Roomscapes

Coastal Retreat Pillows

Dress up a bed with custom decorative throw pillows in a variety of shapes and sizes for a lush, mix-and-match bedding style. Discover how to design and fabricate unique pillows from our Coastal Retreat Roomscape.



Materials & Supplies

Rowley Products	Item #
Pillow Inserts	Inserts
Invisible Zippers	EVP, EVR
R-TEX Firm Double Welt Cord	<u>WC52</u>
Crimp Button Forms, #36	FCA36
Cutting & Setting Die Sets	
for Crimp Button Form	<u>GLA36, GLH36</u>
Scissors	<u>CU22</u>
Basting / Tacking Gun	<u>ST26</u>
Pen Style Chalk Markers	<u>WW13</u>
Straight Edge Ruler	<u>MR26</u>
Glass Head Straight Pins	<u>TP49</u>
Bolster Needle	<u>TP89</u>
Tape Measure, 120" Flat	<u>DT8</u>

Coastal Retreat Pillows: Step-By-Step Instructions

Solid Blue Flanged Euro Shams:



For a 27" x 27" Euro sham with a 3" flange, cut pillow front 34" x 34".

Cut pillow backs as follows:

- 1: 34" x 31 ½"
- 1: 34" x 5"





To stabilize the pillow flanges, cut a piece of thin batting the size of the pillow front (34" x 34"). Cut a piece of lining the size of the pillow front. Sandwich the batting between the lining and pillow front. This will keep the inside of the pillow looking nice. Pin and baste the batting and lining to the pillow front just around the edges.



Cut and make enough double welt for the 27" x 27" pillow body.

- A. Cut strips large enough to go around the double welt cord.
- **B.** Fold welt over the first half of the welt and stitch. Flip the cord over, wrapping the excess fabric around the welt, and stitch in the ditch to cover the second side of the welt.
- C. Clip excess fabric away from the underside of the double welt.

NOTE: Clip the welt to the table to make trimming the excess fabric quick and easy.



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Insert the zipper in the pillow back. Serge the bottom of the pillow back piece and the top of the zipper strip for a clean finish. Cut a zipper a little longer than the pillow body. Insert between the pillow back and the zipper strip.





Place pillow front and pillow back right sides together. Pin. Stitch a ½" Seam Allowance (SA) around all four sides.

NOTE: Make sure the zipper is open, so you can turn it right sides out after stitching.





Clip corners and turn right side out. Press.

Measure in from the edges of the pillow for a 3" flange. Pin. Stitch the double welt over this mark removing pins as you sew along.



NOTE: The top stitching should be just below the zipper.

Paisley Mitered Corner Euro Sham:

Map out on the fabric to find pattern placement before cutting. For this Euro Sham, cut the pillow front center section 28" x 28".







For an overlapping flap back, cut one piece at $18" \times 34"$ and another at $28" \times 34"$. On the inside edges, turn under a double $1 \frac{1}{2}"$ hem and hem in your method of choice. Overlap the back sections to create a pillow back of $34" \times 34"$. Stitch across the overlap at the top and bottom.



Cut strips and make enough welt cord to go around pillow body front. Stitch to pillow body.



Cut the mitered edges $35" \times 4"$. On one long edge of the flange piece (the side that will be stitched to the pillow body) and both short ends, mark a $\frac{1}{2}"$ SA.





Next fold the strips in half with the short ends together. From the center, mark out ½ the pillow body and make a mark intersecting the SA line. Call this Point A. Unfold the strip and measure from the center make the same mark on the other end of the flange strip. The distance between these marks will equal your finished pillow body measurement.







Draw a line from this mark to the corner of the flange strip. This is a 45° angle.





Pin the flanges together along the diagonal line. Stitch on the diagonal line from Point A out to the corner of the flange stitch. Clip the corners, leaving the SA at the inner corners. Press mitered seams open.





The mitered edge will now look like this.





Pin and stitch the flange to the pillow body.











To stabilize the flange, cut a piece of thin batting and lining the size of the pillow front. Baste around the outside edges.





Place pillow front and back right sides together. Pin and stitch around the pillow. Turn right sides out. Press.



To stitch the flange, pin pillow front to back and stitch in the ditch between the pillow body and the welt cord.





Put pillow insert in through the flap in the back of the pillow.





Standard Pillow Shams:

Cut pillow backs 27" x 20", cut pillow fronts (contrast fabric) the same size.



Use pattern film to make a template when using a fabric with a pattern.



We made these as a pillowcase. Serge all edges of the pillow fronts and backs for a clean finish.

Place pillow front and backs right sides together. Pin three sides and stitch sham front to the back, leaving the side where the ruffle will be attached open. Mark the open end into eighths.





Cut and make enough welt for the ends of the pillow shams.



Pin and stitch the welt to the open end of the sham.





Cut strips for the ruffle. For a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ruffle, cut strips 6", stitch together to get the length needed, press seams open and then fold in half matching the long edges. We used 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ X fullness for the ruffles.







Serge the long edges. Ruffle in your method of choice.





Use a tag gun or pins and mark the ruffles into eighths.





Pin ruffle to sham, matching marks and stitch.





Turn right sides out and press ruffle seam towards pillow.





Neckroll Pillow:



Measure insert circumference for the pillow cut length and then add $1^{"}$ for two $\frac{1}{2}^{"}$ SA. Measure from seam to seam for the pillow cut width. Do not add a SA to this measurement for a tight fit. Measure pillow end diameter for circle cuts. Add SA to this measurement. Mark fabric and cut the pillow body.



Mark the circle ends but do not cut. Cut bias strips to make enough covered welt to go around the circles.





Make two covered buttons.

Sew the welt cord to the circles with the welt down and the wrong side of the fabric up. Using the line drawn, match the edge of the welt cord to the line and stitch.



Stop about 3" from the end of the circle, flip the fabric over, and create a clean finish to the welt cord. After joining the welt ends, cut the circles.







Prepare and insert an invisible zipper in the pillow starting and stopping about 2" from each end. Match edges of pillow and stitch the remaining seam up to the point the zipper is stitched.



Divide the pillow end into quarters and mark or clip. Divide the circle ends into quarters and mark or clip. Match marks, pin, and stitch circle ends to bolster.



Attach the buttons to complete the pillow.

- A. Cut a length of button twine or shade cord longer than 2 X the width of the pillow.
- **B.** Double the ends and insert the loop through the shank of one button.
- **C.** Pull the ends through the loop and pull to tighten.
- **D.** Insert the other ends into the eye of a long needle. We used a 24" bolster needle.



- E. Insert the needle in the center of one end and out the center of the other end.
- **F.** Pull the twine through the bolster enough to create a dimple on one end, tie the second button creating a dimple on the other end and then clip the threads.







