Activity: 9-Patch Pillow

Materials:

1/2 yard each of two contrasting cotton or cotton blend fabrics, 44-45" wide. matching thread

Instructions:

- 1. Wash the fabric before you begin.
- 2. Cut a square pattern out of paper, a 4" or 5" square works well.
- 3. Cut nine squares of fabric. Cut 5 squares from one fabric and four squares from the second fabric. Be sure you cut on the fabric grainline.
- 4. Pin the right sides of two squares together.
- 5. Sew a seam using 5/8" seam allowance.
- 6. Add a third square to make a row.
- 7. Sew two more rows of three squares each row.
- 8. Press seam allowances open.
- 9. Pin and then sew two rows together.
- 10. Add the third row and you pillow top is complete.
- 11. Cut a back for your pillow. Sew the top and back together. Sew around the edge, leaving a 4" to 5" space in the middle of a seam to turn your pillow right side out. You can stuff your pillow with fiberfill, or you can use a pillow form. Now just slipstitch the space together, using a hand sewing needle and thread.

Congratulations! You have finished another sewing project!

