

# Hello Tokyo Large Pillows

featuring **Hello Tokyo**  
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## Supplies needed:

For black-haired kokeshi girl:

- A fat quarter or 1/3 yd strip of ALL-14003-263 (Background Top)
- A fat quarter or 1/4 yd strip of ALL-13999-267 (Background Bottom)
- A fat quarter or 1/4 yd strip of ALL-14001-287 (Border)
- 1/2 yd strip of ALL-14001-189 (Back)
- One kokeshi girl cut from ALL-13998-287 (panel)
- One flower or bird cut from ALL-13998-287 (panel)
- Fusible web like Wonder Under, or Heat and Bond Lite
- Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler
- Coordinating thread

For red-haired kokeshi girl:

- A fat quarter or 1/3 yd strip of ALL-13999-287 (Background Top)
- A fat quarter or 1/4 yd strip of ALL-14001-287 (Background Bottom)
- A fat quarter or 1/4 yd strip of ALL-14001-189 (Border)
- 1/2 yd strip of ALL-14001-287 (Back)
- One kokeshi girl cut from ALL-13998-287 (panel)
- One flower or bird cut from ALL-13998-287 (panel)
- Fusible web like Wonder Under, or Heat and Bond Lite
- Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler
- Coordinating thread



Finished Size: 19<sup>1/2</sup>" x 19<sup>1/2</sup>"

**Pattern Level: Enthusiastic Novice**

*"I am a total beginner and want to learn more!"*

## Instructions:

### Step 1 – Cutting the Fabrics for the Pillow Front

Before beginning, be sure to iron your fabric and press out any wrinkles or folds. From your Hello Tokyo fabrics, cut the following pieces for the pillow front:

**Background top:** one 11" x 16" piece

**Background bottom:** one 5 1/2" x 16" piece

**Border fabric:** two 2 3/4" x 16" strips

Two 2 3/4" x 20 1/2" strips

## Step 2 – Assemble the Pillow Front

All seam allowances are  $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless specified. After each seam is sewn, zigzag along the sewn edge in the seam allowance to prevent fraying.

Attach the background top to the background bottom. Check to see that you've created a 16" square.

Next, attach the borders to this square. First attach the  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x 16" strips to the sides. Then attach the  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x 20  $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips to the top and bottom. The result will be 20  $\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

## Step 3 – Prepare the Applique Pieces

Cut out a piece of fusible web slightly larger than the kokeshi girl design. Following the directions supplied from fusible web manufacturer, attach the webbing to the wrong side of your kokeshi girl.

Cut out the kokeshi girl just inside the edge of the design making sure no white remains along the edge. For some designs, you'll also need to cut away the white area between her shoes.

Repeat the process for any other applique pieces that you'd like to add to the pillow (for example, the bird in a circle or flower shown in the pictures). Place your applique pieces onto the fabric as indicated by the photographs. When you are happy with the placement, iron the applique in place following the directions provided by the fusible web manufacturer.

Carefully straight stitch around each applique piece, a scant  $\frac{1}{8}$ " in from the edge to secure them in place.

Tip: Slightly reducing your stitch length and sewing speed will make it easier to follow curves. Make sure your needle is set to the down position as you turn corners.

## Step 3 – Preparing the Pillow Back

Cut two fabric pieces from your backing fabric each 15" tall x 20  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.

To hem the top edge of one backing piece, first fold the edge down by  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Then fold again with a 1" fold.

Edgestitch along the top and bottom of the fold to secure it in place.

Repeat for the other backing this piece, this time hemming the bottom edge.

## Step 4 – Joining the Pillow Front and Back

Lay the fabrics down on a table in the following order:

- 1) Pillow front right side up.
- 2) Pillow back top, face down with the raw edge aligned at top.
- 3) Pillow back bottom, face down with the raw edge aligned at bottom. The hemmed edge will overlap the Pillow Back Top by about 6".

Pin the fabrics to keep them from shifting. Sew around the edges with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Because the exterior seam of the pillow is subject to more wear and tear, we use a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance at this step.

Clip the four corners away which will help the pillow lay flat when turned right side out.

Zigzag along the outer edges to prevent fraying.

Turn inside out and place on a 20" pillow form to enjoy!