Plum Garden Village Pillow

Why not make this pretty pillow to accompany the Plum Garden Village Quilt? It features the same blocks as the quilt but in different colours and you only need to make one row of houses and one row of trees. It uses some of the same fabrics as the quilt, so refer to the fabric swatches in **Fig A** of the quilt instructions.

Materials

- Fabric 1: 3½in x 6½in (9cm x 16.5cm) – Duck Nest plum (100198)
- Fabric 3: 8in (20.3cm) square – Windflower red (100185)
- Fabric 4: 3½in x 2in (9cm x 5.1cm) – Brownie Stripe plum (130070)
- Fabric 6: 3½in x 6½in (9cm x 16.5cm) – Teardrop plum (100196)
- Fabric 8: 3½in x 6½in (9cm x 16.5cm) – Windflower lavender (100200)
- Fabric 11: 3½in x 2in (9cm x 5.1cm) – Scone Stripe teal (130064)
- Fabric 12: 3½in x 6½in (9cm x 16.5cm) – Plum Dot dove white (130059)
- Fabric 13: 8in (20.3cm) square – Duck Nest peach (100183)
- Fabric 16: two 4½in (11.4cm) squares – Teardrop peach (100181)
- Fabric 17: 3½in x 2in (9cm x 5.1cm) – Duck Nest blueberry (100193)
- Fabric 18: ⅜yd (40cm) – Biscotti Plaid teal (130065)
- Fabric 19: 5in (12.7cm) square – Flower Confetti nutmeg (100189)
- Fabric 20: 10in (25.4cm) square – Berry Jam wicker (130058)
- Fabric 21: 3½in x 2in (9cm x 5.1cm) – Windflower blueberry (100195)
- Fabric 22: 3½in x 2in (9cm x 5.1cm) – Teardrop nutmeg (100186)
- Fabric 23: 3½in x 2in (9cm x 5.1cm) – Autumn Bouquet blue (100187)
- Fabric 25: 8in (20.3cm) square – Flower Confetti blue (100194)
- Fabric 29: 3½in x 2in (9cm x 5.1cm) – Autumn Bouquet teal (100192)
- Fabric 31: 3½in x 6½in (9cm x 16.5cm) – Berry Jam teal (130054)
- Wadding (batting) 27½in x 17½in (70cm x 44.5cm)
- Lining fabric 27½in x 17½in (70cm x 44.5cm) (optional)
- Fabric for back of pillow, two pieces 16½in (42cm) square
- Binding fabric ¼yd (25cm) – Berry Jam peach (130056)
- One packet of Tilda ⅝in (17mm) buttons (400024)
- Piecing and quilting threads
- Quilter's ruler, rotary cutter and mat
- Pad to fit pillow cover

Finished Size

26in x 16in (66cm x 40.6cm)

Notes

- Fabric quantities given are based on a usable width of 42in (107cm).
- Measurements are in imperial inches with metric conversions in brackets – use only one system throughout (preferably imperial).
- Press all fabrics before use.
- Use ¼in (6mm) seams unless otherwise instructed.
- Read all the instructions through before you start.

Preparation and Cutting Out

1 The pillow uses the same blocks as the quilt – the plain house, the house with window and the tree – and these are made in the same way as described for the quilt. Use **Fig C** of the quilt to cut the pieces for the houses and **Fig D** to cut the pieces for a tree. The fabrics to use are different to the quilt and are shown in **Fig A** here and **Fig B** here.

2 Use Fabric 18 for the sashing, cutting the following pieces.
- Two 1½in x 8in (3.8cm x 20.3cm).
- Five 2½in x 8in (6.4cm x 20.3cm).
- One 26½in x 1½in (67.3cm x 3.8cm).

3 From the binding fabric cut three 2½in (6.4cm) x width of fabric strips. Sew together into one long length, press seams open and prepare as a double-fold binding.

Making the Houses

4 To make the house blocks, follow the quilt instructions (Steps 7 to 9). You will need six plain houses and two houses with a window. Once the houses are made, sew them together in a row with a 1½in x 8in (3.8cm x 20.3cm) piece of sashing at each end (**Fig A**). Press the seams in one direction.
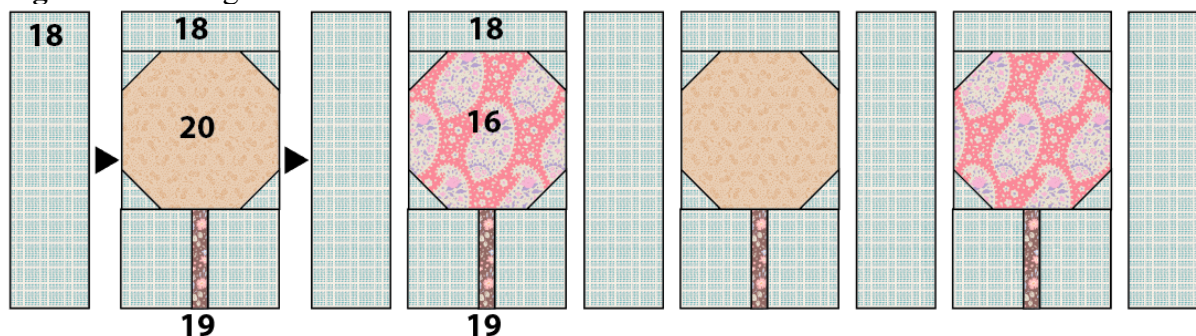
Fig A Assembling the house row

Making the Trees

5 To make the four tree blocks, follow the quilt instructions (Step 11). Once the trees are made, sew them together in a row with 2½in x 8in (6.4cm x 20.3cm) pieces of sashing between each block and at each end (**Fig B**). Press the seams in one direction.
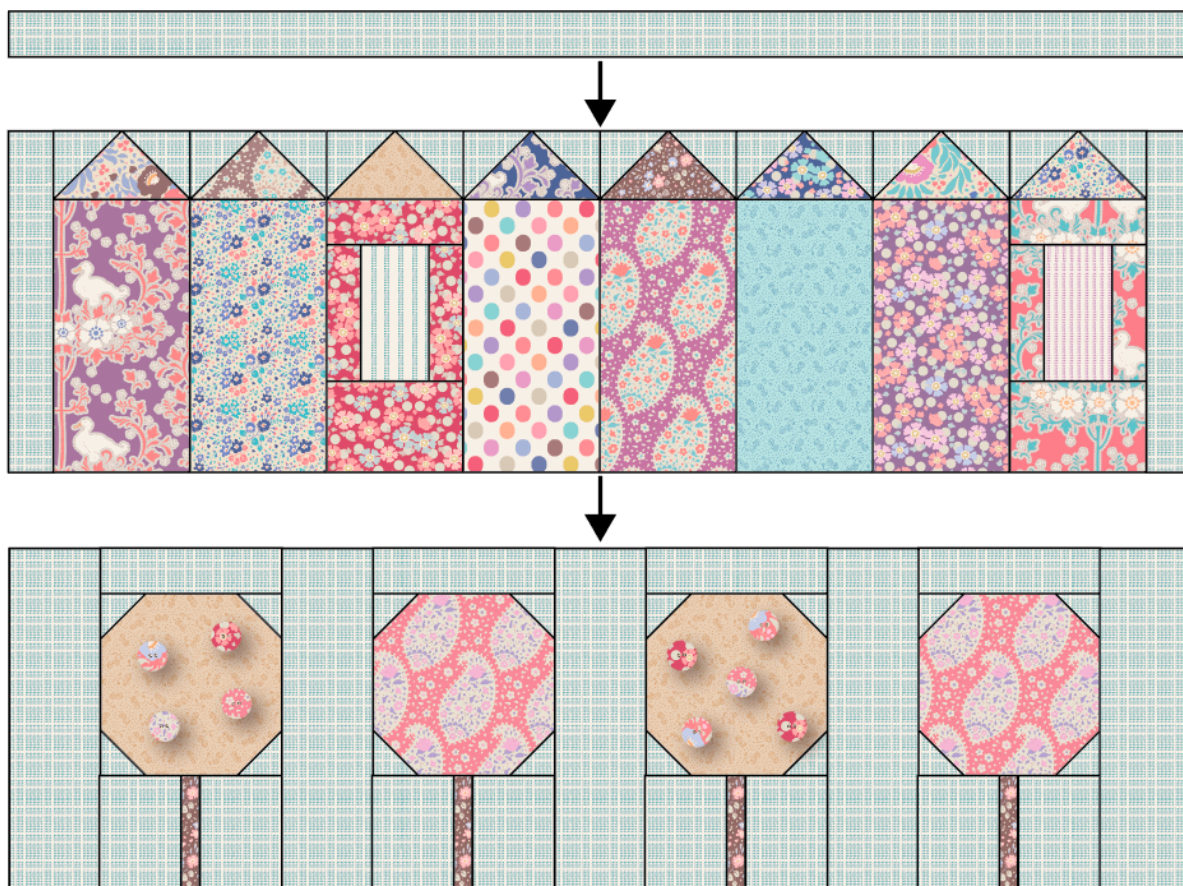
Fig B Assembling the tree row

Assembling, Quilting and Making Up

6 To assemble the patchwork, lay out the house row and the tree row, with the long strip of sashing above the houses, as shown in **Fig C** here. Sew the rows together and press seams. The patchwork should be 26½in x 16½in (67.3cm x 42cm).

Fig C Assembling the pillow

7 Make a quilt sandwich of the patchwork, wadding (batting) and lining fabric (if using). Quilt as desired. Trim excess wadding and lining to match the patchwork size. Sew the buttons in position on two of the tree blocks, using matching thread and tiny stitches.

8 To make up the pillow cover, on both pieces of fabric for the pillow back, create a hem along one long side of each piece, by turning the edge over by about ½in (1.3cm), twice. Sew the seam with matching thread and press.

9 The pillow has a bound edge, so the pieces are assembled with right sides out, as follows. Place the quilted patchwork right side down. Pin one backing piece on top, right side up and with the hem towards the centre. Pin the second backing piece on top, right side up and hem towards the centre (so the backing pieces overlap). Make sure the outer edges of all three pieces are aligned. Pin the layers together and then bind as normal. As you sew the binding in place it will fix the other layers together. Press the cover and insert a pillow pad to finish.

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