

Welcome Porch Pillow {for Sewing}



Welcome sunshine. Welcome seasons. Welcome friends. Welcome home.
Propped on your front porch swing or entry bench our Welcome Porch Pillow softly conveys, "I'm so glad you came!" We've combined fabric applique and simple patchwork piecing for this delightful design you can easily stitch in an afternoon.



Pattern Notes:

Finished Pillow Size 12 x 16"

Sew all seams with a ¼" seam allowance

WOF = Width of Fabric

RST = Right Sides Together

A Fat Sixteenth is 9 x 11"

A Fat Quarter is 18 x 21"

Materials Needed:

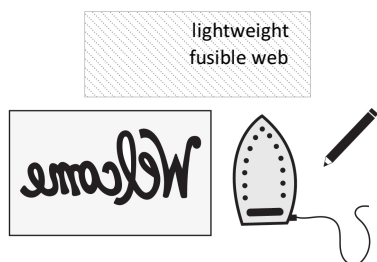
Fabric 1: (background)	1 Fat Quarter
Fabric 2: (pillow back)	1 Fat Quarter
Fabric 3: (Welcome Applique)	1 Fat Sixteenth
Patchwork Border	(24) 2½" squares scrap fabric
Lightweight Fusible Web	
12 x 16" pillow form	

Cutting Instructions:

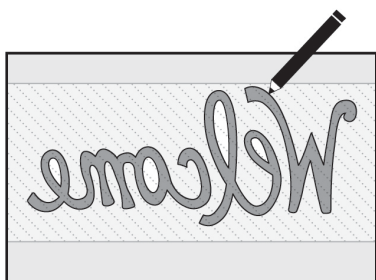
Fabric 1:	cut (1) 8½ x 12½" block
Fabric 2:	cut (2) 10½ x 12½" blocks

Applique Instructions

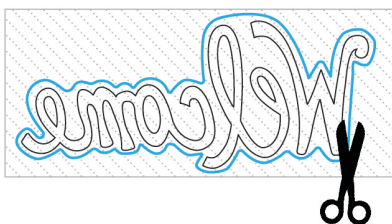
We love the simplicity of using lightweight fusible web for applique. The word “Welcome” in our pattern is printed in reverse, ready for tracing. To begin you will need: lightweight fusible web, applique design from page 4, Fabric 3, pencil, and iron.



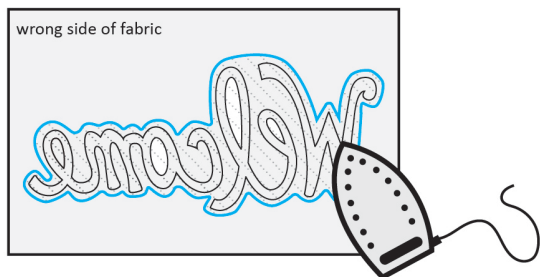
1. Place fusible web, **paper side up**, over the “Welcome” design. Trace with a pencil.



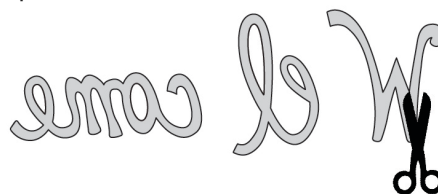
2. Trim around the shape, but not directly on the outline. The “bubble cut” is illustrated with a blue line.



3. With a warm iron, adhere fusible web to the **wrong side** of the fabric.



4. Cut out the fabric shape directly on the traced pencil outline. Notice as you cut, the word “Welcome” is in three parts: W, el, come. Small tip scissors will help to cut out the counter space in the cursive letters e, l, and o.



5. Peel away fusible web paper from fabric.



6. Center “Welcome” applique on Fabric 1: Background. With a warm iron, fuse the fabric word to the block.



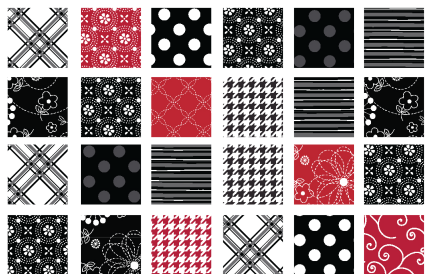
7. Set sewing machine to zigzag or blanket stitch and sew around the applique letter to finish the edges.



In addition to zigzag and blanket stitch (sometimes called buttonhole stitch), straight stitches sewn just inside the perimeter of the applique can nicely outline the word, leaving the edges to lightly fray.

Assembling the Pillow Top

1. Arrange **(24)** 2½" blocks in random order into 4 rows with 6 blocks in each row.



2. RST, sew blocks in each row together. Press seams open.



3. RST, sew one patchwork row to the top and one row to the bottom of the "Welcome" block. Press seams open.

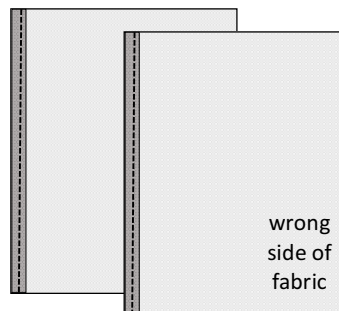


4. RST, sew patchwork strips to each vertical side of the "Welcome" block. Press seams open.

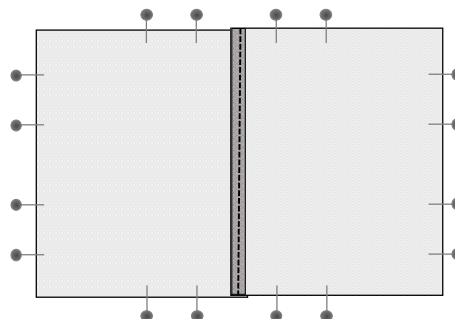


Finishing the Pillow

1. Clean finish the 12½" edge of both Fabric 2: Pillow Back pieces. Turn fabric ¼" to the back on one long side and press. Turn another ¼" inch and press again. Pin hem and topstitch.

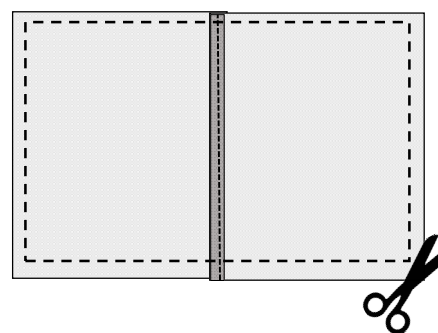


2. Place the pillow top **right side up** on a flat surface. Place the two backing pieces on top, aligning edges with the pillow front. **Back pieces should face down** and will overlap to create an envelope-style closure. Pin edges together.



3. Sew the backing to the front around the perimeter of the pillow.

4. After sewing the pillow top to the back, clip corners to reduce bulk, being careful not to cut through the stitches.



5. Turn pillow **right side out** through envelope closure. Press with steam. Insert pillow form.

Measures