To make one pillow cover for a 22” x 22” square pillow, this is the *bare minimum* of what you’ll need:

- **Houses & Doors**: 12 charm squares measuring 5” x 5”
- **Roofs**: 3 charm squares measuring 5” x 5”
- **Checkerboard Center**: 6 charm squares measuring 5” x 5”
- **Star Points**: 4 charm squares measuring 5” x 5”
- **Star Centers**: 1 charm square measuring 5” x 5”
- **Background & Borders**: ½ yard
- **Pillow Top Backing**: ¾ yard – I recommend using a thin-ish muslin
- **Batting**: 1 piece of cotton batting measuring 26” x 26”
- **Binding**: ¼ yard
- **Pillow backing**: ¾ yard for a backing with a zipper, an envelope backing or one with buttons
- **Filling**: 1 pillow insert measuring 22” x 22” or stuffing
  - Available from Garnet Hill, JoAnns, Amazon.com and other sources.
- **Pattern**: 1 Full House pattern for cutting and measurements & the Tiny Town pdf.

But if you want your pillow to be really scrappy, you’ll want more variety than the requirements given above will provide. I made this pillow using 30 different charm squares, and yes, I had some leftover strips that I used to make a couple of little checkerboard pincushions. (After all, Christmas is coming… )
To make the pillow, here’s what you need to do:

- Using the Full House pattern and the Tiny Town pdf., cut the pieces for 12 houses. Then piece a total of 12 houses. Join the houses to make four strips of three houses each.

- For the stars, cut the following:
  - **Star Points**: From 4 charm squares, cut 4 sets of squares - 1 1/2” x 1 1/2”.
  - **Star Centers**: From 1 charm square, cut 4 squares - 2” x 2”.
  - **Background**: From the background, cut a total of 32 squares - 2” x 2”.

- To piece the stars, the star points are made using the connector-corner method.
  - For each star, select four background squares - 2” x 2” - and four matching star point squares - 1 1/2” x 1 1/2” . Place the small square in the corner of the background square aligning the edges. Stitch diagonally across the square and then trim the seam to ¼”. Repeat on the adjacent corner. The point will be more than ¼” from the edge of the square. That was done on purpose. 😊
  - Layout the pieces in three rows of three squares each – background corner squares, pieced star-point squares and the center square. Using a scant ¼” seam allowance, the finished square should measure 5” x 5”.
  - Now, on two adjacent sides, trim the star to measure 4 ¾” x 4 ¾”. That means, you’ll be trimming ¼” off two adjacent sides of the star. I promise this will make sense when you get to this part. And it has to be done to fit the houses as they measure 4 ¾” too.

- **Checkerboard**: Cut a total of 17 strips – 1 1/2” x 5”. Make strip sets and cut them into 1 1/2” wide pieced strips. Piece a checkerboard section that has 49 squares – 7 rows of 7 squares.

- To finish the pillow:
  - From the background, cut 1 strip – 1 1/2” x 42” width of the fabric. Cut 2 strips – 1 1/2” x 7 1/2” and 2 strips – 1 1/2” x 9 1/2”. Join 1 1/2” x 7 1/2” strips to the sides, then join the 1 1/2” x 9 1/2” strips to the top and bottom edges of the center checkerboard section.
  - Join two of the three-house rows to each side of the center checkerboard.
  - Join two stars to each end of the two remaining three-house rows – keeping the un-trimmed sides of the stars on the outside corners of the pieced strip. Here’s how you’ll know if you’ve got it right – the seams for the corner squares will line up with the seam separating the house and the roof. And it will line up on both sides of the star with the top is finished.
  - Cut 2 border strips – 3” x 42”. Cut 2 strips – 3” x 18” and cut 2 strips – 3” x 23”. Attach the 3” x 18” strips to the sides, then the 3” x 23” strips to the top and bottom edges of the house/checkerboard section.
  - Layer pillow top with batting and the inner backing and quilt as desired.
  - Trim the quilted pillow top to measure 22 1/2” x 22 1/2”.
  - Make/finish the back of the pillow as desired – I purposely leave mine a bit bigger than the front to make it easier to assemble.
  - Layer the pillow top over the “finished” pillow backing with wrong sides together. Yes, the right sides should be facing out.
• Baste the edges of the layers together. While this step isn't absolutely required, I find it helps when it comes to stitching the binding on to the pillow.
• Cut binding strips at at least 2 ¼” wide. With the extra layer of fabric in there, I cut my binding strips just a bit wider than usual.

  • **Bias or straight?** If you are going to miter the corners, you can use a straight of grain binding. If you are going to round the corners like I’ve done, you will need to use a bias binding.

• Attach binding to the quilt top using your preferred method. Turn to back and stitch down by machine or by hand.

• Open back and insert pillow. Close back and put pillow on couch. Take nap. 😊