

Pillow with Pleated-Smocked Front

This is an elegant design which creates a textured and eye-catching accent pillow.

Materials and Supplies:

Items

Face Fabric

Perfect Pleating Tape – DYC85 or DYC86

Fusible Stabilizer – FB10

Erasable Marker – PM21

John James Needles – TP110 or any other size

1 ¾ yards covered welt cord – WCP2/L or decorative trim

5 decorative or fabric covered buttons

12" x 16" Pillow Form – FD32/25, FD32/10 or PJ32



Step-by-step

1. Cut fabric for pillow front 15" x 54". Place Perfect Pleating Tape along both long edges on the back of the face fabric, being careful to line up marks evenly to match. (Photo 1)
2. Pleat up fabric to create five, 3" wide box pleats. Leave at least ½" on each side of the first and last pleat for a seam allowance. (Photo 2)
3. Cut a piece of Fusible Stabilizer 15" x 18" and iron to the back of the pleats. (Photo 3)



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

4. On the front of the pillow, mark the center at the edge of each pleat with an Erasable marker. Tack pleats to create smocking using a hand sewing needle and matching thread. Stitch the two edges together for each pleat and stab the thread through the front to the back and knot securely. (Photo 4)



Photo 4

5. Place the smocked pillow front on the worktable and pin top and bottom of pleat flat with the edge. (Photo 5)
6. Measure pillow from top to bottom and side to side and mark it at 12" x 16", being sure the smocked stitching is centered. Trim away excess fabric. (Photo 6)
7. Pin pleats along edges to hold them in place. (Photo 7)



Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7

8. Serge or sew edges, being careful to keep the pleats flat along the edge. (Photo 8)
9. Cut fabric for pillow back 12" x 16". Pillow is now ready to sew together. (Photo 9)
10. Sew welt cord to edge of pillow front, clipping corners as needed. (Photo 10)
11. Sew on a button at the center of each smocked pleat. Apply pillow back to front, sewing around edges close to cording and leaving an opening along one edge. Stuff insert inside of pillow and hand stitch opening closed. The pillow is now finished. (Photo 11) Tip: A zipper closure can also be used.



Photo 8



Photo 9



Photo 10



Photo 11