

One-of-a-Kind Pillows with Buttons

Learn to make three unique pillow designs as featured in our Modern Swag Roomscape, perfectly embellished with custom buttons and reversible fabric overlays that are strong style accents in every room.



Materials & Supplies

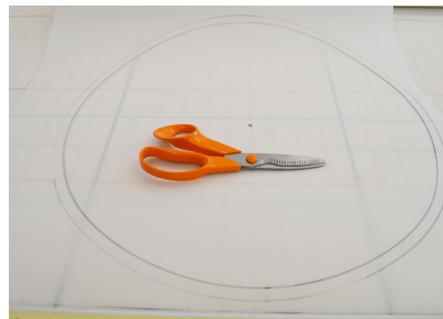
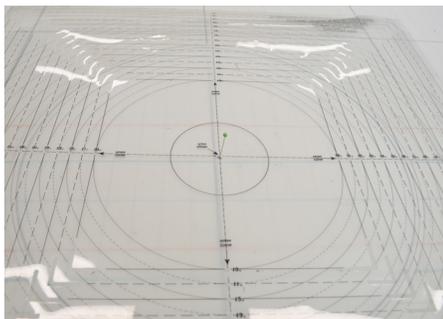
Rowley Products

	Item #
W&I Manchester Sateen Lining	<u>LNW40/F</u>
W&I Hampton Cotton Interlining	<u>LNW10/F</u>
R-TEX Pillow Stuffing - Poly Cluster	<u>PJ90</u>
R-TEX Fusible Stabilizer	<u>FB10/</u>
R-TEX Micro Welt Cord - ³ / ₃₂ "	<u>WC83</u>
Professional Shears	<u>CU24</u> or <u>CU24/L</u>
Pen Style Chalk Marker	<u>WW13/</u>
Pillow Template - Standard	<u>PF10</u>
Pattern Making Film	<u>DYC15/3</u>

One-of-a-Kind Pillows with Buttons: Step-By-Step Instructions

Pillow Design #1 - Reversible Round Boxed Pillow:

- 1 Make a round, boxed pillow insert. Use a Pillow Template - Standard to draw a circle the size you need for your pillow. If you plan to make this pillow often, make a template out of Pattern Making Film. Add any additional marks or guidelines that you find helpful when making round pillows.



- 2 Trace around the template onto a piece of lining to be used for the pillow insert. Cut two. Divide into eighths and notch within the Seam Allowance (SA).



- 3 Cut a banding strip the depth of the boxing you desire plus two ½" SA by the circumference of the pillow circle plus two ½" SA. Sew the two short ends, right sides together to form a circle. Press the seam open. Divide this into eighths and notch within the SA.



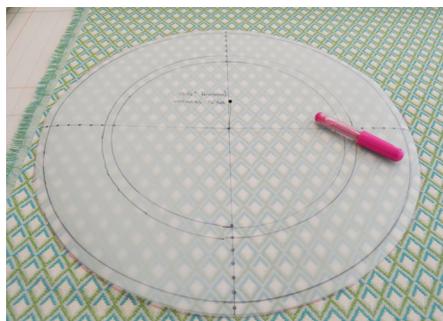
- 4 Pin the pillow form top and bottom to the band, matching notches. Stitch the band to the circles, leaving a hole to turn.



- 5 Turn the pillow form right side out and fill with Polyester Cluster Pillow Stuffing. Close the hole in your method of choice.



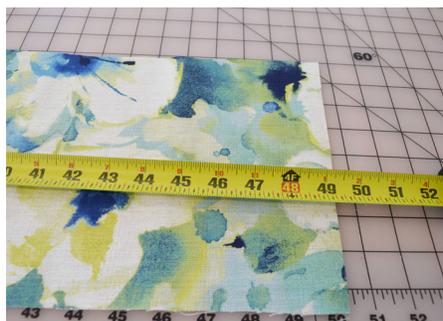
- 6 For the pillow front, use the round pillow template and place on the pillow fabric. Mark around the circle then cut out one circle.



- 7 Use a contrast thread to mark the center of the circle. After cutting the circle, serge around the edges for a clean finish.



- 8 For the reverse side of the pillow, cut a strip of fabric one half the diameter of the circle plus a 1/2" SA. The width of this strip will equal the circumference of the circle plus two 1/2" SA. Serge along one long edge of this fabric strip.



- 9 Cut a boxing strip the desired depth of the pillow plus two 1/2" SA by the circumference of the pillow circle plus two 1/2" SA. Serge around all four sides of this piece for a clean finish. Stitch the two short ends together and press the seam open.



- 10 Cut two welt strips long enough to go around the circumference on the pillow circle. Cover foam welt with these two strips.



- 11 Divide the pillow circle into eighths and clip notches into the SA. Do the same for the boxing strip. Sew the welt to the top and bottom edges of the boxing strip.



- 12 Pin the boxing strip to the pillow circle, matching notches. Stitch the boxing strip and the pillow circle.



- 13 Divide the band for the pillow front into eighths and notch in the SA. Match notches with the boxing band, pin, and sew the pillow front to the pillow boxing.



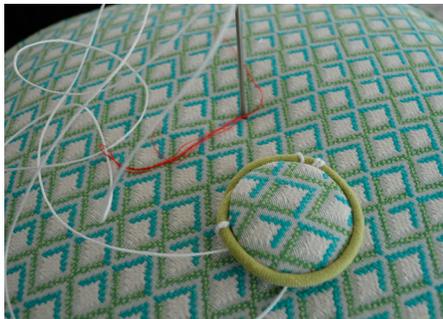
- 14 Turn the pillow right side out. Place the pillow insert inside.



- 15 Using a strong hand sewing thread, sew a long running stitch along the inside edge of the pillow front to form a sunburst design. Keep the stitches of the running stitch even so that the folds will be even when gathered up. Knot the threads off securely.



- 16 Make two contrasting fabric covered buttons, one for the pillow front and the other for the pillow back. Use a mattress needle, long enough to go all the way through the pillow to attach the buttons to the pillow.

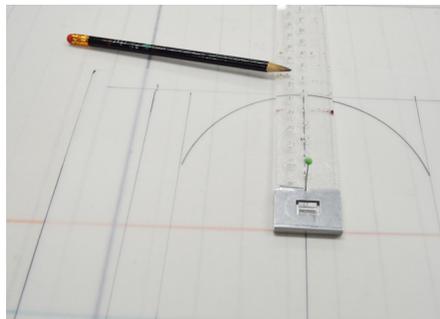


Pillow Design #2 - Oval Bolster Pillows:

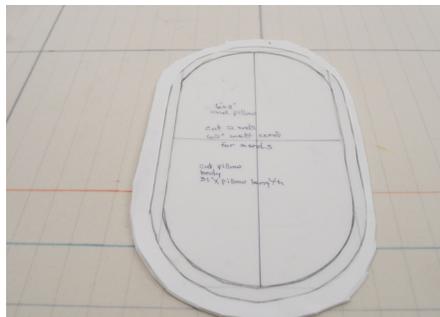
- 1 Create a template and make an oval pillow insert using lining and pillow stuffing. Draw the shape of the oval for the bolster ends. Start with a rectangle the desired width and the height for the bolster.



- 2 Use a circle drawing tool to create the curve along the top and bottom edge of the template.



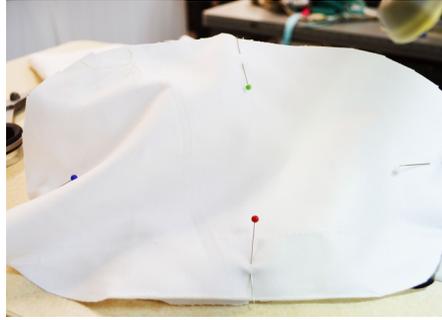
- 3 Add a SA to the template and add any other type of notations that will be helpful for the future use of the template. Cut out the ends of the bolster for the pillow insert.



- 4 Cut a piece of lining for the pillow insert body.



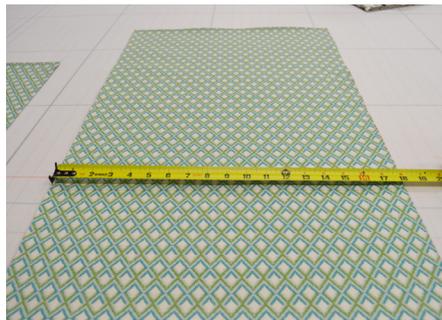
- 5 Sew the bottom seam of the pillow body, leaving a hole for turning. Pin the bolster ends to the pillow body, matching the centers of the top and bottom. Stitch the bolster ends to the pillow body.



- 6 Turn the pillow form right side out and fill with Polyester Cluster Pillow Stuffing. Close the hole to complete the pillow form.



- 7 Mark and cut the fabric for the pillow body. Serge around all four sides.



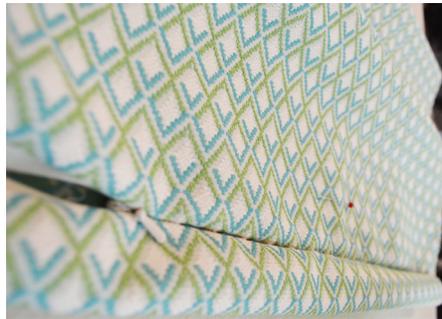
- 8 Draw around the template using a Chalk Marker. Cut two bolster ends.



- 9 Cut bias strips and sew enough welt for the two bolster ends.



- 10 Insert a zipper along the bottom seam of the bolster.



- 11 Clip notches in the bolster ends and the bolster body.



- 12 Stitch the welt to the bolster body at each end. Finish the ends of the welt with a clean finish.



13 Pin the bolster ends to the bolster body, matching notches. Stitch.



14 Turn the bolster right side out.



15 Insert the pillow form and close the zipper to complete the oval bolster.



Pillow Design #3 - Knife Edge Pillow with Buttoned, Reversible Overlay:

- 1 This knife edge pillow has a small stitched flange around the edges. Cut a pillow front and pillow back the size required for your pillow.



- 2 Prepare the zipper and insert a lapped zipper along the bottom edge of the pillow.



- 3 After inserting the zipper, sew the remaining three sides of the pillow front to the pillow back. Turn right side out, press. Next stitch a small flange around the three sides of the pillow. The flap over the pillow becomes the small flange at the bottom of the pillow.



- 4 For the overlay, cut two contrasting pieces of fabric approximately 3" smaller than the finished pillow cover size.



- 5 Place the two overlay fabrics right sides together, pin and stitch, leaving a hole for turning. Turn, press, close the hole in your method of choice, and stitch a small flange around all four sides.



- 6 Make enough fabric covered buttons for the pillow overlay.



- 7 Measure the buttons and place a pin in the overlay to mark the placement for the buttonholes.



- 8 Make the buttonholes in your method of choice. Clip the center of the buttonholes using sharp nippers.



9 Mark the placement for the buttons on the pillow front and stitch in place.



10 Put the pillow form inside the pillow. Place the contrasting overlay on the pillow, buttoning it into place.





Reversible overlays are a quick and easy way to give your pillows a new look.