sew up the hole either by hand or machine.

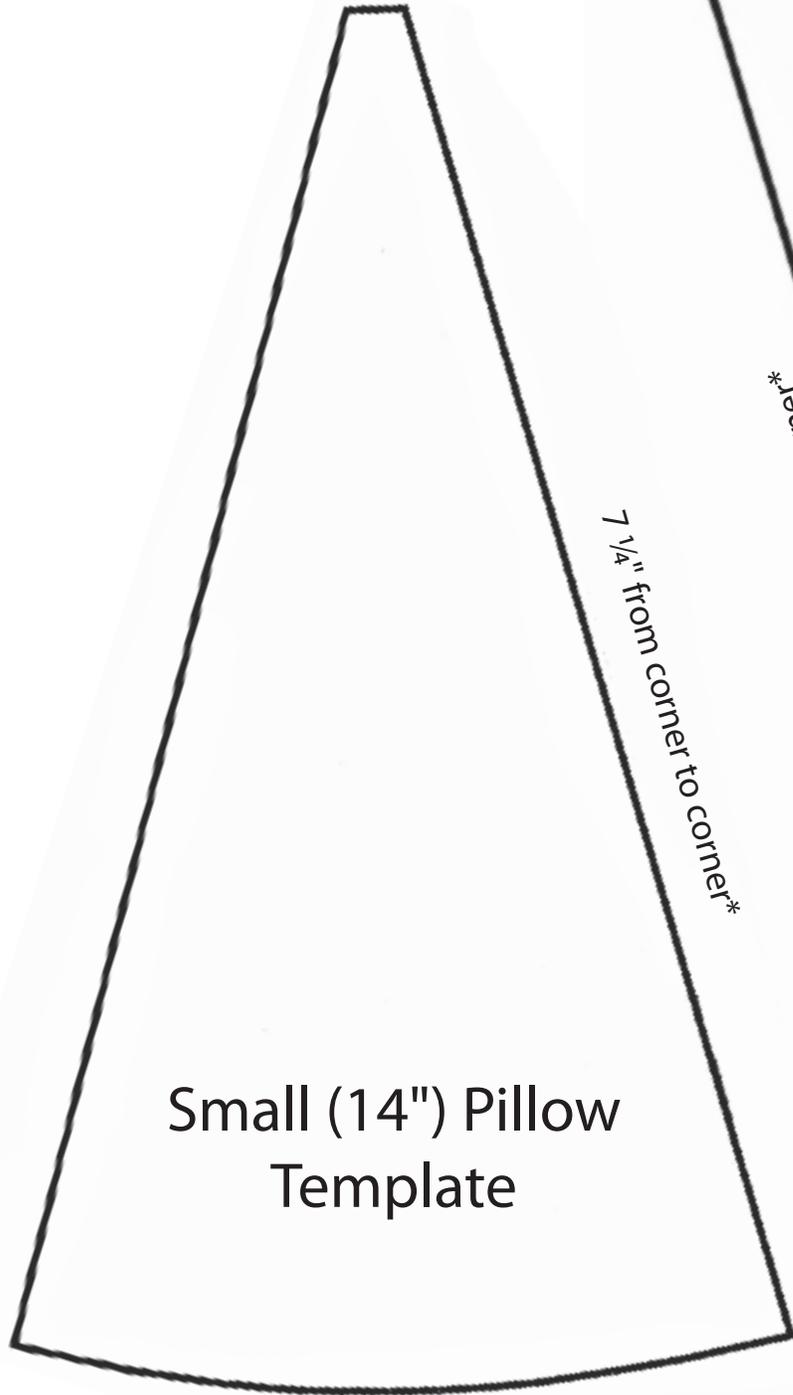


13. Get your button, needle and thread ready. If using a fabric covered button kit, use a scrap of fabric and the instructions on the package. I recommend using thick thread like embroidery thread or even fishing line to add the button. Knot the end of your thread and put the needle through the center back of your pillow and push it to the front center. Loop the thread/needle through your button a few times and put the needle back through the front to the back. Pull the thread until the button is depressed in the front enough for your liking, and knot the thread in the back of the pillow. You can cover the back knot with another button...or leave it.

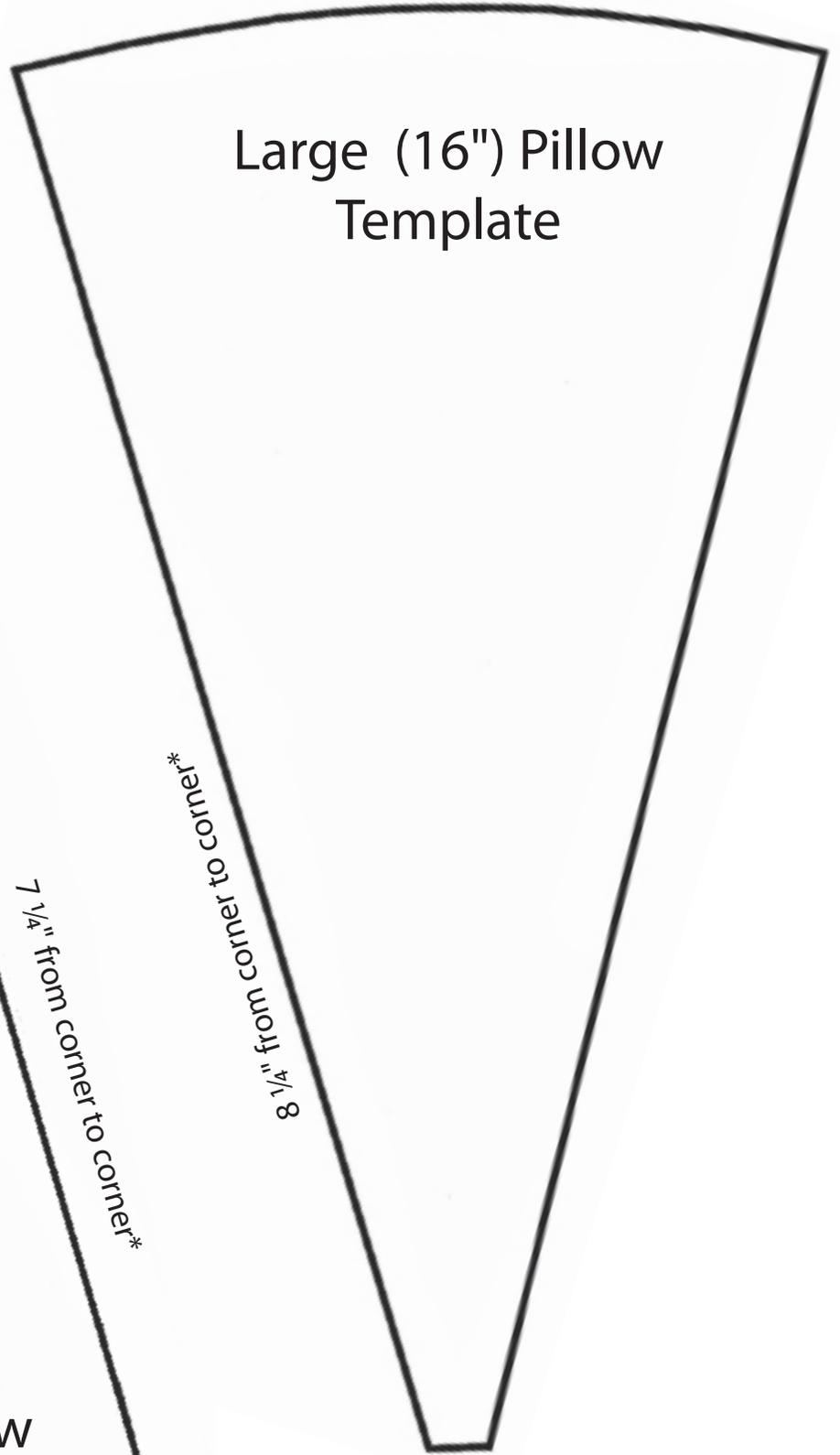
Enjoy your new pillow!



Large (16") Pillow Template



Small (14") Pillow Template



7 1/4" from corner to corner*

8 1/4" from corner to corner*

*It's okay if measurements differ by 1/8" or so. To make sure the templates print the correct size, measure one side and compare it with the measurement on the template. If the templates print too large, click "fit to printable area" under the printer preferences for page scaling. If they print too small, choose "no scaling".