

Decorative Master Bedroom Pillows

Decorative pillows are a great addition to any portfolio and are great upsells for living room and bedroom design projects. Generally they are quick to fabricate and can become a one-of-a-kind complement to any décor.

Materials & Supplies

Rowley Products

Pattern Making Paper	<u>DYC18/</u>
R-TEX Fusible Stabilizer	<u>FB10/</u>
Polyester Iron-On Batting	<u>PA20/</u>
Scissors	<u>CU8/N</u>
Pillow Template - Standard	<u>PF10</u>
Pillow Template - Tapered Corners	<u>PF08</u>
Invisible Zippers & Slides	<u>EVR52/</u>
Gem Upholstery Nails	<u>UN25/</u>
Upholstery Nail Lock with Cap	<u>UN11/B</u>
Side Cutter	<u>MH18</u>
R-TEX Polyester Welt Cord - ¼"	<u>WCP2/S</u>
Glass Head Straight Pins	<u>TP49</u>
John James Hand Sewing Needles	<u>TP100</u>
A&E Upholstery Thread	<u>TU6K/</u>
Fringe Adhesive	<u>FA20</u>
R-TEX Polyester Cluster Pillow Inserts - Assorted Sizes	<u>PJ12</u>

Other Materials

- Decorative Beads
- Cold-Press Tape

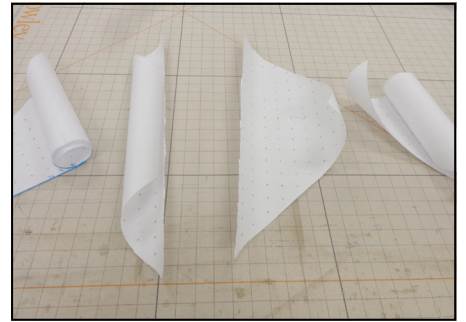
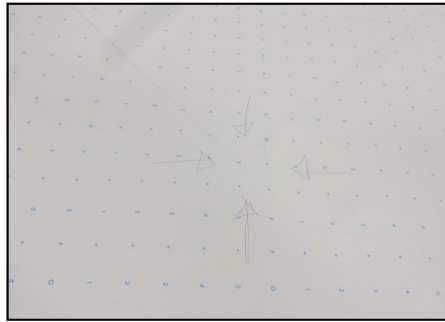
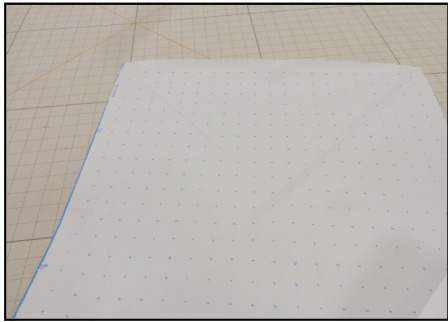


Decorative Master Bedroom Pillows: Step-By-Step Instructions

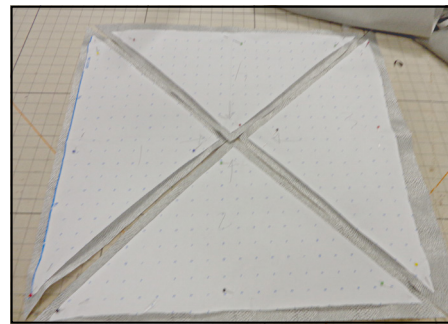
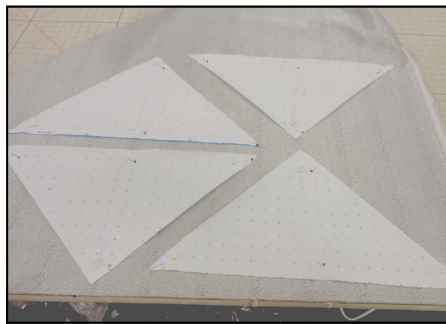
The pillows from our Winter Wonderland Master Bedroom use decorative nails, hand-beading techniques, pleating and more. Each pillow is unique but easy to make if you have some time and patience! We used invisible zippers in some while others were hand closed.

Making the Center Point Pillow the Gem Nails:

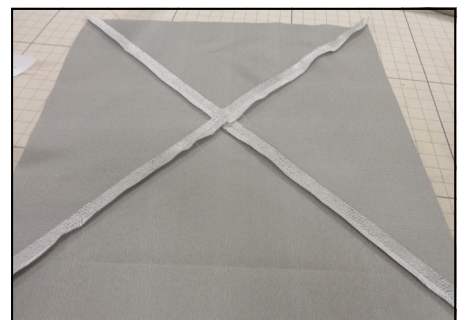
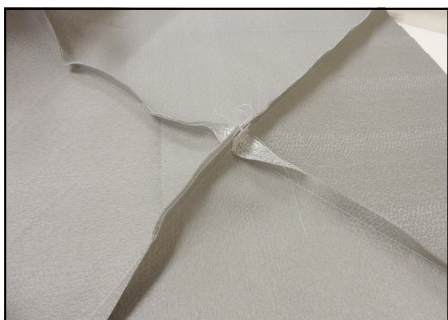
- 1 Cut pattern out of pattern paper, cutting larger than needed.
- 2 Fold into quarters and crease well.
- 3 Cut on creases to have four pieces.
- 4 Mark each piece.
 - A. Your pieces will be larger on the outside than needed but will not include seam allowances on the two cut sides.



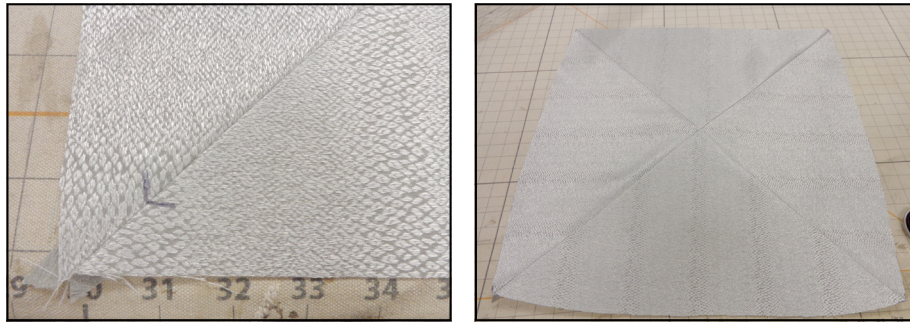
- 5 Place pieces on face fabric, following grain as needed.
- 6 Cut pieces, making sure to add a seam allowance on the two cut sides.



- 7 Sew all four pieces together, opening join seams as you go.
- 8 Turn over and press well, opening seams.



- 9 Lay tapered pillow template over face. Mark and trim to size.



- 10 Cut the back to size plus a few inches on the bottom.
A. The extra is for a zipper.

- 11 Insert an invisible zipper into the seam.



- 12 Lay face to back, right sides together and trim.

- 13 Open zipper and sew front to back.

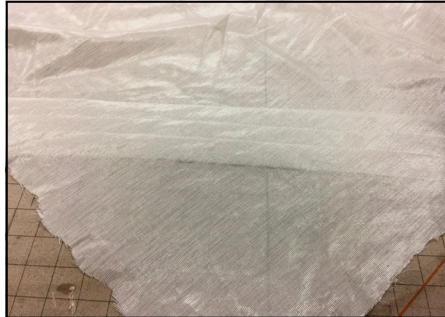
- 14 Turn right sides out and add decorative nail to center.
A. Be sure to use a nail lock with a cap to keep the nail in place.



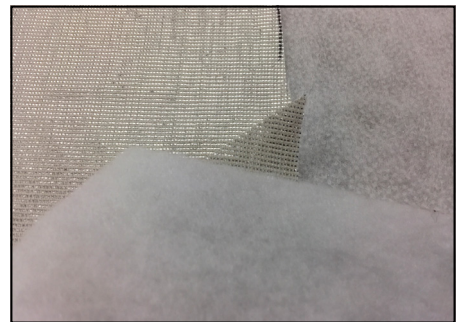
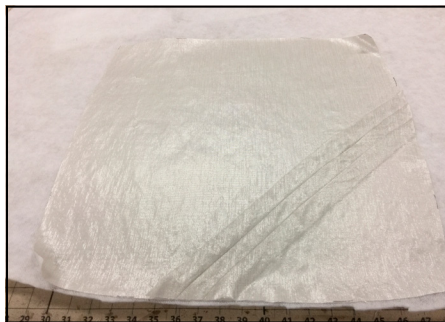
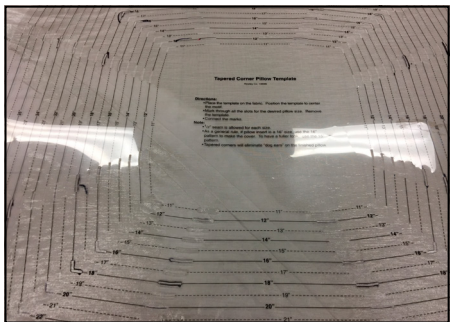
- 12 Stuff and zip closed.

Making the Pleated Silk Pillow with Gem Nail Detail:

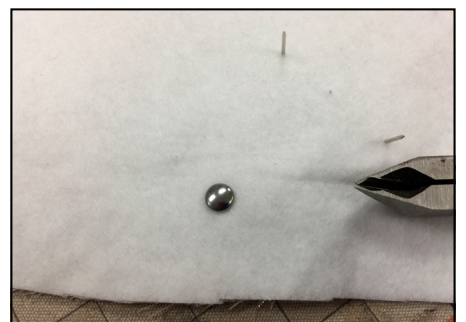
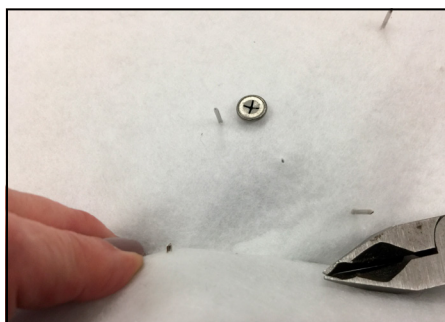
- 1 Cut pillow back to size plus seam allowances, using the tapered pillow template.
- 2 Cut face piece of fabric about 2 x larger than needed for your size of pillow.
- 3 At one corner, fold in 1" pleats.
- 4 Press well.



- 5 Carefully transfer pleated front to a layer of stabilizer.
- 6 Iron onto stabilizer to secure pleats .
- 7 Iron on a layer of iron-on batting to add body to the face and back.
- 8 Cut front to size using the tapered pillow template.

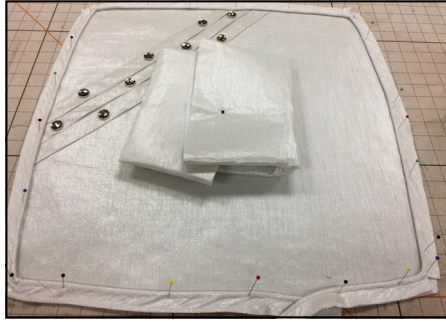


- 9 Add decorative nails, spacing as needed on folds of pleats.
A. Be sure to leave room for side seams and pillow sides once stuffed.
- 10 Push nails through all layers.
- 11 Cut shank off at 1/8".
- 12 Push on nail locks with caps.



13 Cut and make enough welt cord to go around the pillow plus joins.

14 Glue-baste welt cord to pillow front.



15 Sew on welt, making the join at the machine.

16 Place front to back, right sides together, leaving an opening for turning.

17 Turn right sides out.

18 Stuff and hand close.

Making the Silk Pillow with Hand Beaded Pleats:

1 Cut pillow front and back to size + seam allowances.

2 Decide what the size of the pleated area will be

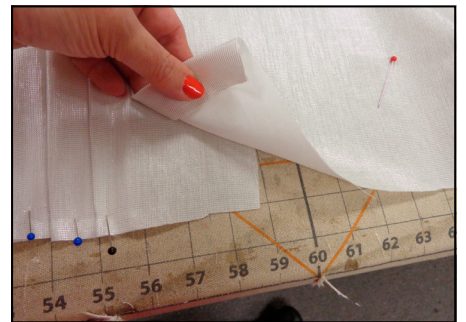
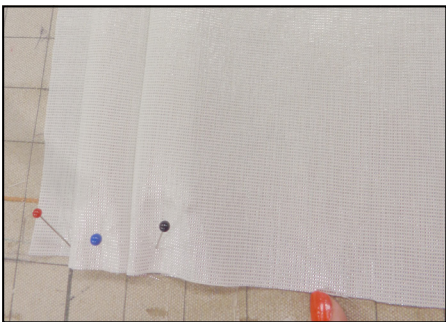
3 Cut strips of fabric to that size plus seams plus an inch for ease.

A. Do not join strips.

4 Fold strips into 1" pleats so the top of the next pleat touches the last pleat in line.

5 Pin well and iron to set pleats.

6 At a join, simple fold back the second piece and continue to pleat until you reach the size.

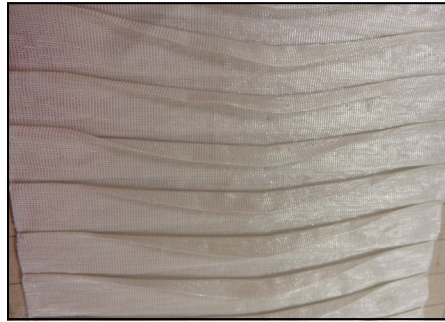
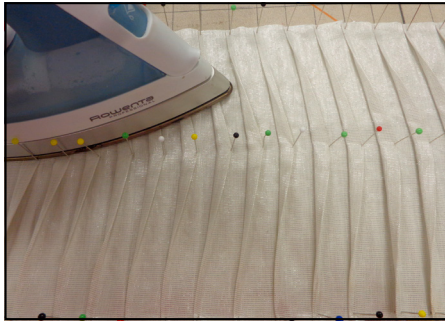


7 Carefully transfer ironed pleats to a layer of fusible stabilizer.

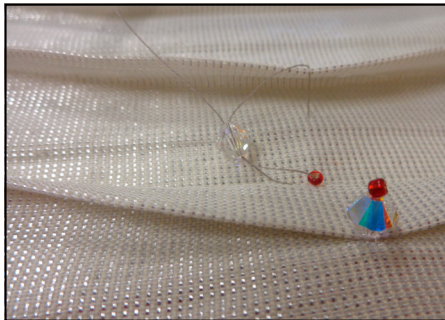
8 Iron to fuse the layers.



9 With your iron, fold up the center of each pleat. Steam to set.

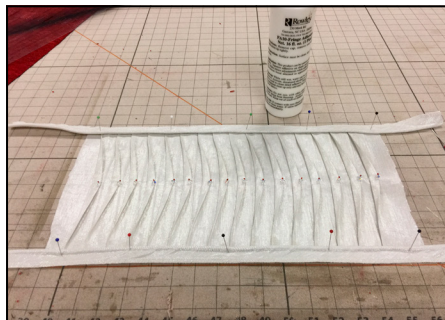


10 At each pleat center, sew on beads to secure the fold to the face.



11 Cut and make enough welt cord to run both sides of the pleated area.

12 Glue-baste then sew on welt.



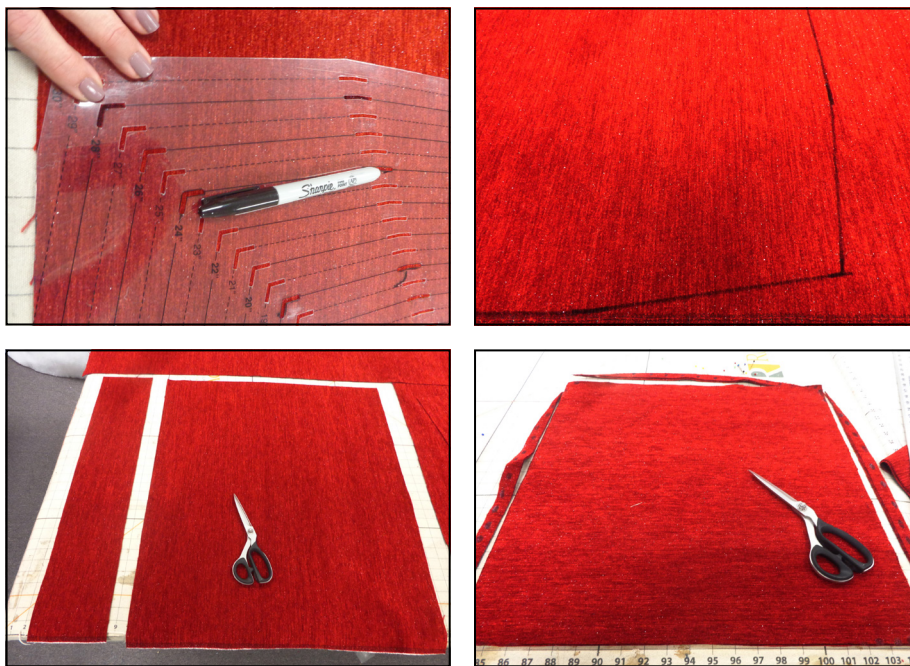
13 Turn under seam allowances and pin to center of pillow front.

- 14 Stitch-in-the-ditch to attach pleated area to pillow front.
- 15 Complete pillow by sewing front to back, stuffing and closing.



Making the Inset Field Euro Pillows:

- 1 Cut front to size + seam allowances, using the tapered pillow template.
- 2 Cut back to size + seam allowances + a few inches on the length for a zipper.
- 3 Cut the center field using the standard pillow template to size + seam allowances.
- 4 Cut and make enough welt cord to go around the center area plus joins.

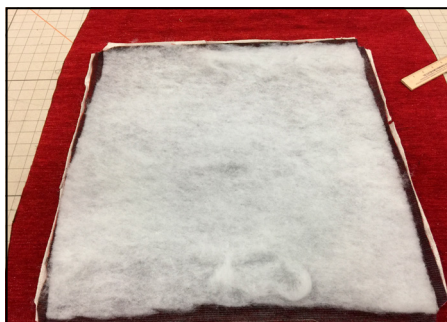


- 5 On the center piece, glue-baste then sew on welt cord, making the join at the machine.
- 6 Place front, face up, on table.

7 On the center field piece, cut off corner lip and tuck all seam allowances under.

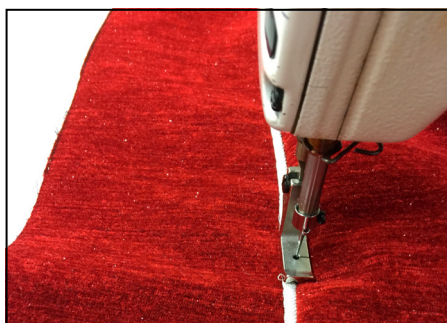
8 Add a slight layer of batting to the center and place in center of front. Pin well.

9 Stich-in-the-ditch to secure center field to front.



10 Cut 3" off the back piece, on the bottom.

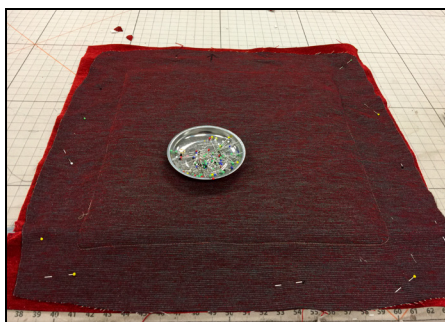
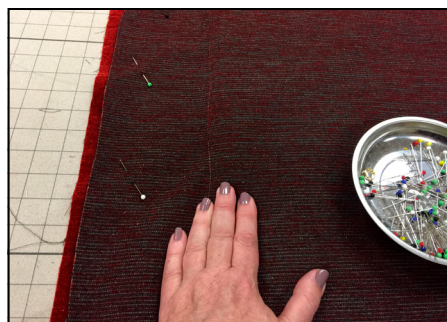
11 Insert an invisible zipper into the seam.



12 Lay front to back and trim to size .

13 Open zipper and sew front to back, right sides together.

14 Turn right sides out, stuff and close.

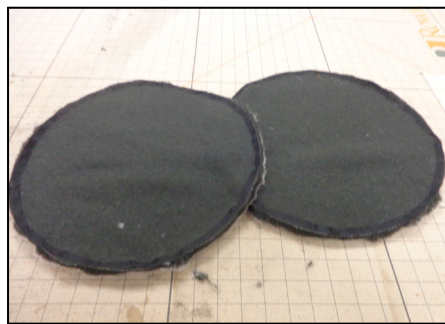
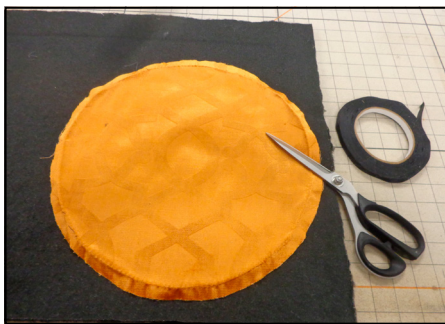
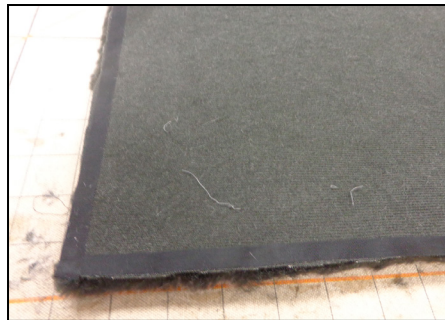
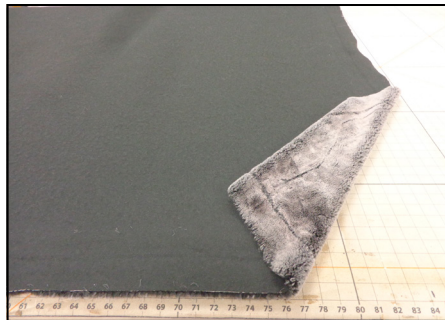




Making the Large Faux-Fur Bolster:

Our bolster finished 60" wide and had an end circle of 12". To make the insert, I had to sew two large bolster inserts together and then wrap them in batting.

- 1 Cut the body piece 61" Wide x 38.5".
- 2 Cut the two end circles at 13" round.
- 3 On all edges of all pieces, press on a row of cold-press tape, running it inside of the seam allowance.
 - A. This will keep the pieces from stretching.
 - B. Since it is placed within the seam allowance, you should miss sewing into it at the machine.



- 4 Sew welt to each circle, moving the fur flat as you sew and making the joins at the machine.



- 5 Fold the body piece on half, lengthwise and sew the long side together, only sewing about 4" at the top and 4" at the bottom.
- A. Leave the rest of the long seam open.



- 6 Insert an invisible zipper into the rest of the long seam.
- A. Do not try to sew right up against the zipper teeth. Leave room for the bulk of the fur.
- B. Try using a welt foot to sew on the zipper.
- C. Pin zipper in place first and then sew.



- 7 Find and mark quarters on each circle and on each end of the body.
- 8 Match quarter marks then pin through all layers at the marks only.
- 9 Sew end circles to body.



10 Turn right sides out.

11 Stuff.

12 Zip closed, moving the fur out of the teeth as you go.

