

Modern Vintage Roomscape Pillows

Discover how to fabricate unique pillows with custom banded embellishments using our Bias Tape Folder. Then, follow along for instructions on inserting professional zipper closures for an upscale, designer look.



Modern Vintage Roomscape Pillows: Step-By-Step Instructions

Making Bands as Pillow Embellishments:

Making the Bands:

- 1 Cut two pieces of fabric for your pillow front and back.
- 2 Cut contrasting fabric bands as your embellishment. Your cut size of the band will be determined by the size bias tape folder you are using.

NOTE: Fabric bands may be cut with the straight of the grain if you are not going around curves.

Materials & Supplies

Rowley Products

Pillow Template, Tapered Corners

Pen Style Chalk Markers

Scissors

R-TEX Iron-On Adhesive Web

Silicone Release Paper

Polyester Iron-On Batting

R-TEX Polyester Welt Cord, 1/4"

R-TEX Micro Welt Cord, 4/32"

Invisible Zipper Chain, #5

Nylon Invisible Zipper Slides, #5

Zippers by the Roll, Nylon

Molded Tooth Zippers, #5

Molded Tooth Zipper Slides, #5

Polyester Batting

Perfect Pleating Tape

John James Hand Sewing Needles

Bias Tape Folder

R-TEX Fusible Stabilizer

Pillow Inserts

Item

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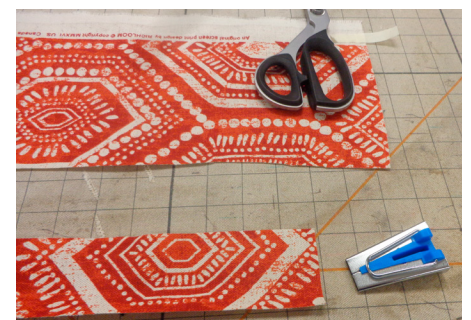
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- 3 Insert the fabric into the bias tape maker. Using a pin in the slot may help to move the fabric into the tape maker.

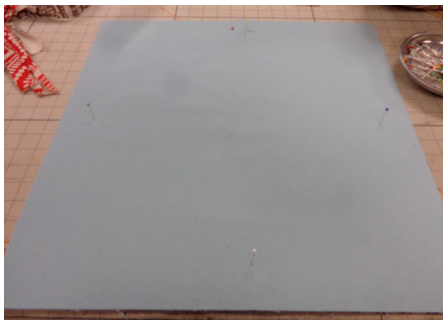


- 4 Use an iron to press the band. Use a few pins to hold it in place as you slide the bias tape maker along the fabric band. Press with an iron as you go along.

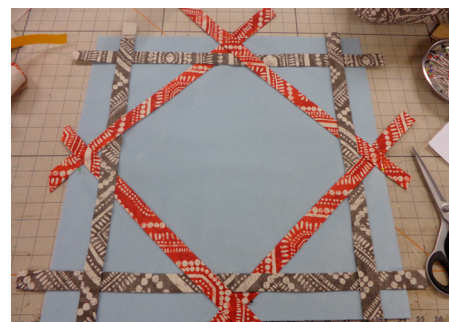
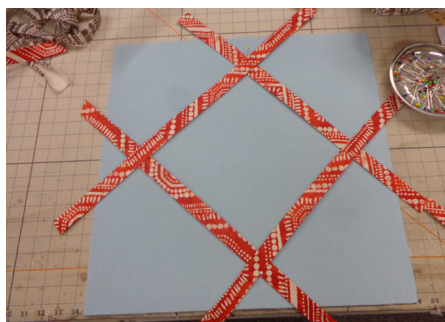


Attaching the Bands to the Pillow Front:

- 1 Place the pillow front fabric on the table, face up. Map out the placement for the bands and stick pins in the fabric at the points the bands will intersect.



- 2 Lay the bands on the pillow front with the seam side down. Pin in place.



- 3 Topstitch the bands in place. The bottom of the pillow section will have lots of stitch lines!



- 4 Complete the pillow in your method of choice.

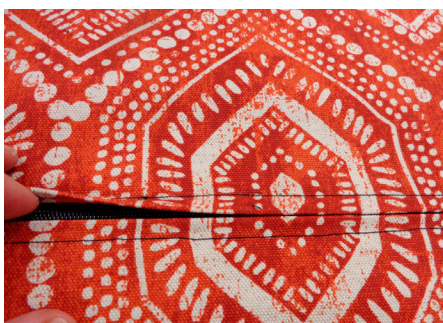
Inserting a Flap Zipper:

Preparing the Fabric:

- 1 Place pillow front and back on table with bottom edges facing the zipper. Fold a $\frac{3}{4}$ " seam allowance to the back side. Glue base or pin fabric over the zipper tape, matching the pattern and having the folds touching in the center of the zipper teeth.



- 2 Press with an iron to set the glue basting. Stitch from the back side of the pillow close to the zipper teeth to complete the flap style zipper insertion.

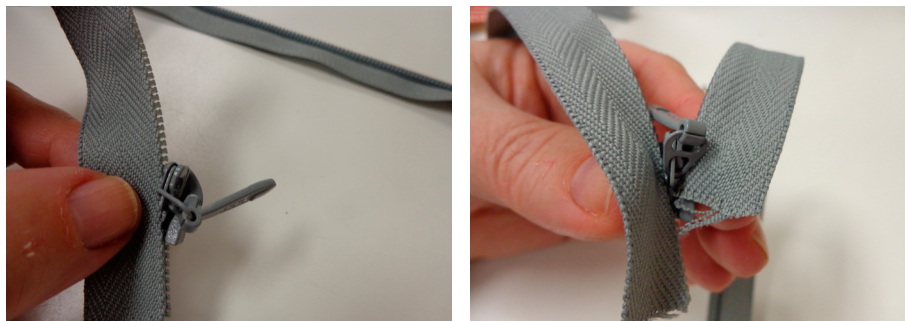


Preparing the Invisible Zipper:

- 1 Separate the invisible zipper chain. On one half, unfold the zipper teeth.



- 2 Insert the zipper chain into channel of the zipper pull. Take the second side of the zipper chain and insert this into the zipper pull. You will only be able to go as high as the point in the zipper pull. This is where the teeth will join.



- 3 Hold the zipper tape together with one hand and slide the pull down the zipper chain with the other hand. Snip off the excess zipper chain and secure with a pin or by stitching over each end of the zipper.



Inserting an Invisible Zipper (not matched):

- 1 Fold a $\frac{3}{4}$ " seam allowance toward the back side of each pillow section at the bottom. Sew one side of the zipper to one pillow section, using the crease as guide for the zipper teeth. On the table, mark the zipper to get a start and stop point for the sewing of the second pillow section.



- 2 Unfold the zipper teeth and stitch again, getting closer this time. The invisible zipper application with an unmatched pattern placement.



Inserting an Invisible Zipper (matched):

- 1 Prepare the fabric for a pattern match. Follow the steps in section one above for an unmatched zipper. Sew one side of the pillow to the zipper. Mark the bottom and top of the zipper chain. Align the second pillow section to get a pattern match and sew. Go back and stitch close to the teeth to complete the pattern matched invisible zipper application.

