

DIY Designer Pillow

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I saw a pillow very much like this at an upscale department store for \$179.00. I made my copy for a few dollars. If you've never sewn anything in your life, you can make this pillow!

Skill Level: Beginner

Sewing Time: 2 hours

Finished Size: 17" square

Janome Supplies Required:

- Janome Sewing Machine
- Janome Red tip needles

Other Project Supplies:

- 2/3 yard fabric, cut into one 17 1/2" x 45"
- Coordinating thread
- 18" pillow form
- Scissors, pins, iron

Step 1 - Hem Envelope Closure Edges

1. Use the outer edge of your presser foot as a guide and stitch a straight stitch down both 17 1/2" long edges. This will keep the inner fabric from fraying and give us a guideline for our hem.



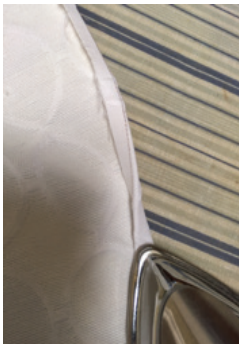
2. Now fold on this stitch line and press well. Fold again to enclose the raw edge and press again.



Finishing Up

Step 2 - Finish Pillow

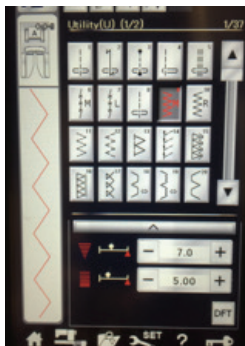
3. Take the fabric strip and fold each 17 1/2" edge in towards the middle. Make a 17 1/2" square with this fold. The hemmed edges will overlap to form your envelope closure.



4. Pin the edges well, then stitch in place using the edge of your presser foot as your guide.



5. Finish the raw edges of your fabric with the largest zig-zag stitch your machine can sew.



The outer edge of each zig-zag stitch should catch the unfinished edge of the fabric.

6. Turn your pillow right side out and press. You're finished!