Heart Pillow

Therapeutic care for cardiac and breast cancer patients





Coastal Quilters Guild

Community Projects

This pillow has a quilted front.

Needed:

Heart pattern (includes a 3/8" seam allowance.)

(See pages 2-5. You will need to tape 4 heart pattern pieces together.)

Two 18" squares of fabric – cotton, flannel, fleece

Polyester stuffing – about 6 oz. per pillow

Assembly:

- 1. Make the heart pattern by printing pages 2-5. Have printer set at 100%. Tape 4 pages together to make the heart. Heart pattern measures 15" across at the widest measurement and 13-3/4" tall from point to highest measurement. Using a glue stick, glue paper pattern to template plastic, placing the plastic over the right side of pattern. Cut out heart on outside edge of black line.
- 2. Trace the heart onto the wrong side of one fabric piece.
- 3. With right sides together, pin two pieces of fabric together, placing pins inside the drawn line.
- 4. Cut out heart pieces, leaving pins in place.
- 5. Sew pieces together with 3/8" seam allowance, leaving a 4" opening and backstitching at beginning and ending of opening. Go back and stitch again at the "V" to strengthen the seam.
- 6. Clip at "V" up to stitching. Clip curves.
- 7. Turn heart to right side.
- 8. Fill with stuffing. Stitch opening closed by hand or machine.

Note: Pillow should be filled so that it is firm, but still soft.

Options and hints:

- Pillow can be made from fabric of any color or motif.
- If fabric is thin, you can back it with a light interfacing.
- Fabric on both sides of the pillow can match or be different fabrics.
- Fabric on one side can be cotton, the other flannel or fleece.
- Pillow pieces can be patchworked with squares, strips, etc.
- Pillow pieces can be sandwiched with batting and backing and then quilted.
- Multiple pillows can be easily made by cutting large pieces of fabric and then tracing and cutting several hearts at a time.
- Quilt large quilt sandwiches on home machine (or long arm) and then trace and cut several hearts at a time.









