Corded Tucked Pillow Cover

Student Supply List:

1 yard of main fabric for the tucked panels and the pillow back

One 10" square of accent fabric for the embellished center panel. This fabric can be embellished with machine embroidery or machine decorative stitches, or it can be fussy cut from a piece of print fabric. See Advanced Prep section for more information

2 yards of pre-made piping or make your own using 2 yards of piping cord in your choice of diameter and enough 1-1/2" wide strips of bias-cut fabric to equal ~65" when sewn together

One 14" or larger all-purpose zipper (or substitute buttons and buttonholes or snaps for pillow closure)

14" pillow form

#5 Perle cotton or 6-8wt. cord (such as Pearl Crown Rayon or Wonderfil Razzle) for edging the tucks

Sewing thread for construction to blend with fabrics

60-80wt. lightweight thread to match cording. If you cannot find lightweight thread, use a good quality regular sewing thread

Size 80 Universal or Microtex needle

Blue water-soluble marker

Fabric Folding pen (optional)

Stabilizer and embroidery thread if embroidering the center panel

Sewing Machine feet:

Seam Guide foot (or your favorite for obtaining a straight 1/2" seam allowance);

Edging Stitching Foot or 1/4" piecing foot

Zipper foot

Edge-Joining foot (optional, but very helpful)

Piping foot (optional)

General sewing and serging supplies

Supply Notes

1. The fabric used for the sample was silk dupioni. Quilt-weight cotton fabric, such as broadcloth or Kona cotton, will work great as well. This project can also be done using solid or print fabrics.

2. The embroidery design used for the sample is from Embroidery Library. We are providing an alternate design from the Kathy Drew Heirloom Collection I, available in the 2020 Embroidery Club at www.thesewingcollection.com. Feel free to use this or any other embroidery design of your choosing. Any embroidery design that you choose needs to fit into a 6-1/2" on-point square once finished (see photo of sample – the white fabric is a 6-1/2" on-point square).

Advance Prep:

1. Print the instructions or have them available for viewing on a device.

2. Cutting and Embellishment:

a. From the main fabric, cut and label the following: i. Four pieces 12" x 16" (for the tucked panels) ii. Two pieces 9" x 14-1/2" (for the pillow back)

b. Embellish the center panel. i.

3. Sewing Machine Set-Up a. Thread the sewing machine top and bobbin with construction thread that matches the main fabric. We will be sewing the tucks first.

Embroidery:

Embroider your chosen design in the center of the 10" square of accent fabric. If using the design provided, there is a full-size template on page 5 and a color order on page 6 of the instructions. Make sure that you print in actual size. Do not cut the embroidered fabric. We will talk about how to do this during the class. ii. Fussy-cutting a motif from printed fabric: If you are using fabric that you want to fussy-cut, the motif on the fabric needs to fit within a 6-1/2" on-point square. Do not cut the fabric. We will talk about how to do this during the class. iii. Machine Stitches: Place light tearaway stabilizer behind the fabric before stitching. Remember that the square will be sewn on point (as a diamond) when you are designing your panel. Do not cut the embellished fabric. We will talk about how to do this during the class.