

# TIE PILLOW

(14" X 17½")

## YOU'LL NEED:

- 20 clean neckties
- ½ yard fabric for blocks and back
- ½ yard muslin fabric for facing
- ¼ yard fabric for prairie points
- 1 12" x 16" pillow form

## PREPARING YOUR NECKTIES:

1. Seam rip or cut the ties apart along seams.
2. Place ties inside a pillow case (baste stitch top closed) or mesh bag for washing.
3. Wash in cold water, gently cycle.
4. Air dry.
5. Press ties flat.

## CUTTING:

- Ties: Cut (20) 4" blocks
- Blocks: Cut (20) 4" blocks
- Back: Cut (2) 18" x 14 ½"
- Prairie Points: Cut (36) 2 ¼" x 2 ¼"
- Facing: Cut (2) 18" x 14 ½" and (1) 14 ½" x 18"

## ASSEMBLING, STITCHING, AND FINISHING DETAILS

\*Seam allowance: ¼" unless otherwise noted.

\*RST = Right Sides Together

\*WST = Wrong Sides Together

## BLOCKS

1. Fold tie pieces, WST, in half diagonally and press to make a triangle.
2. Position tie triangles on top of right side of blocks along 2 edges. Stitch ties to blocks (1/8" seam allowance) along the 2 edges using a stitch length of approximately 9 stitches per inch. Stitch ties to blocks from corners to points.
3. Stitch blocks together using a ¼" seam allowance (5 rows of 4 blocks).
4. Press seam allowances to one side, alternating the direction of the seam allowances row by row (rows 1, 3, and 5, press seam allowance to the left; rows 2 and 4, press seam allowance to the right).
5. Stitch rows together using a ¼" seam allowance.
6. Press all new seam allowances to one side, all in the same direction.
7. WST, pin pillow top to facing, aligning raw edges of pillow top and facing. Stitch in the ditch through both layers along 4 row seams (these are the last seams you stitched).
8. Using a 1/8" seam allowance, baste stitch along the 4 sides.

## BACK

1. RST, using a ½" seam allowance, stitch facings to back fabric along 1 long edge. WST, press seam and topstitch folded edge.



## PRAIRIE POINTS

1. Fold fabric, WST, in half diagonally 2 times and press to make a triangle (there will be only 1 raw edge).
2. RST, position and pin prairie points along the edges (raw edges to raw edges) of pillow top (10 per long sides and 8 per short sides).
3. Using a ¼" seam allowance, baste stitch prairie points to pillow top.



## BACK AND FRONT

1. RST, position and pin back pieces to block top, aligning the raw edges (the finished edges of the back will overlap). Stitch block top to back using a ¼" seam allowance.
2. Finish the raw edges to prevent fraying.
3. Turn tie pillow right side out and insert pillow form.