

Custom Coverlet and Large Bolster Pillow

Making a custom coverlet is a quick way to add detail and color to a plain bed. Our coverlet fits a queen bed but does not fall to the floor, as it was planned to be tucked into the bed surround. It has unique details like hand tacking and pattern-matched welt cord as well as a back fabric banding with mitered corners.

Materials & Supplies

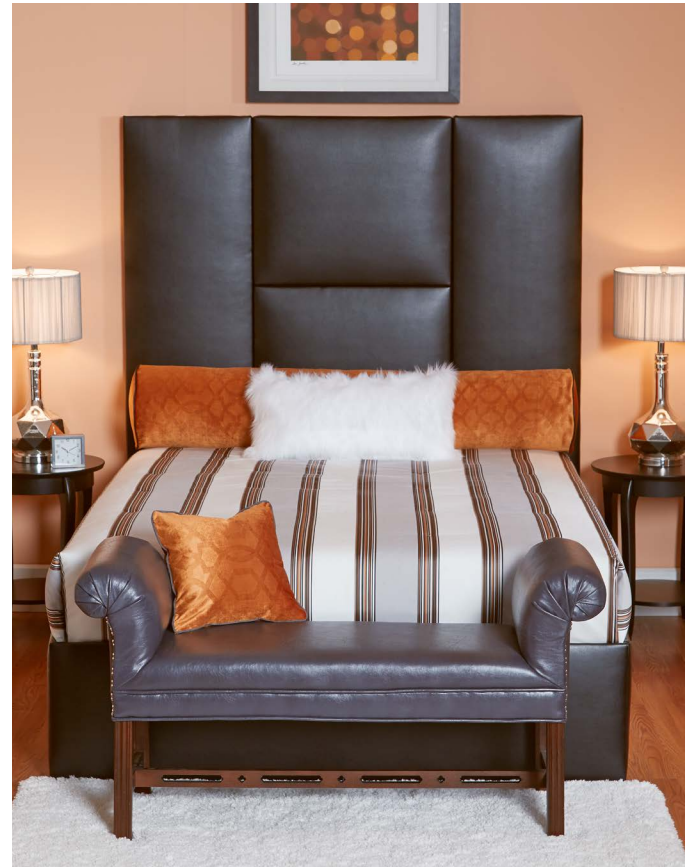
Rowley Products

- Fringe Adhesive
- R-TEX Iron-On Bonding Tape
- Gutermann Polyester Thread
- John James Hand Sewing Needles
- Hanes Classic Sateen Lining
- Polyester Batting
- R-TEX Polyester Cluster Pillow Insert - Neckroll
- Curved Needle
- A&E Upholstery Thread
- Scissors
- Polyester Welt Cord - 1/4"
- Glass Head Pins
- Pillow Template

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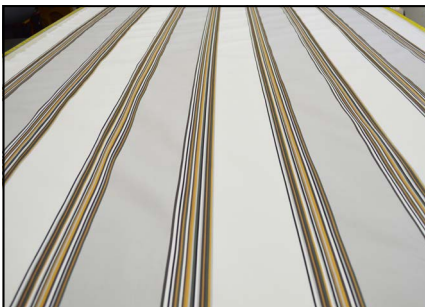


This how-to guide covers the steps to plan and fabricate a custom coverlet for a queen bed, as well as a large bolster pillow.

Custom Coverlet: Step-By-Step Instructions

Cutting and Prepping the Front Fabric:

- 1 First look at your fabric to determine where the join seams will need to fall. Remember to keep the largest piece in the center of the coverlet.
- 2 Pattern-match your side join seams, using your preferred method (glue-basting, pinning, iron-on bonding tape).
- 3 Sew sides to center. Press open seams and trim to size.



- 4 Make straight-cut welt (non-bias), enough to go around all four sides of the coverlet, plus a few inches for joining.
 - A. You will need to plan the number of cuts based on the number of matches at the top and bottom as well as the length of the sides.
 - B. Be prepared to piece welt as needed so make extra.

- 5 Glue-baste welt to coverlet top, matching patterns on the top and bottom (the stripes).

- 6 Sew welt to coverlet top, clipping the seam allowance at the corners.



Cutting and Prepping the Back Banding:

- 1 Cut 6" strips of fabric and join.
 - A. You need enough to run all four sides of the back, matching pattern to coverlet front and welt cord so be prepared to make extra and piece as needed.

- 2 Iron under ½" seam allowance along one long edge.

- 3 Glue-baste banding to back of coverlet, with right sides together, matching pattern to welt.

- 4 Sew back banding to coverlet.
 - A. This will sew on like a boxing on a cushion.

- 5 Clip corners to reduce corner bulk.



- 6 Place coverlet face down on the table so banding is face up.

- 7 Fold and iron in mitered corner.
- 8 Unfold and pin on miter.
- 9 Sew on pin line and clip away excess leaving 1/2" seam allowance.
- 10 Press open seams.
- 11 Flip mitered corners back to bottom.



Adding the Batting:

- 1 Place coverlet wrong side up on the table.
- 2 Center batting length over coverlet seams, trimming to width needed.
- 3 Hand stitch batting to bottom and top seams as well as join seam allowances.
- 4 Add additional batting to the sides, cutting widths as needed and hand stitching to seams.



Cutting, Prepping and Adding Lining:

- 1 Cut widths and lengths of lining needed for the finished length and width.
- 2 Sew widths together and trim to size.

3 Press open seams.

4 Place lining, face up, on top of the batting.



5 Fold banding back to the top so it lies on top of the lining.

6 Apply a row of iron-on Bonding tape to the prepared seam allowance.

7 Iron to seal.



Finishing the Coverlet:

1 On the face, mark the coverlet for the hand tacking locations.

2 Use multiple colors and lengths of thread, treating the multiples as one length, then tack through all layers at all locations.

3 Tie off thread using a secure square knot and trim to 1/2" tail.



Large Bolster: Step-By-Step Instructions

Cutting and Prepping the Fabric:

- 1 Use the round pillow template to cut end circles to size. You will need two circles.
- 2 Cut the body fabric the circumference of the pillow form plus 2 seam allowances x the width of the insert plus 2 seam allowances.
 - A. This pillow is hand closed. If you want to close with a zipper, plan seam allowances accordingly.

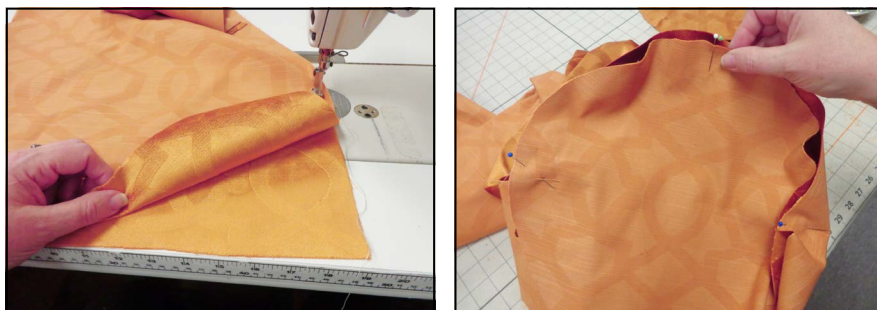


- 3 Cut and make enough welt cord to go around both end circles, plus joins.
- 4 Sew welt to circles, making the joins at the machine.
- 5 Find and mark quarters on both end circles.



Making the Pillow:

- 1 On the body fabric, fold lengthwise, right sides together.
- 2 Sew about 3" - 4" in on both ends only to form a joined circle on both ends.
- 3 Find and mark quarters on both ends.
- 4 Match end circle quarters to body quarters and pin.
- 5 Sew on end circles.
- 6 Turn right sides out.





Making the Insert to Fit:

Since bolster inserts do not come in the size I needed, I joined two inserts together and then wrapped the joined insert in batting to increase width.



- 1 Measure and mark for needed combined length.
- 2 Cut second insert 3" - 4" longer than the mark.
- 3 Remove a handful of stuffing.
- 4 Butt the cut insert up to the non-cut insert and overlap the casings.
- 5 Whip-stitch the two together.



- 6 Wrap prepared insert in layers of batting to get to girth needed.
- 7 Cut end pieces and whip-stitch end circles to batting layers.



Finishing the Pillow:

1 Stuff insert into pillow casing.

2 Hand close.

