



Springtime Pretty Embroidered Pillows!

Fabric Requirements

1/2 yard cuts of Linen or Chambray in three colors:
Pale Green Gray
Turquoise Blue
Dark Grey

Notions

Pillow forms
1- 13" Square
1- 14" x 24" Rectangle
Invisible Zippers to fit (optional, see directions)

Thread:

Superior Kimono Thread
in 7 solid colors:
pale teal blue (341),
medium teal (347),
dark teal (345),
medium silvery blue (335)
bright lime green (354)
medium lime(355) and
dark olive (361).

1 variegated thread
Sulky 40wt. Rayon
(943) Turquoise /white



Embroidery:

Lonni Rossi's tumbling squares in the Horizon MC15000. We doubled the image on the long pillow for more visual impact.

Let's have tea on the porch today...

It's that first afternoon when you are able to be out on your porch enjoying spring's gentle breezes and warm, wonderful sunshine. Like the world has started to smile again, with the promise of many more smiles to come!

Lonni's pretty pillows made us smile a little too, since they show off one of her five embroidery motifs which come already installed in the Horizon Memory Craft 15000. These easy-to-make pillows can be finished in a weekend!

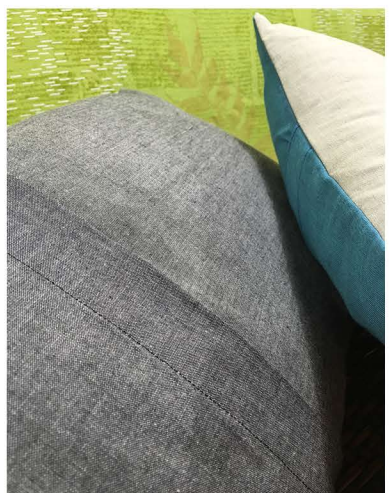


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Directions:

Start with the smaller pillow first. You will be using a 13" square pillow form for this one, and only one embroidered motif, dead center. We chose different thread colors than the suggested ones on the machine, and of course you can choose your own as well. Either way, there are three light value colors, two medium value colors and two dark values. The eighth color is the variegated one. Notice also that I chose the darker values and the variegated color as the outlines for the squares.



Small 13" Square Pillow:

Cut an 18" square from the light grey fabric and hoop it with your favorite stabilizer. Center the embroidery motif on the square of fabric. When you have finished embroidering, trim the fabric to 13.25" square, making sure that the embroidery is centered. We backed this pillow with the turquoise blue fabric. For the simpler version of this pillow (meaning no zipper!) cut two pieces of the blue fabric: Cut one at 8.5" x 13.25" and the other at 9.5" x 13.25". On both pieces, fold over one long end about 1/4" and then 3/4"-press with a hot iron to set the folds. One piece will now be 7.5" x 13.25" and the other 8.5" x 13.25". Stitch the folds closed on the very edge. With right sides together, line up the back pieces on the front piece. Pin baste all four sides, sew with a 1/4" seam allowance. Turn right-side out and insert pillow form. Voila! One pillow done.

14" x 24" Long Pillow:

Cut an 18" x 26" rectangle (so that it is larger than you actually need it to be) from the light grey fabric and hoop it with your favorite stabilizer. You will be using the same thread colors for this pillow as the first one. But this time, there will be two rows of the motif as shown at left. We put them as close together as possible!

Center the two lines of embroidery inside the rectangular shape.

When you have finished embroidering, trim the fabric to 14.25"x 24.25" making sure that the embroidery is centered.

We backed this pillow with the darker grey fabric. For the simpler version of this pillow (meaning no zipper!) cut two pieces of the grey fabric at 14" square each.

On both pieces, fold over one end about 1/4" and then 1"-press with a hot iron to set the folds. Both pieces should measure 12.75" x 14". Stitch the folds closed on the very edge.

With right sides together, line up the back pieces on the front piece.

Pin baste all four sides, sew with a 1/4" seam allowance. Turn right-side out and insert pillow form. Enjoy your new pillows and tea!

Pillow backs...
in grey and turquoise
chambray. The foldover flap
technique allows you to to
make a pillow without a zipper.

