



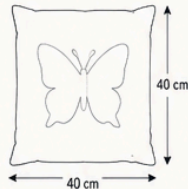
PATCHWORK BUTTERFLY APPLIQUÉ PILLOW

STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL

A beautiful project that combines patchwork, appliqué, and hand embroidery. Perfect for decorating your home or gifting!

FINISHED SIZE

40 cm x 40 cm



MATERIALS

- Assorted cotton fabrics (quilting weight)
- Background fabric (cotton/linen) 45 cm x 45 cm (front)
- Backing fabric: 45 cm x 45 cm
- Batting (quilt batting): 45 cm x 45 cm
- Embroidery floss (various colors)
- Appliqué thread (neutral color)
- Hand sewing needle
- Fabric scissors
- Pins
- Water-soluble fabric marker

MAIN METHODS USED IN AMERICAN QUILT & SEWING

1. APPLIQUÉ (FUSIBLE + HAND)



The butterfly shape is applied onto the background fabric using fusible adhesive and hand stitching.

2. WHIP STITCH (APPLIQUÉ STITCH)



A hand stitch used to secure the edges of appliqué pieces, creating a decorative and durable finish.

3. BLANKET STITCH



Decorative stitch used around the butterfly edges and body for a handmade look.

4. HAND EMBROIDERY



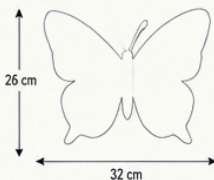
Used for the antennae and details on the butterfly body.

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. PREPARE THE BUTTERFLY TEMPLATE

Draw or print the butterfly template.

Finished butterfly size:
32 cm wide x 26 cm high



2. CUT THE PATCHWORK PIECES

Cut various fabric scraps into pieces that fit within the butterfly shape. Use a mix of prints and colors.



3. ARRANGE & SEW PATCHES

Arrange the fabric pieces on the template. Sew them together using a 0.5 cm seam allowance. Press the seams.



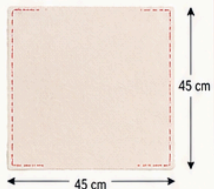
4. TRIM THE BUTTERFLY

Trim the patchwork butterfly neatly along the outer edge of the shape.



5. PREPARE THE BACKGROUND

Cut the background fabric (front piece):
45 cm x 45 cm



6. APPLY THE BUTTERFLY

Place the butterfly in the center of the background fabric. Fuse with fusible adhesive according to product instructions.



7. APPLIQUÉ THE EDGES

Using a neutral thread, stitch around the butterfly with a whip stitch or blanket stitch.



8. EMBROIDER DETAILS

Embroider the butterfly body and antennae with embroidery floss. Add small details if desired.



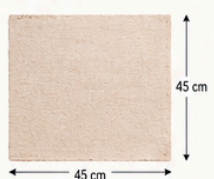
5. QUILT ASSEMBLY

The front, batting, and back are layered and sewn together, then turned right side out.



9. PREPARE THE BACK PIECE

Cut backing fabric:
45 cm x 45 cm



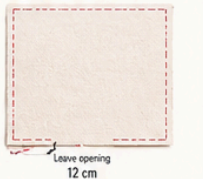
10. LAYER THE PILLOW

Place the front (butterfly side), batting, and back fabric right sides together.



11. SEW AROUND THE EDGE

Sew around all 4 sides with a 1 cm seam allowance, leaving a 12 cm opening at the bottom.



12. TURN & FINISH

Turn the pillow right side out through the opening. Gently push out the corners and press.



13. STUFF THE PILLOW

Stuff with polyester fiberfill or your preferred filling for a full, even look.



14. HAND STITCH THE OPENING

Fold the seam allowance inside and hand stitch the opening closed with a ladder stitch.



15. FINAL PRESS

Give your pillow a final press to make it look crisp and beautiful!



FINISHED!

Your Patchwork Butterfly Pillow is ready to enjoy!



CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Spot clean or hand wash gently.
- Do not bleach.
- Air dry flat.
- Iron on low heat if needed.

MEASUREMENTS SUMMARY

- Pillow finished size: 40 cm x 40 cm
- Front background fabric: 45 cm x 45 cm
- Back fabric: 45 cm x 45 cm
- Batting: 45 cm x 45 cm
- Butterfly size: 32 cm wide x 26 cm high
- Seam allowance: 1 cm (unless noted)
- Opening for turning: 12 cm

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Use a variety of small fabric prints for a vibrant patchwork look.
- Take your time with hand stitching for the best finish.
- Press each step to keep your project neat and flat.
- This project is perfect for using fabric scraps and can be customized with different colors and thread details!

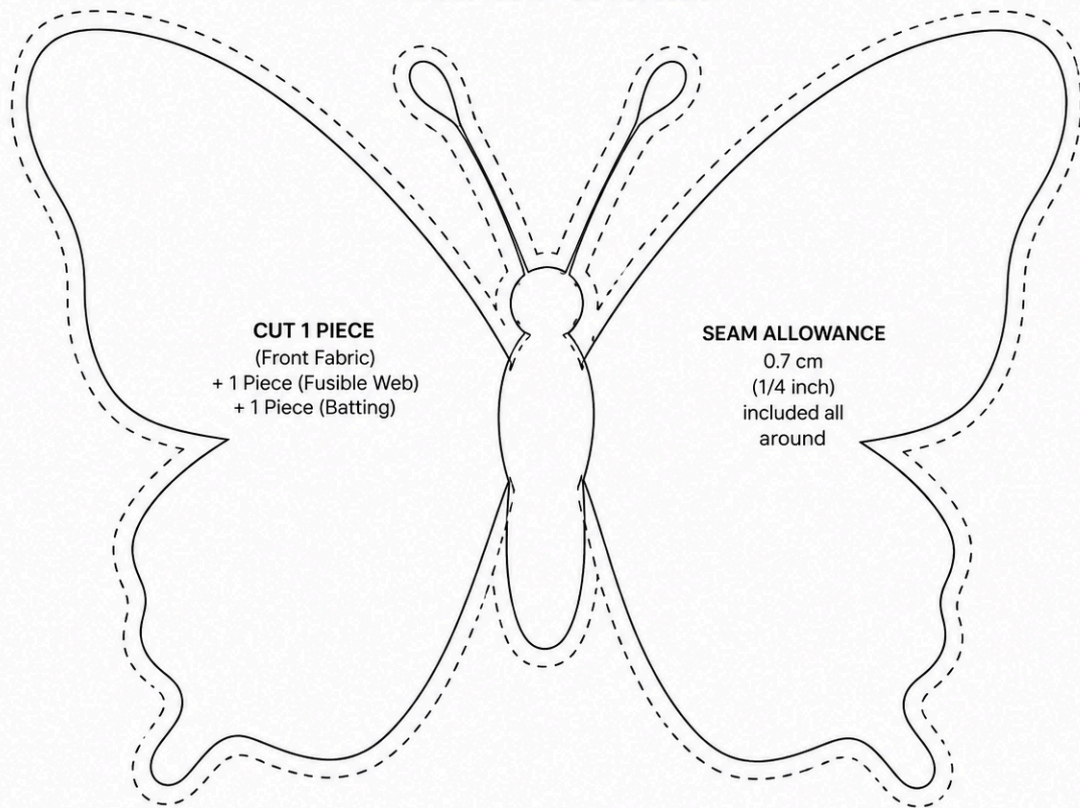
QUILT & SEWING TERMS (US)

- Appliqué: Attaching a fabric shape onto a background fabric.
- Seam Allowance: Extra fabric between the stitching line and the raw edge.
- Right Sides Together: Both fabrics facing each other (inside).
- Batting: The middle layer that gives fullness to the pillow.
- Ladder Stitch: Invisible hand stitch used to close openings.

PATCHWORK BUTTERFLY PILLOW – APPLIQUÉ PATTERN

Includes Seam Allowance

Print at 100% – Do not scale



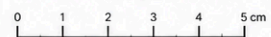
LEGEND

- Cut Line
- - - Seam Allowance (0.7 cm)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut fabric, fusible web and batting using the pattern.
2. Fuse the fusible web to the wrong side of the fabric.
3. Cut out the butterfly shape.
4. Arrange and stitch your patchwork pieces inside the butterfly.
5. Finish the edges with a blanket stitch or your preferred method.
6. Appliqué the butterfly to your pillow front.

SCALE



This square should measure 5 cm x 5 cm

NOTE: This pattern includes 0.7 cm (1/4 inch) seam allowance. Cut along the solid line.

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Patchwork Butterfly Appliqué Pillow Tutorial

Create a Patchwork Butterfly Appliqué Pillow measuring 40 cm x 40 cm using colorful cotton scraps, appliqué, hand embroidery, and simple pillow assembly.

Materials Needed

Assorted cotton fabrics for patchwork

Cotton or linen background fabric

Backing fabric

Quilt batting

Embroidery floss in different colors

Neutral appliqué thread

Hand sewing needle

Fabric scissors

Pins

Water-soluble fabric marker

Fusible adhesive

Polyester fiberfill or pillow insert

Finished Measurements

Finished pillow size: 40 cm x 40 cm

Front background fabric: 45 cm x 45 cm

Back fabric: 45 cm x 45 cm

Batting: 45 cm x 45 cm

Butterfly size: about 32 cm wide x 26 cm high

Seam allowance: 1 cm, unless noted

1. Prepare the Butterfly Template

Draw or print a butterfly template measuring approximately 32 cm wide by 26 cm high.

The butterfly should have two upper wings, two lower wings, a small body in the center, and thin antennae.

Trace the butterfly shape onto paper first, then cut it out carefully.

This template will guide the patchwork shape and help keep the design balanced.

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2. Cut the Patchwork Pieces

Choose a variety of colorful cotton fabric scraps.

Use small prints, florals, dots, stripes, and bright colors to create a vibrant patchwork look.

Cut the fabrics into small pieces that fit inside the butterfly shape.

The pieces do not need to be identical. Different sizes make the butterfly more handmade and charming.

3. Arrange and Sew the Patchwork

Place the fabric pieces over the butterfly template.

Arrange the colors until the wings look balanced and attractive.

Sew the pieces together using a 0.5 cm seam allowance.

Press the seams flat with an iron after sewing.

Keep checking the butterfly template so the patchwork remains large enough to cut the final butterfly shape.

4. Trim the Butterfly Shape

Place the butterfly template on top of the sewn patchwork fabric.

Trace around the template with a water-soluble fabric marker.

Cut carefully along the outer edge.

You should now have one complete patchwork butterfly ready for appliqué.

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5. Prepare the Background Fabric

Cut the front background fabric to 45 cm x 45 cm.

Use cotton or linen in a neutral color, such as cream, beige, or natural white.

Press the fabric well before adding the butterfly.

Mark the center lightly so the butterfly can be placed evenly.

6. Apply the Butterfly to the Background

Place fusible adhesive on the wrong side of the patchwork butterfly.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for ironing and bonding.

Position the butterfly in the center of the background fabric.

Fuse it in place carefully, making sure all edges are secure.

7. Appliqué the Butterfly Edges

Thread a hand sewing needle with neutral thread or embroidery floss.

Stitch around the entire butterfly edge using a whip stitch or blanket stitch.

A blanket stitch gives a decorative handmade finish.

Keep the stitches even and close enough to hold the appliqué firmly.

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8. Add Hand Embroidery Details

Use embroidery floss to stitch the butterfly body.

Add antennae with hand embroidery using simple backstitches or stem stitches.

You can also add small decorative stitches on the wings.

This step gives the pillow a delicate handmade look.

9. Prepare the Back Piece

Cut the back fabric to 45 cm x 45 cm.

Use a fabric that matches or complements the front background.

Press it flat before assembling the pillow.

The back piece will be sewn together with the front, batting, and appliqué panel.

10. Layer the Pillow

Place the front butterfly panel right side up.

Add the back fabric right side down, so both right sides are facing each other.

Place the batting behind the layers if you want a fuller quilted effect.

Pin all layers together around the edges.

11. Sew Around the Edge

Sew around all four sides using a 1 cm seam allowance.

Leave a 12 cm opening at the bottom.

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This opening will be used to turn the pillow right side out and add stuffing.

Backstitch at the beginning and end so the seams do not open.

12. Turn and Press

Turn the pillow right side out through the opening.

Gently push out the corners with your fingers or a blunt tool.

Do not use anything sharp because it may damage the fabric.

Press the edges carefully with an iron.

13. Stuff the Pillow

Fill the pillow with polyester fiberfill.

Add the stuffing slowly and spread it evenly into the corners.

For a smooth finish, avoid overstuffing one area.

Continue filling until the pillow feels full, soft, and balanced.

14. Hand Stitch the Opening

Fold the seam allowance inside at the opening.

Pin or hold the edges neatly together.

Close the opening with a ladder stitch.

This stitch creates an almost invisible finish.

15. Final Press and Finish

Give the pillow one final gentle press.

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Check that the butterfly is centered and the edges are smooth.

Trim any loose threads.

Your Patchwork Butterfly Appliqué Pillow is now finished and ready to decorate your home or give as a handmade gift.

Care Instructions

Spot clean or hand wash gently.

Do not bleach.

Air dry flat.

Iron on low heat if needed.

Avoid heavy scrubbing over the appliqué and embroidery.

Helpful Tips for Success

Use many small fabric prints for a colorful butterfly.

Press each seam as you sew the patchwork pieces.

Take your time with hand stitching for a neat finish.

Customize the project with different colors, thread details, or background fabrics.

This pillow is perfect for spring décor, handmade gifts, sewing projects, and patchwork lovers.

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