



## Pillow Cover Project

Pillow cover instructions for any sized pillow.

	Fabric to fit front and back of existing pillow or pillow form
	Fabric or embellishments for accent

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Inside seam – 5/8", finish seam – 3/8".

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It is the time of year that I start looking for inexpensive and interesting ways to decorate our home for the upcoming holidays. So, when I started searching for nice throw pillows for the sofa I just gasped in that any of those pillows that I liked cost anywhere from \$30 - \$800 (yes, \$800). So, I decided to make my own and came up with the following instructions that will work for any sized pillow or even for a new pillow form.

- 1) **Pillow/pillow form top:** Measure the existing pillow/pillow form and add two inches (2") to each the width and length when cutting fabric. For example, if your pillow from edge to edge is 16" square, but a piece that is 18" square. If you have a rectangular pillow that is 16" x 20", then cut the piece of fabric 18" x 22".
- 2) Add embellishments (applied fabric, snowflakes, trees, pre-packed contents, ribbons, buttons, etc.). If you have a UFO block, this can also be used as the centerpiece of the top with fabric added to equal the size of pillow top needed.
- 3) **Pillow/pillow form back:** Two pieces of fabric will be needed for the back, and will be of equal size. Cut each the width of the top and 2.5" beyond one-half the length of the top. For example, if the top fabric is 18" x 18" cut each of the bottom pieces 18 x 11 1/2" ( $18 \div 2 = 9$ , plus  $2 \frac{1}{2} = 11 \frac{1}{2}$ ").
- 4) At each long end of the backing, fold over and press one inch (1") and then zigzag at the one inch mark to hold down the fold.
- 5) Place the top of the pillow with the outside facing up. On the appropriate ends, match the raw ends of the back pieces with the ends of the pillow top so that the folded pieces are overlapping in the center. Pin the pieces in the center and in the corners. Stitch 5/8" all around. Trim corners. Turn inside out ensuring corners are pushed out completely. Stitch 3/8" completely around outside edge to finish the pillow top. With the pillow or pillow form inside, the back should overlap a few inches so no pillow 'insides' are showing.
- 6) Have fun with this project! Show and tell – only – will be at the December 2019 meeting. This block is a lot of fun to have a beginner or child sew for stitching practice...or making a cute gift.
- 7) Note – when adding embellishment remember to add them approximately 3" from the edge of the pillow to show on the curved pillow top...unless you have a turkey, snowflakes, or other embellishment coming from the seams.