

Ann Kelle
BOOMBOX
pillow tutorial



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Boombox pillow

all seam allowances are ¼" unless otherwise specified

For the front of the pillow:

- (1) 8.5" x 20" Ann Kelle Remix dot (pink)
- (2) 1.25" x 3.5" Kona Black
- (1) 1.25"x1" Kona Black
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- (1) 2.75"x11" Kona White
- (2) 4.25"x3.5" Kona White
- (2) 2.75"x11.5" Kona White
- (2) 2.75"x 24.5" Kona White
- (1) 5.25"x3.75" Kona White
- (2) 6" diameter circles in the Ann Kelle Remix triangle print
- (2) Equilateral triangles with 1" sides Kona Melon
- (1) 4.25"x0.75" Kona Chartreuse

Piece the 11"x1.25" black solid to the 2.75"x11" white solid along the long side and press the seam open. Piece the 3.5"x1.25" black pieces to the 4.25"x3.5" white pieces along the 3.5" side and press the seam open. Piece these two pieces onto the long piece from the first step to form the handle. Press the seams open and then piece this onto the 20"x8.5" pink dot to form the boom box. Sew the 2.75"x11.5" white solid pieces onto the short sides of the boom box. Press the seams open and then sew the 2.75"x24.5" white solid pieces onto the remaining sides. Press your seams open.

Fuse the remaining pieces onto lightweight fusible web. Peel the backing off of your fusible web and place the white rectangle approximately 1.75" from the top of the pink fabric and 2.5" from the bottom. Center this piece horizontally over the pink dot and fuse according to manufacturer's instructions. Using matching thread, zig zag or blanket stitch around the edge of the rectangle. Repeat with the remaining applique by placing the shapes in the following locations:

- Chartreuse rectangle: 5/8" from the top of the white rectangle and centered horizontally
- Black rectangle: 5/8" from the bottom of the chartreuse rectangle and centered horizontally
- Melon triangles: 3/8" to the right and left of the black rectangle
- Speakers: 1" from the top and bottom of the pink rectangle and 3/8" to the right and left of the white rectangle

Make a quilt sandwich using the pillow top, batting, and muslin. Quilt as desired and trim the edges. It should measure approximately 15.5"x24".

For the back of the pillow:

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- (2) 15.5"x12.5" Ann Kelle Beatbox "boom box" fabric
- (1) 4"x15.5" Ann Kelle Beatbox "cassette tape" fabric
- (1) zipper at least 16" long
- (2) 2.25"x width of fabric black solid

Press the 4"x15.5" piece in half so that you have a 2"x15.5" piece. Place the zipper right side down on this piece aligning the long edge of the zipper with the long raw edge of the folded piece (keep it folded). Baste into place. Align the raw edge of this piece with the 15.5" raw edge of one of the boom box pieces, make sure that the boom box print is right side up. Use your zipper foot to sew as close to the zipper as you can get.

Press the zipper and cassette tape flap away from the boom box fabric and edge stitch along the boom box fabric. Line up the remaining piece of boom box fabric with the other long edge of the zipper, placing the right side of the fabric down onto the right side of the zipper. Make sure that this fabric lines up with the other fabric from the previous step. Use your zipper foot to sew as close to the zipper teeth as possible and then press the fabric away from the zipper and edgestitch along the fabric.

The back should now be the same size as the front of the pillow. Place the pillow top onto the pillow back, wrong sides together and baste along all four sides. Remove the selvage from the black strips of fabric and piece them together along the short side. Press the entire strip in half to make binding and bind the pillow just like a quilt.

To make the pillow form:

(2) 27"x19"

Fiber fill

Because this pillow is not the same size as a standard pillow form, you need to make your own (don't worry, it's easy). Just place the muslin pieces together and sew with a ½" seam allowance along all four sides, leaving a 5" opening. Trim the corners and turn right side out. Press and then fill with fiber fill until you are happy with the size, I used about 2/3 of a big bag. Hand sew or machine stitch the opening closed (it will be inside the pillow so you won't see the pillow form).

