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Cowhide 4-Patch Pillow

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This simple pillow is made interesting by using 2 colors of leather to make a four-patch square, embellished with embroidery.

*Note: Directions for the coordinating flange pillow, shown on the next page, can be found in Issue #17 of **Through The Needle**, available at your local BERNINA dealer or by subscription.*

Supplies

- Four 7" pieces of leather for front (two light and two dark pieces)
- Two 14" x 8" pieces of leather for back
- One 12" zipper
- One 12" pillow form
- 40 wt variegated embroidery thread
- Size 90 leather needle for heavy leather or sharp needle for medium to light-weight leather
- Sewing thread for construction
- Heavy Cut-Away stabilizer
- Temporary Spray Adhesive
- Medium embroidery hoop
- Walking Foot #50
- Non-Stick Zipper Foot #54
- Rotary cutter
- Cutting Mat
- Nifty Notions[®] Cut for the Cure[™] Ruler
- Chalk pencil

Embroidery

Hoop 2 layers of stabilizer in the medium hoop. Lightly apply spray adhesive to the hooped stabilizer. Take one of the dark colored squares of leather and adhere to the center of the hooped stabilizer.

Choose desired design and decrease the density slightly; position the design as desired or similar to the photo. Stitch the design using variegated thread in both the needle and the bobbin. Remove the from the hoop and cut away the excess stabilizer from the back.

Hoop 2 more pieces of stabilizer and adhere second piece of 7" dark colored leather. Mirror image the design and position it as shown. Stitch as above.

Four-Patch

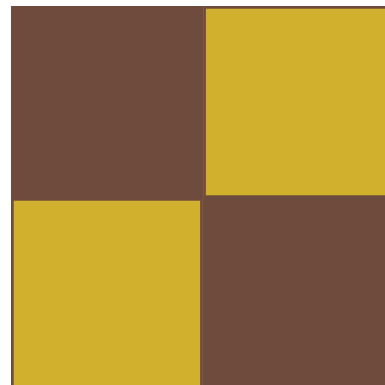
Attach Walking Foot #50 to the machine and thread with construction thread.

Place one dark-colored piece and one light-colored piece of leather right sides together; stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance.

Stitch the other pair of leather pieces together, taking care to position them in the opposite order. Open seams and finger press. Top stitch using a long (3mm-4mm) stitch length.

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Stitch the pairs of leather squares right sides together alternating colors to make a four patch. Topstitch on each side of the seams, using the side of the presser foot as a guide.



Zipper

Take one of the 14" x 8" pieces of leather for the back and center the zipper down one long edge, right sides together. Stitch the zipper in place using the Non-Stick Zipper Foot #54.

Open the seam and finger press. Using Walking Foot #50, topstitch the leather next to the zipper with variegated thread through all layers. *Tip: Use the FHS (Free Hand System) to raise the presser foot and lower the feed dog at the same time, giving extra room that makes it simple to slide several layers of leather under the presser foot.*

Repeat the previous two steps with the remaining back piece and the other side of the zipper.

Select a zigzag or decorative stitch and topstitch the remaining seam closed beyond the zipper ends. *Tip: Practice decorative stitches on scrap leather before stitching on project.*

Pillow Assembly

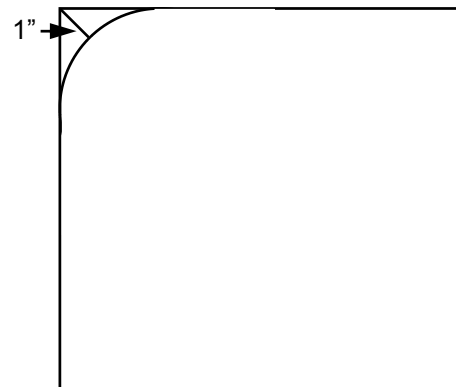
Partially unzip the zipper on the pillow back; layer the finished pillow front and back right sides together.

Center the ruler and trim the leather pieces to 13" using a rotary cutter. Use a small ruler to measure 1" in from each corner and mark with chalk pencil. On each corner, draw a curve from pencil mark to pencil mark to make rounded corners.

Using the Walking Foot and construction thread, stitch the pillow front and back together using a 1/2" seam and following the curved marks at the corners. Trim the seams, trimming closely at corners.

Finishing

Turn the pillow inside out. Insert the pillow form and enjoy your Cowhide Chic Patchwork Pillow.



*Directions for Kristie's "Cowboy Chic" flange pillow can be found in Issue #17 of **Through The Needle**, available at your local BERNINA[®] dealer or by subscription.*