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Sewing Details Simplified with Software

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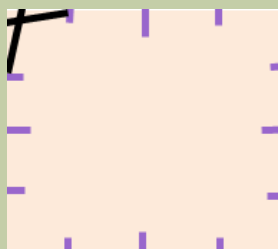
Use your embroidery software and embroidery machine to construct unique closures for outdoor pillows. Software makes stitching accurate and fast and you can be sure that closures are stitched precisely and are consistent in size.

Designer's Tip:

Squaring Corners

Pillows can easily form "dog-ears" when turned; therefore, after the basic square is cut, you will cut the corners following these directions:

Divide each edge in quadrants. At each corner quadrant, shave $\frac{1}{4}$ " off the pillow edge to blend with the first mark on the quadrant.



This makes the turned and stuffed pillow appear "more square." Try it! It works!

Helpful software features for constructing closures:

Snap to Grid makes it easy to align perfectly parallel rows of stitching.

The ability to specify measurements assures you that your closures are the dimensions that they need to be.

Quick Clone makes copying the stitching lines fast and easy.

Alignment tools help to assure that all stitching is accurately spaced.

Zoom tools allow you to view a magnified image for accurate placement of design and stitch elements.

Exposed Zipper Pillow

5/8 yd. of 54" wide outdoor fabric
2 1/8 yd. trim
18" pillow form
16" zipper
1/4 yd. interfacing
101 Quilt Basting Spray
Wonder Tape

Cutting Instructions

Cut two 18" squares. The fabric is cut so that when sewn, it is slightly smaller than the 18" pillow form. This fills out the pillow nicely.

Zipper facing: Cut one 18" x 4" facing

Software Preparation

Open BERNINA Embroidery Software. Set the grid spacing to 10 mm x 10 mm. Activate Snap to Grid.

Select a single outline and the rectangle tool. Draw a rectangle one grid wide. You don't have to make the rectangle any certain length as you will alter the length in Object Properties.

Select the object and open Object Properties. Select the General Tab and insert the length of the zipper. You will be limited by the length of your hoop. The BERNINA Mega Hoop will allow you to use a zipper that is 16" long. (one inch of the zipper will extend beyond the opening).

Note: To convert inches to millimeters: multiply the number of inches times 25.4. This will give you the number of millimeters to place in the length of the stitched rectangle.



Select Edit/Duplicate to make a second rectangle so the zipper area will be stitched twice for reinforcement. Save the file.

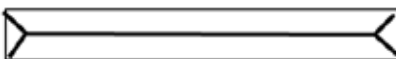
Construction

Interface the pillow top where you will place the zipper. Interface the zipper facing as well. Place the facing where you would like the zipper to be located. You may spray baste it in place with 101 Quilt Basting Spray.

Hoop the pieces of fabric and stitch the rectangle through the layers. Use balanced tension to embroider the file.



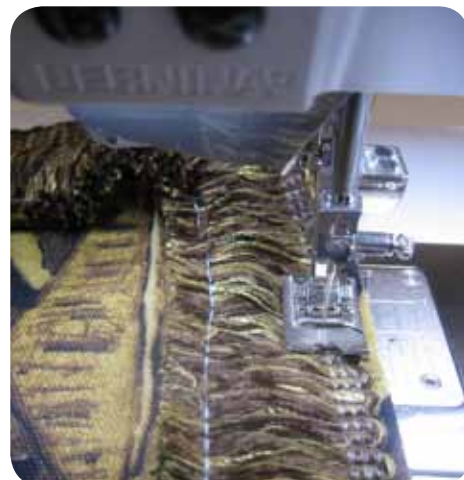
Cut through the center of the rectangle and diagonally into each corner.



Turn and press the facing to the wrong side. Use Wonder Tape to hold the zipper in place under the zipper opening. Fold back the pillow to expose the seam of the zipper facing. Attach the zipper foot to the machine and stitch along the two vertical edges attaching the facing to the zipper.



Attach your desired trim to the pillow top. For fringe trim, place the right side of the trim to the right side of the pillow, fringe edge toward the center of the pillow. Baste in place.



Unzip the pillow top and place the right side of the pillow top to the bottom and stitch around the four edges. Finish the edges as desired. Turn, press and add your pillow form and enjoy!

Tied Pillow

5/8 yd. of 54" outdoor fabric
 3/4 yd of outdoor fabric for pillow cover
 2 1/8 yd. trim
 18" pillow form
 Tube turner

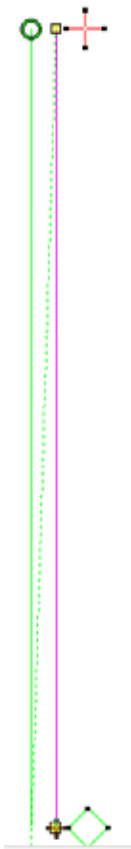
Cutting Instructions

Tied pillow cover with underpillow
 Underpillow: Cut two 18" squares
 Pillow cover: Cut two 18" x 15" pieces
 Use remaining fabric to stitch the fabric ties with the embroidery machine

Software Preparation

Activate Snap to Grid. Set the grid spacing at 14 mm x 14 mm. Choose the Open Object Tool and digitize a straight line with two left clicks along one of the grid lines. Hit Enter to activate the stitches. Right click on the line and drag it to make a Quick Clone of the line. Place it one grid spacing away from the first line. Select the second line, click on the reshape icon, and change the start and stop points to eliminate jump stitches by moving the start point to the lower end of the second line of stitching.

Select both lines and group them. Quick Clone the lines and move the group one space away from the first group. Repeat to fill the hoop with the stitched lines. With BERNINA's 830 Jumbo Hoop, you can make a total of six ties. For other machines, make a total of three ties and stitch the file twice. Select all the lines and click on the Align Bottom Horizontal icon. Save the file.



Construction

For the underpillow, sew the pillow pieces right sides together, leaving an opening to turn the pillow. Turn right side out and press. To attach decorative cord trim, use BERNINA's Double Cord Foot #60. Place the cord under the right groove of the foot and butt the pillow edge next to the cord. Select stitch #1332 on the 830 (#332 on artista machines). Change the width to 2.1 and the length to 2.9. Sew the cording around the edge, keeping the underside of the pillow opening free from the stitching.



To finish the edges of the cording, twist the two ends and stitch over the corded ends. Zigzag the overlapped edges before trimming close to the stitching.



Insert the pillow form and sew the pillow closed with a slip stitch.

To make the ties, place two pieces of fabric right sides together and hoop along the straight of grain. Once again, use balanced tension to embroider the files.



When the embroidery is complete, cut between the stitching lines, press, and turn right sides out with a tube turner.

Press back 1 1/2" on one of the long sides of each pillow cover piece. Place three ties on each side of the cover, making sure the ties are aligned correctly on each piece. Place one in the middle and the others, 4 1/4" from the center tie. With your sewing machine, baste the ties in place.



Turn under the 1 1/2" facing and turn under the end of each tie. Sew along the pressed edge.



Place the two pillow cover pieces right sides together and stitch around the remaining three edges. Finish the raw edges as desired. Turn right side out and press. Place the cover over the underpillow and tie the cords.

Buttonhole Loop Pillow

¾ yd. 54" outdoor fabric
 ½ yd. outdoor fabric for buttonhole loops
 2 1/8 yd. trim
 18" pillow form
 5 buttons, 7/8" in size
 ¼ yd. interfacing
 Tube turner
 Stabil-Stick tear-away stabilizer

Cutting Instructions

Cut one 18" square
 Cut one 18" x 14" (overlap of pillow front)
 Cut one 18" x 12" (underlap of pillow front)
 Cut one 18" x 4" (facing for the overlap)
 1/3 yd. contrast fabric to embroider the buttonhole loops

Software Preparation

Change the grid spacing to 12 mm x 12 mm. Activate Snap to Grid. Open Object Properties and select an Outline Stitch/Satin. Set the stitch spacing in Object Properties to 1.75 and the width to .5. By using a small zigzag, the stitches will not pop when you turn the strap.

Digitize with the Open Object tool and place two left clicks the length of the hoop. Hit enter to activate the stitches. Make a Quick Clone of the line and place the new line one grid spacing from the first line.

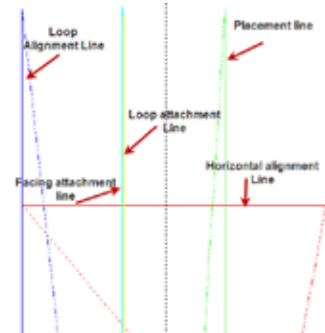
Select the objects and group. Make a Quick Clone of the group and place it so there are two grid lines between the tie sets. Repeat as necessary to make more ties. Save the file and transfer it to your machine.

Make the file for stitching the loop buttonholes to the pillow:

Place a loop strip around the button you have selected for your project to help determine the correct size for the grid spacing. In the sample, the vertical spacing was set at 78 mm, the distance between the button loops and the horizontal spacing was set at 22 mm, the size of the loop needed. Enter the values appropriate for your spacing by right clicking on the Grid icon.

Select a single outline stitch and the Open Object Tool. Open Object Properties and change the stitch length to 4 mm. Digitize one vertical row of stitching, using the grid as a guideline. Make a Quick Clone and space it two grid spaces to the left of the first line. The first line will serve as a placement line; the second, as a loop alignment line. Next, digitize five horizontal lines along the horizontal grid lines within the Mega Hoop, extending each line slightly beyond each digitized vertical line.

Place another vertical line on the vertical grid line in between the two vertical lines. This will be the stitching line that will attach the loops in place. Change the stitch length back to 2 mm for this line by changing the value in Object Properties. Duplicate this line and change the color to a new color and use the left arrows on the keyboard to place this line just to the left of the duplicated line. The last line will attach the facing to the pillow edge.



Construction

Place two layers of fabric, right sides together in the hoop. Orient the fabric in the hoop so that the fabric is placed at a 45 degree angle to the edge of the hoop. Embroider the file, using balanced tension.



Cut in between the ties and press and turn the tubes with a tube turner of your choice.

Hoop Stabil-Stick Tear-Away in the Mega hoop. Stitch the first color, which is the vertical placement line. Remove the hoop and place the cut edge of the overlap piece along the placement line. Stitch the next placement line; then each horizontal placement line. Cut the loops into pieces about 4.5-5" in length.



Form each piece into a loop, aligning the loop so that the loop touches the far left placement line. Stitch the tack down stitch using the foot control which will enable you to keep both hands on your sewing project while operating the embroidery machine.



After all the loops are in place, place the facing piece on top and stitch the last thread color which attaches the facing to the pillow. Remove the piece from the hoop. Complete the sewing of each end of the facing on the sewing machine.

Press and understitch the facing edge with the sewing machine.

Fold back 4" on the underlap piece and press. Finish the turned back edge as desired. This will allow a 1½" overlap to the pillow. Overlap the top portion of the pillow front over the under portion. Pin together so it measures an 18" square. Place the underside of the pillow right sides together and sew around the pillow. Finish edges as desired.

Turn right side out and press. Sew buttons in place and add corded trim if desired. Insert the pillow form and button up the loops!

Enjoy your new pillows for summertime relaxation on your patio!



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