



Hi! I'm Maureen from [Maureen Cracknell Handmade](#), and I'm so excited to be sharing my very first Fat Quarter Gang Project with you today! A tutorial for a set of Quilted Pillow Shams, a project designed for Art Gallery Fabrics new, gorgeous [LillyBelle](#) Fabric Collection, that's quick, easy, and takes only 10 Fat Quarters to make a set!

It's a great project for a beginner or if you want a small project to practice sewing those perfect straight quilting lines! Let's get started!!

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## Materials:

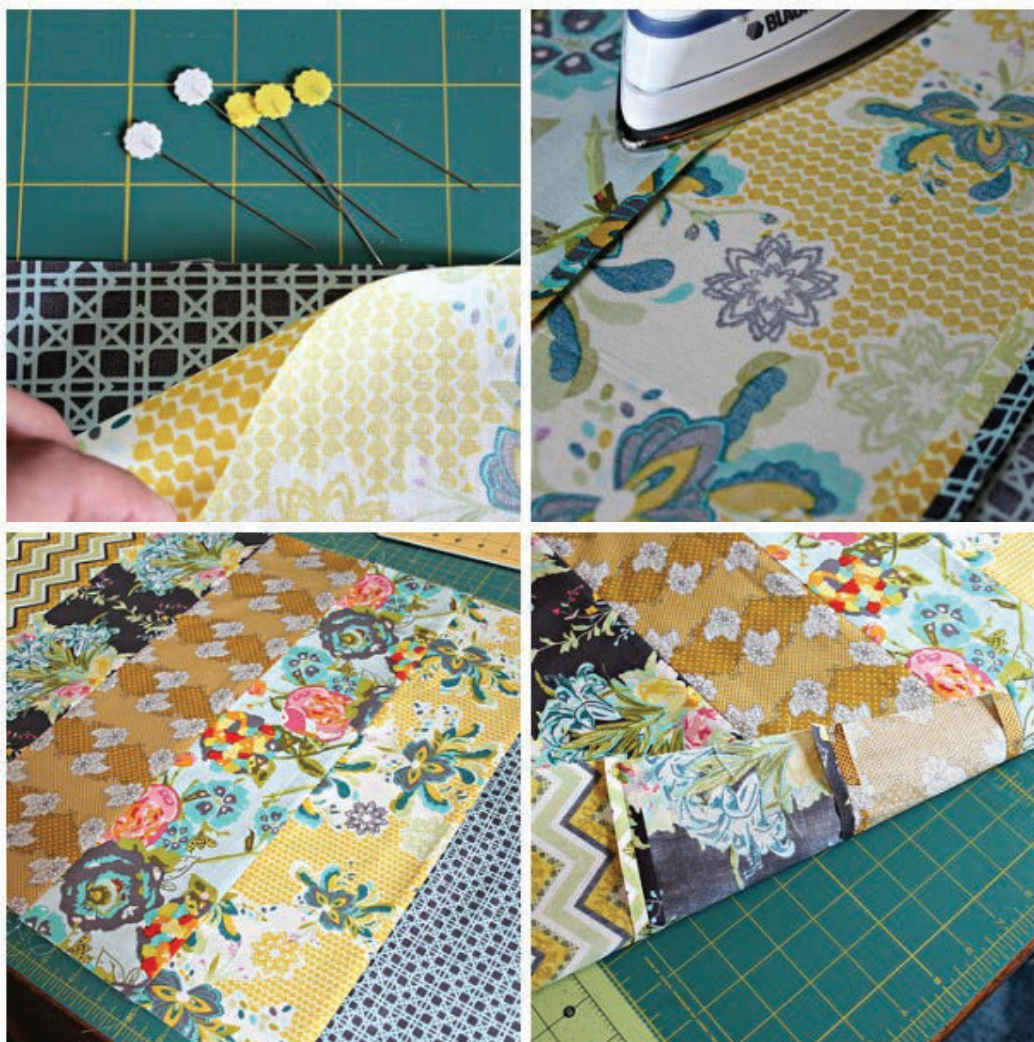
- 10 Fat Quarters of the [LillyBelle](#) Collection (Cool Sunrise Palette)
- 2 Standard Bed Pillows measuring 20" x 26"
- 2 pieces of cotton batting measuring at least 21" x 30"
- 1 yard of cotton muslin cut into two pieces measuring 22" x 36"
- White Thread
- Rotary Cutter/Mat/Ruler

## Cutting and Piecing the Fabrics:

1. Choose six different fat quarters of the LillyBelle fabrics for the pillow sham fronts, save the other four for the pillow sham backs.
2. Cut each of the six fat quarters into two pieces measuring 5" x 20" (I recommend using a rotary cutter and mat set for cutting).



3. With right sides facing, pin and sew six fabric strips together, leaving a ¼" seam allowance.
4. Press all seams open as you go.
5. Continue to piece both pillow sham fronts and press well on both sides.



## Layering and Quilting the Pillow Top:

1. Cut Muslin into two pieces measuring 22" x 36". Cut batting into two pieces measuring 21" x 30".
2. Lay muslin piece onto the work surface, center batting piece on top of that, and then center the pieced pillow top.



3. Prepare for machine quilting. Pin layers together well, adding a few pins running down each of the six different fabrics that makeup your pillow sham top.
4. Stitch on either side of the seams as shown in the photo below.
5. Once quilted, remove pins.



6. Using a large ruler or straight edge, trim away excess fabric, batting, and muslin. The pillow top should now measure 20" x 26".

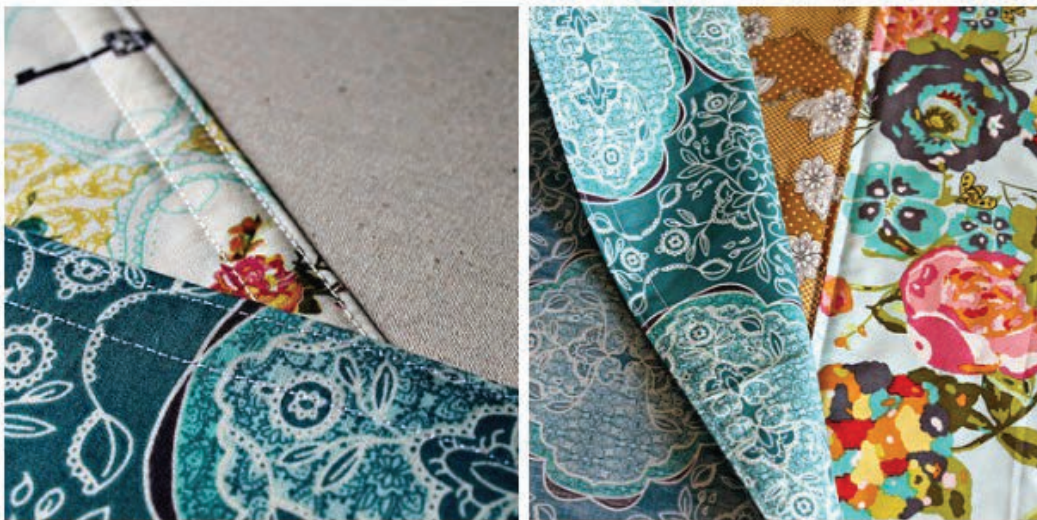


7. Continue to baste, quilt, and trim both pillow sham fronts.



### Sewing the Pillow Together:

1. Prepare back pieces -- Using two of the remaining LillyBelle Fat Quarters for each pillow sham, cut fabrics to pieces measuring 18" x 20", fold over one of the sides measuring 20" a ½", press, fold over again, press. Sew along inner folded edge and along the outer edge, staying close to the fold. This will create the double seam finish.
2. Place pillow top piece RIGHT side up on your work surface. Place both backing pieces RIGHT side down on top of the pillow top piece.



3. Pin and sew along entire perimeter using a ½" seam allowance.



4. Zigzag stitch around the entire perimeter, as well.
5. Trim all four corners.



6. Turn pillow right side out, making sure to poke out each corner. Press well. Repeat for second pillow.

Insert your pillows and now you have your very own set of LillyBelle Quilted Pillow Shams!!

