

Skill level 2
Elegant Pillow

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Supplies:

20" pillow form
5/8 yd. Home Decorator fabric (58" to 60" wide)
6" square of center accent fabric
35 assorted buttons
3/4 yd. contrasting flat braid trim

Directions:

Note: Leave 1/4" seam allowance when piecing triangles for the top; all other seam allowances are 1/2".

Cut a 19 1/2" square for the pillow front. Using a rotary ruler, cutter and mat, re-cut into four equal triangles.

Sew two triangles together on one short side, right sides together. Press seam open. Repeat for the other two triangles. Join these sections to create a 19" square.

Use the rotary cutting equipment again to "square off" the pillow top.

Center the 6" square on top of the pillow front and sew in place. Sew flat trim around the center square over the raw edges. Hand-sew buttons at random over the square.

Measure pillow top and cut a same-sized square of fabric for back.

Place front to back with right sides together. Pin and sew, leaving an 8" opening to turn right side out.

Tip: When sewing around corners, do not sew right-angle corners. Instead, sew a few of the corner stitches at a slight diagonal or round them for a nice corner as you turn the fabric.

Clip/trim bulk from corners, turn right side out and press if necessary. Insert pillow form or stuffing, then stitch opening closed.

Note: A 2" larger pillow form will create a nice, plump pillow.

Skill Level: Some experience helpful

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