

Wedding Pillow

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This beautifully embroidered pillow makes a thoughtful wedding gift! Personalize it with the couple's new initial. This pillow is designed to be turned over to showcase a beautiful fabric for everyday use also. These combined embroidery designs leave plenty of room for your special touch using the embroidery features on your Janome machine.

Skill Level: Intermediate

Sewing Time: 3 hours sewing time plus embroidery time

Janome Supplies Required:

- Janome MC 15000 sewing/embroidery machine
- Zipper Foot - E
- Piping Foot - I
- Blue Tip needle
- Bobbins
- Embroidery designs from Janome Embroidery 1.) #HD819 2.) #FS024_48 3.) #82009-56

Supplies + Fabric Required:

- Lightweight stabilizer
- 12 inch zipper
- 16 inch pillow form
- 2 coordinating fabrics
- 2 1/2 yards packaged piping
- Basic sewing supplies

Cutting Instructions:

From the pillow front fabric, cut 1 - 18 x 18 inches

From the pillow back fabric, cut 1 - 19 x 19 inches

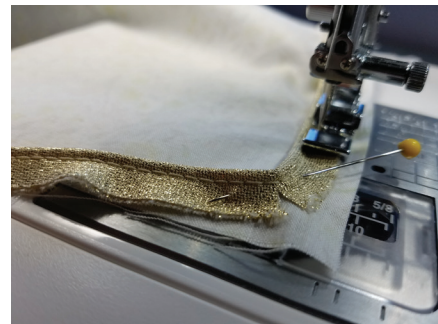
Embroider Design:

- Using your software, center the initial, add the flower design, arrange the bow/ribbon design, flipping a duplicate for the opposite corner.
- Prepare your fabric for embroidery with the stabilizer and hoop SQ 23.

Tip: I line up my thread colors on a sheet of paper and number them so I can clearly line the colors up correctly.

Sewing Instructions:

1. After embroidering, pin and stitch using a 5/8" seam allowance, the piping to the pillow front beginning at the lower center front, tapering off from the center. Sew up to the top, across and back down the other side, ending by tapering off the edge just where you began. If you clip TO but not THROUGH the stitching on the piping at each corner, it will lay nice and flat. (See photo to right.)



Making The Pillow

2. Apply the zipper at the very bottom center of the pillow front/back, right over the piping. Press. Place the pillow front and pillow back with wrong sides together. At the bottom, bring the back fabric to come down 1/2" below the zipper to begin the flange. Press. Flip the back of the pillow up to continue sewing the seam where the zipper is on each side of the zipper. Flip the back so that the front and back are wrong sides together.

3. Pin the front of the pillow, securing the front to the back, starting at the top of the pillow front leaving an even amount of the pillow back at the sides and top, smoothing the layers as you go.

4. Fold the corners in of the back fabric and trim as photographed.



Now fold the back fabric 1/2 inch and then another 1/2 inch placing the fold right over the piping stitching line covering it.



Fold in the top two corners for a nice corner.

5. Begin at the bottom near the zipper, by stitching the pillow back, over the piping, pivoting at each corner.



This will create a flange, using the back fabric. End at the other corner near the other side of the zipper.

6. Change to your zipper foot and stitch a line of stitching from the lower corner, (where the zipper is) continuing to the opposite side, creating the flange at the zipper edge.

7. Give your pillow cover a nice press! Now this pillow can be used all year and flipped to the embroidered side to celebrate the anniversary of this lucky couple!