Rainbow Pillow

Approximate Finished Size: 24" x 18"

Maybe there isn't a pot of gold at the end of this rainbow, but there is still a lot of cozy delight. A fun pillow for all ages.

Fabric Requirements *(as shown)*

- ⅛ yard Cuddle® 3 Paris Pink
- ½ yard Cuddle® 3 Coral
- ⅜ yard Cuddle® 3 Banana
- ⅜ yard Cuddle® 3 Lilac
- ¼ yard Cuddle® 3 Turquoise
- ⅜ yard Luxe Cuddle® Marble Snow, *for clouds*

Suggested Notions

- Craft-size batting, *34″ x 45″*
- Polyester filling, *for stuffing*
- 90/14 stretch machine needle
- Polyester thread
- Felt tip marker or ballpoint pen
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Micro-serrated scissors
- Craft knife
- Long, flower head pins
- Fabric clips
- Point turner
- Basting spray
- Walking foot

For more information on sewing with Cuddle®, scan the QR code or go to: offers.shannonfabrics.com/beginner

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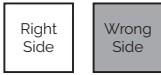42.RP

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DIRECTIONS

- Read *Cuddle® Basics* before beginning.

Right Side	Wrong Side

Cutting

*Note: To make cutting the arcs more manageable, the Cuddle® is first cut into **horizontal** rectangles. Rectangles are then cut using the Arc Templates.*

Cut the Cuddle® rectangles & strips:

1. From Paris Pink, cut:
   - 1 (42" x 3") strip, *Top Band*.
2. From Coral, cut:
   - 2 (21" x 14") rectangles, *Arcs*.
3. From Banana, cut:
   - 2 (18" x 12") rectangles, *Arcs*.
4. From Lilac, cut:
   - 2 (16" x 12") rectangles, *Arcs*.
5. From Turquoise, cut:
   - 1 (22" x 3") strip, *Bottom Band*.
   - 2 (14" x 9") rectangles, *Arcs*.
6. From Marble Snow, cut:
   - 2 (32" x 3") strips, *Bottom Band*.
   - 4 (12" x 9") rectangles, *Clouds*.
7. From batting, cut:
   - 2 (28" x 22") rectangles.
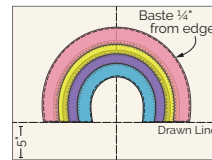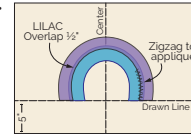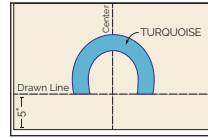
Cut the Rainbow Arcs and Clouds

Note: Handle the cut arcs carefully, as most of the edges are on the bias.

1. Enlarge and cut out each template.
2. With the nap running down, trace template on wrong side of fabric.
3. Cut 2 of each color of Arc.
4. From Marble Snow, cut 2 and 2 reverse using the Cloud template—4 total.
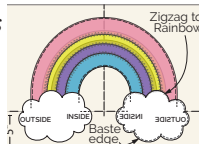
Assembly

Create the rainbow

1. On the batting, draw a center vertical line and a line 5" up from the 28" edge.
2. Spray baste the wrong side of the Turquoise Arc. Smooth to batting, aligning flat edges of the arc to the drawn line.
3. Spray baste the wrong side of the Lilac Arc. Smooth to the batting, overlapping ½" over the Turquoise Arc.
4. Appliqué Lilac Arc to the Turquoise Arc with a zigzag or buttonhole stitch.
5. Using the same process, spray baste and appliqué Banana to Lilac and Coral to Banana.
6. Baste outside edge of Rainbow.

Add the clouds

1. Spray baste wrong side of Clouds. Align vertical dotted lines with Rainbow edges. Align horizontal dotted line with the baseline.

   Note: Due to the bias edges, your dotted lines may not match exactly. This is fine.

2. Appliqué Clouds to Rainbow. Baste outer Cloud edges to batting. Trim batting close to basting stitches.
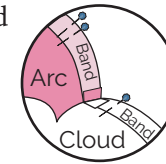3. Repeat to make the Pillow Back.

Add the band

The Band color is pieced-as-you-go so that it matches the arcs and clouds. Match the nap of the Band at seams.

1. Starting 4" from the Coral Arc/Cloud seam and leaving a 3" tail, pin the Paris Pink Band around the top edge until 2" from the Cloud. Sew the band to *this point* and backstitch.
2. Pin the last 2" to the edge of the Cloud. Mark the junction and cut ½" past the mark. Sew the pink and white Bands together.
3. Sew the white Band around the Cloud, stopping 2" before the Turquoise. Measure, add ½" seam allowance, cut, and sew these Bands together.
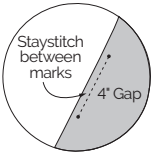
   Note: Where the cloud curves meet, stop with the needle down and pivot.

4. Continue in this manner. Finish by sewing the second white section to the Paris Pink Band.

Finishing

1. Mark a 4" turning gap on the Back. Staystitch between the marks.

   Note: Also staystitch a corresponding 4" gap on the Band.

2. Matching the color junctions, pin the Band to the Back. Leave the 4" gap open for turning.
3. Sew Band to the Back. Pivot at color changes with needle down. Stitch an L-pivot at the gap.

   Note: The L-pivot secures seam ends when turning the pillow and helps seam allowances turn in at the gap.

4. Turn right side out. Stuff as desired.
5. Pin the turning gap closed. Hand sew with a ladder stitch.

   Ladder Stitch: Use polyester thread and a hand sewing needle to catch one side of the opening, then the other. Pull to tighten every few stitches.

Cuddle® Basics

1. Mark measurements on the wrong side of Cuddle® with a felt tip marker or ballpoint pen.
2. Cut Cuddle® with a rotary cutter, craft knife, or scissors.
3. Shake cut pieces or put in a no-heat dryer with a damp washcloth for a few minutes to remove loose fibers.
4. Sew with polyester thread in the top and the bobbin.
5. Reduce presser foot pressure when sewing multiple layers.
6. Increase stitch length to 2.5–4 mm.
7. Double pin by using 2 rows of pins—the first row every 1½" along the seam line and a second row 1" to the left and parallel to the cut edge.
8. Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam.
9. Seam allowances are ½" unless otherwise noted.
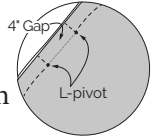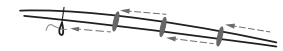10. Use an even-feed or walking foot, if possible. It makes a difference!

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BANANA ARC
Enlarge @ 200% • Cut 2

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TURQUOISE ARC
Enlarge @ 200% • Cut 2

Nap

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CORAL ARC
Enlarge @ 200% • Cut 2

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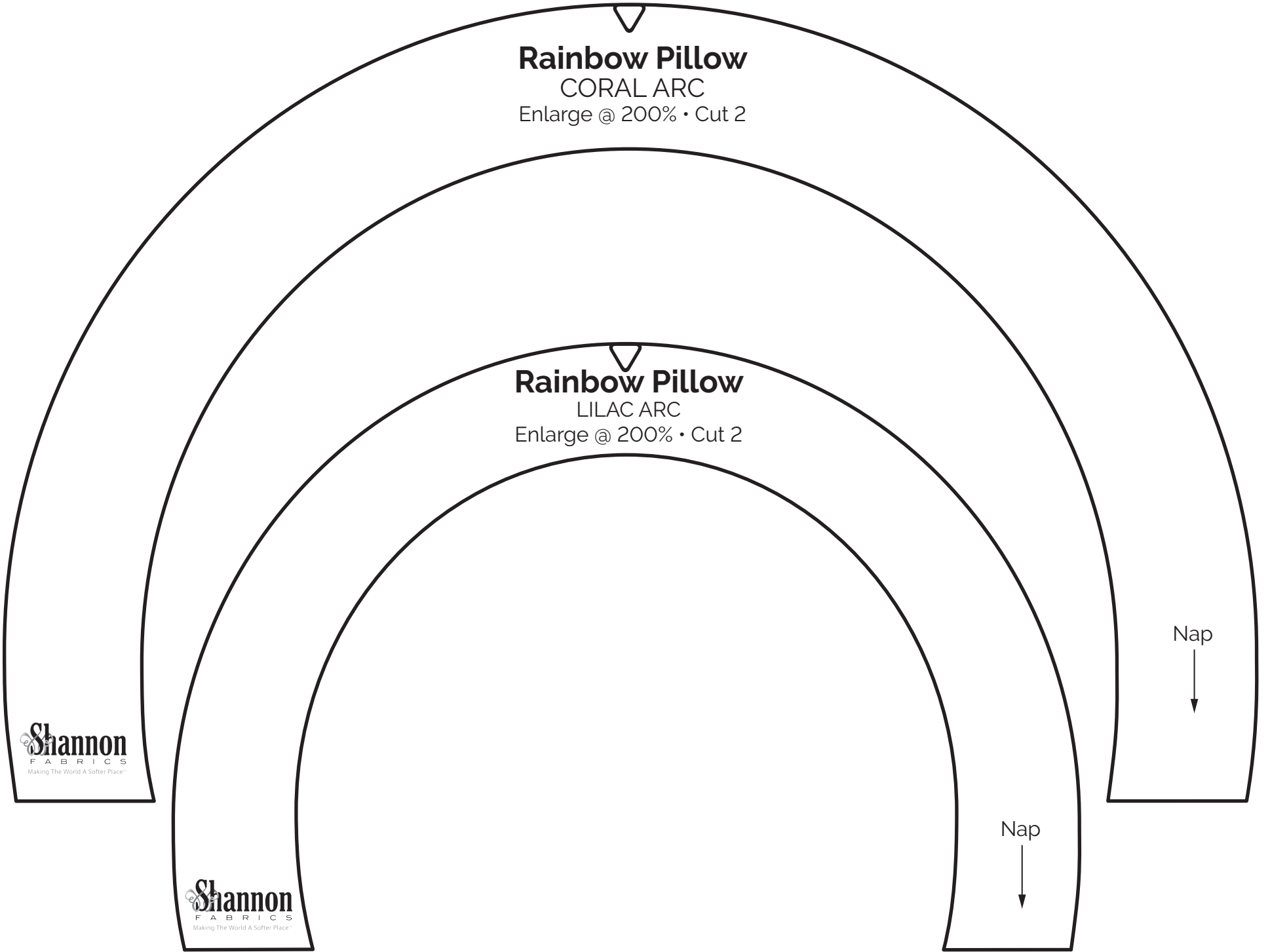## LILAC ARC
Enlarge @ 200% • Cut 2

Nap

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Rainbow Pillow
CLOUD

OUTSIDE

INSIDE

Enlarge @ 200%
Cut 2 & 2 Reverse
(4 Total Clouds)

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