XOXO Pillow Cover

Fabric Requirements

- Red Fat quarter
- Black scraps
- Background: 1/4 yard
- Backing: 1/2 yard
- Binding: 1/6 yard
- Zipper: 16” or longer

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1) Make the top of the hearts first.

Cut one H square in half and then in half again. Right sides together, stitch to one top corner of G square, trim, and fold over. Then attach second to other corner. Repeat with a second square to finish the top of the first heart.

Repeat this step for the second heart.

Trim to 1.5”.

2) Next, make the bottom of the heart. Place an L and H square right sides together. Draw a line down the center. Stitch 1/4” on both sides of drawn line. Cut down drawn line to create 2 half square triangles. Open, press, and trim to 1.5” Repeat for second heart.
3) Place G and K 5.75" squares right sides together. Draw a diagonal line each way. Stitch 1/4" on both sides of each line as shown.

Cut in along each drawn diagonal line.

Then cut horizontally and vertically.

Open (8) half-square triangles, trim to 2.5".

4) Make 4 square units with F and I squares. Make (8).

4) Assemble your (2) X and (2) O blocks. Add a C rectangle in between as shown below to form to columns. Join columns by attaching to both sides of D column. Add B rectangles to each side and A rectangles to top and bottom to finish.
PILLOW BACK

Cut (1) 9" x 16" rectangle and (1) 12" x 16" rectangle.

First, take your 12" x 16" rectangle. Fold and press 1/2" along the long side, then press down 1/2" again. Your piece should now measure 11" x 16".

Next, fold and press 1" along the long side of your 9" x 16" rectangle, then 1" again. It should measure 7" x 16".

Now it's time to add the zipper. Pin or glue baste zipper along long edge of 11" x 16" piece and stitch using zipper foot.

Now, take your 7" x 16" piece and place on top, right sides together. Unfold so only the first 1" fold edge is against the top of zipper.

Pin and stitch with a 1/8" seam.

Fold up and you will see the second 1" fold is now hiding your zipper.

Line your zipper foot up with your zipper and stitch along the top edge of the zipper on top of the flap as shown.
FINISHING

OPTION 1
Unzip zipper so you can turn right side out when you're finished. Place pillow front and back right sides together.

Stitch 1/8" around whole pillow.

Set aside and prepare your binding. Cut 3 strips 2.5" x WOF. Join by stitching diagonally as show below.

Trim as shown. Open and press seams open. Repeat for third strip.

OPTION 2
Place pillow front and back wrong sides together.

Stitch 3/8" around whole pillow. Turn right side out, push corners out and press.
Fold in half with wrong sides together.

Pin with raw edge of the binding with raw edge of pillow. Starting about one-third of the distance between two corners, align the raw edge of one end of the binding with the raw edge of the quilt top, right sides together. Leave an approximate 3-inch unpinned tail of quilt binding at the beginning.

Fold the unsewn tail of quilt binding straight up, positioning it so that its right edge is parallel with the next side of the quilt to be bound. Coax the lower edge of the strip to form a 45-degree angle.

Fold the binding down, leaving the top of the fold flush with the edge of the pillow behind it and its raw edge aligned with the next side of the quilt. The 45-degree angle should be intact under the fold. Pin the quilt binding to the side of the pillow or align it as you sew. Sew 2 to 4 stitches where the first seam ended, and then sew a backstitch to the beginning of that seam.

Continue sewing the binding to the side of the quilt. End the seam the same distance from the next corner as you did for the first. Backstitch. Repeat for remaining corners.

Finish by folding end of binding as shown, lining up with beginning of binding. Cut, place right sides together as shown and stitch. Trim, press seam open, and finish stitching to pillow.

Fold the binding over to the backside and clip in place. Fold the corners into neat miters on the front and back as you reach them—the miters will form almost automatically. Use an invisible stitch to hand sew binding. And then you’re done!
Option 3 -

Follow all the steps of Option 2 except sew your binding to the back side and flip forward to the front side. Sew binding with sewing machine, mitering your corners as you go.