

One Million Pillowcase Challenge Block

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A handmade pillowcase seems like a simple thing, but it can ease the fears of a sick child while in the hospital, provide comfort to a teen as they move to a new foster home or give hope to a family who recently lost everything in a tornado, flood or fire. Since 2010, *American Patchwork & Quilting* has been challenging quilters, crafters, and sewers across the country to help reach the goal of donating 1 million pillowcases to local charities. Get more information at allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases.

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Requirements

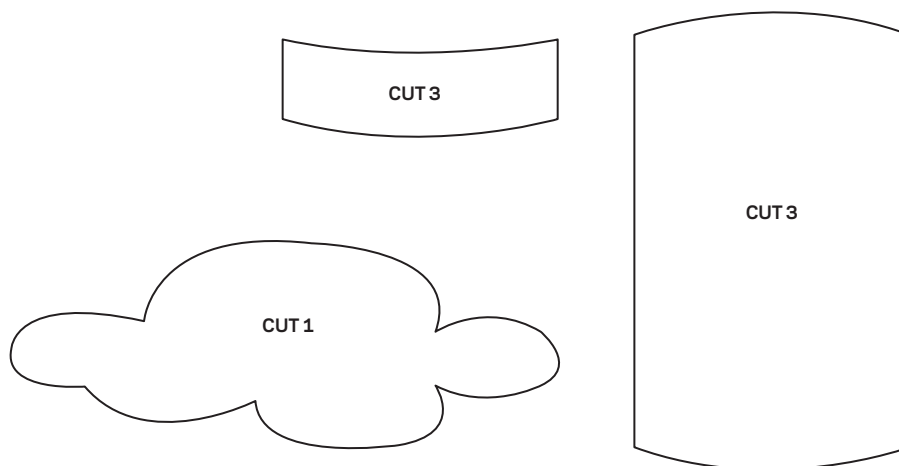
- 1 rectangle — 5x6½" blue print for sky background
- 1 rectangle — 2x6½" green print for grass background
- Scraps for pillowcases, pillowcase bands, and cloud
- Lightweight fusible web

Preparation

1. Trace the templates, *below*, the number of times indicated on dull side of fusible web. Cut out, leaving ¼" distance from the traced line.
2. Press on wrong side of fabric. Cut out on the traced line. Peel fusible backing paper away.

Block Assembly

1. Sew together the 5x6½" blue rectangle and the 2x6½" green rectangle. Press seam in one direction. The block should be 6½" square including seam allowances.
2. Referring to the diagram, *page 3*, lay out the pillowcase, pillowcase band, and cloud pieces and fuse in place.
3. Using your favorite applique stitch, applique the shapes to the pieced background.
4. Using two strands of embroidery floss, backstitch the clothesline and hangers.



Patterns are full-size and reserved.

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