



A Pillow for Sofia

With the Baby Lock Sofia sewing and embroidery machine, you can create big projects even with a compact machine. Embroider, piece and sew to create this large pillow project. It's perfect for your pampered pooch, a floor pillow for relaxing while watching TV or enjoying your favorite video game.

Skill Level: Beginner

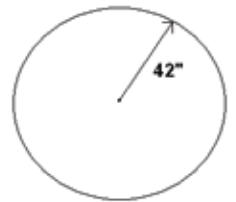
Supplies:

- Baby Lock Sofia Sewing & Embroidery Machine
- Spool of polyester embroidery thread
- All-purpose thread to match fabrics
- 1-1/4 yard of sherpa fabric for pillow back
- 2-1/2 yards of 45" wide muslin fabric for pillow insert
- 2 packages of double fold bias binding for piping
- 1/2 yard of 6 different prints for squares
- 1 yard of a different print for squares and pillow band
- Synthetic clothesline (50 ft x 3/16")
- 16" or 18" upholstery zipper
- Baby Lock Cut-Away stabilizer
- Fiberfill pillow stuffing or bag of bean bag filler
- Iron and Ironing Board
- Hand Needle
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Chalk
- Pins

INSTRUCTIONS:

TO MAKE THE PATTERN:

1. Determine the size circle pillow you wish to make. (The one shown is 42" round).
2. Tape several sheets of tissue paper together to form one large sheet.
3. Mark a center point.
4. Use a tape measure to measure the radius (half of the pillow diameter) from the center point and mark on the tissue. Continue to measure and mark from the center point until you have created a pattern for a large circle. This will become the pillow top and base.

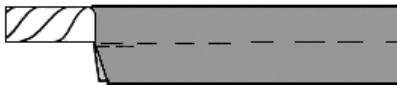


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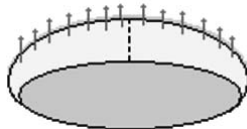
TO MAKE CUSTOM PIPING:

1. Unfold the raw edges of the double fold bias tape, keeping the center fold. Press flat.
2. Using a straight stitch, connect the two packages of bias tape together to form one long piece.
3. Place the zipper foot on the machine. Select a straight stitch and check the needle position left or right if needed to make sure the needle does not strike the foot.
4. Place the clothesline in the fold of the double fold bias tape. Use the narrow zipper foot to stitch close to the piping cord.



PILLOW INSERT:

1. Place your tissue paper template over the muslin fabric and cut two circles.
2. Cut four strips of muslin 4" wide by the width of the fabric. Connect these strips together to form one long strip.
3. Align the seam allowance of the band along the raw edge of one of the circles and pin in place. Overlap the ends and cut off any excess band fabric. Stitch around the outer edge.
4. Place the other side of the band strip in place with right sides facing and pin in place. Stitch the circle and band together leaving a 12" opening.
5. Turn right side out and lightly press.
6. Insert stuffing or bean bag filler until firm. Whipstitch opening closed.



PILLOW COVER & EMBROIDERY:

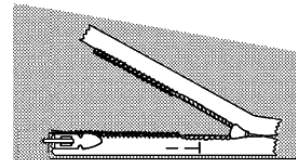
7. Cut five inch blocks from the seven print fabrics. You will need 81 blocks total.
8. Using a straight stitch and 1/4" seam allowance, piece the blocks together, randomly placing the prints. You will need to piece nine rows of nine blocks.
9. Once you have pieced the nine rows, connect the rows to make one large pieced fabric square.
10. Place your tissue paper template over the piece top and cut out the circle.



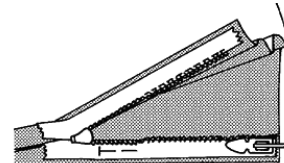
11. From the sherpa, cut another circle the size of your tissue paper template. Set aside.
12. Set-up the machine for embroidery mode.
13. Hoop a piece of cut-away stabilizer and the pieced circle in the hoop, centering the desired location for the embroidery.
14. Select an embroidery design or monogram letter.
15. Re-size or edit the design if desired.
16. Embroider the design in a complementary color.
17. Once the embroidery is complete, clip jump threads and remove it from the machine and hoop.

FINISHING:

18. Set the machine in sewing mode. You will want the embroidery far away from the zipper.
19. Make custom piping as described above.
20. Align the seam allowance of the newly created piping cord along the raw edge of the pillow top. Stitch piping around the outer edge and overlapping the ends.
21. On the other side of the band and on the opposite side of the pillow from the embroidery, stitch one side of the zipper to the band.



22. Align the other side of the zipper to the edge of the sherpa piece. Stitch in place.



23. Starting with the zipper area, place the band strip with right sides facing the sherpa piece and pin in place. Stitch the band and sherpa piece together on either side of the zipper. Before completely sewing the pillow closed, open the zipper to allow for turning.
24. Turn right side out and lightly press.
25. Place the pillow insert inside the cover and zip the opening closed.