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*The Magic
in the Middle*

Seeing Double Fabric Magic™ Pocket Pillows Skill Level: Beginner

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Pellon® Fabric Magic™ shrinks up to 30% creating texture on any project. Use it to make these decorative pocket pillows. One pillow uses echo stitching to create one effect while the other uses meandering to create a different look. Make several for every room in your house.

Fabrics Needed

Fabric A	1 yard
Fabric B	1 yard

Materials Needed

Pellon® Fabric Magic™	1 30" x 36" package
Pellon® EK150 Easy Knit® Tape	One Roll White
Pellon® 16" x 16" Pillow Inserts	Two Pillow Forms
Thread	

Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies
Rotary cutter and related supplies
Steam Iron or Steamer

Cutting and Assembly Instructions

Pillow 1

Cut one 24 1/4" square of fabric A for front of pillow.
Cut two 12 1/2" x 17" rectangles of fabric B for back of pillow.

Pillow 2

Cut one 12" square of fabric B for center of front of pillow.
Cut two 5" x 9" border strips of fabric A.
Cut two 5" x 17" border strips of fabric A.
Cut two 12 1/2" x 17" rectangles of fabric B for back of pillow.



Cut Fabric Magic™ to fit the 24 1/4" square of fabric A and the 12" square of fabric B. Overlap pieces of Fabric Magic™ to fit the 24 1/4" square.

Stitch the fabric to the Fabric Magic™ in desired design. In the sample, Pillow 1 used an overall meandering pattern. Pillow 2 was stitched on the floral pattern and echo stitched around the flower.

The closer the stitching, the more the fabric will poof up.



After stitching, steam the Fabric Magic™ with a steamer or a steam iron. Do not get the iron any closer than 1" away from the fabric.

Steam until the Fabric Magic™ stops shrinking (approx. 30%). Once shrinking is complete, it will not shrink further and is permanent.



Using a rotary cutter and mat, trim the two pieces just made with Fabric Magic™ to the following dimensions:

Pillow 1 Cut 17" square

Pillow 2 Cut 9" square



Sew the two 5" x 9" pieces of border to the sides of the center square for pillow 2.



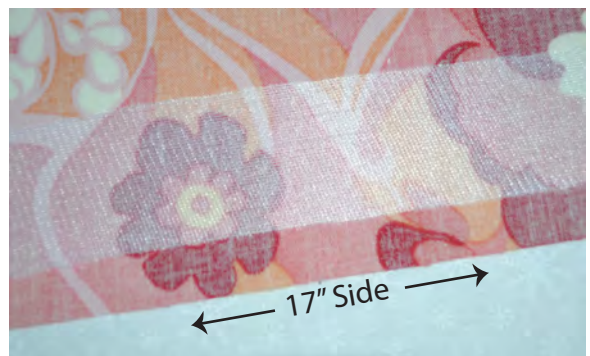
Sew the two 5" x 17" pieces of border to the top and bottom of the center unit.



Sewing the Pocket Back of the Pillows - Directions are for both pillows

Cut four strips 17" long of EK150 Easy-Knit® Tape. Fuse one strip onto the wrong side of each of the 12 1/2" x 17" back pieces, 1/2" in from the 17" edge as shown. Do this for all four backing pieces.

Easy-Knit® Tape is made of fusible Tricot and stabilizes edges nicely.



Fold the 1/2" edge in on top of the Easy-Knit® tape and press.



Fold the edge in along the width of the Easy-Knit® tape and press.



Stitch a hem close to the edge as shown.



Place two backing pieces onto the front of each pillow, right sides together. Align the raw edges of the front and both backing pieces. The backing pieces will overlap in the center as shown. Pin all four outside edges.



Avoiding 'Dog-Ears' while stitching a pillow

'Dog-Ears' happen with most pillows, even when the pillow has perfectly stitched 90° corners. Follow these instructions to avoid the 'Dog-Ears':

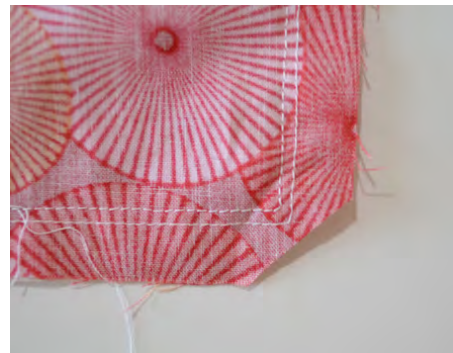
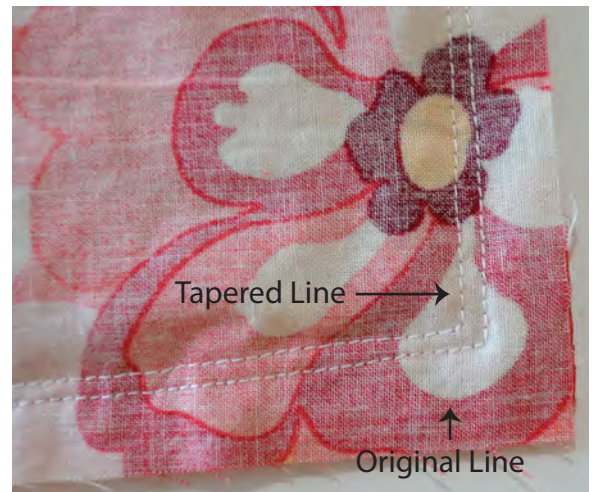
Stitch around the entire pillow using a 1/2" seam allowance starting and stopping in the middle of one side.

Stitch around the pillow again on the previous seamline. Gradually angle inward 1/8" beginning 4" from the corner. Stop with the needle down when stitching is 5/8" from the corner. Turn pillow 45°. Make one stitch. Turn pillow 45°. Continue stitching, tapering back to the original 1/2" stitched line approximately 4" from the corner.

Repeat this step at each corner.

HINT: This step may be drawn onto the fabric with a removable fabric pencil to guide beginners.

Trim the corners on a diagonal as shown. Trim seam allowances. Turn pillows right side out. Poke out the corners carefully. Insert pillow forms.



Detail of Back of Pillow