

“3-D TUCKED PILLOW”



Spruce up your sofa or bedroom with a new decorator pillow at the same time you are learning a new technique. By manipulating simple placed tucks, an interesting 3-D pattern emerges. This technique can be used in a variety of applications such as a tucked panel down the front of a blouse or a block in a contemporary quilt. Changing the fabric from a brightly colored floral to a jewel tone geometric gives a whole new look to this project. Add beads or charms to the center of the selected decorative stitch and it is possible to create a designer pillow.

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Supplies:

- 1/2 yard decorator fabric, 52/54 wide
- 14" pillow form
- 1 2/3 yards of bias-edge corded trim
- 12" zipper
- Marking tool – a chalk wheel works best
- 90/14 needle
- Rotary cutter, mat and ruler
- Polyester thread for construction – match fabric as close as possible
- 1 spool of decorative thread – this can be a polyester or rayon in a matching or contrasting color

Machine(s) and Accessories:

6005 Heirloom Edition

Instructions:

Pillow Front:

1. Cut fabric for front piece 18" x 28". Use the ruler to mark straight lines 1" apart across the entire piece of fabric. To start grid measure over from the side edge 2" and mark the first line. Now measure over 1" and mark. Continue across fabric piece until the last line is 2" from the fabric edge. See [Illustration 1](#).
2. Thread machine and insert 90/14 needle. Select the straight stitch and adjust the stitch length to 2.0 and needle position to 5.0.
3. Fold fabric wrong sides together on each line and press. Place the "A" foot or standard foot on the machine. We will use the edge of the presser foot as a guide for our seam width.
4. Starting from the side of the pillow place fabric under edge making sure that the folded edge is aligned with the edge of the presser foot. Stitch the first pintuck. Continue to fold fabric and align with edge of presser foot. There are a total of 24 tucks.
5. Press pintucks into pairs pressing the folded edge in or facing each other.
6. From the top edge measure down 3" and mark a line across fabric panel. From this marking measure down 3" and mark a line. Repeat for a third marked line. See [Illustration 2](#).
7. Place the decorative thread in the needle. Snap on the satin stitch foot. Loosen the needle tension to 2 to 3. Select pattern number 44, the star/daisy.
8. The decorative stitch will be stitched at the marked point between the two tucks. Since only one pattern is needed it will be necessary to end the pattern by selecting the auto-stop key after the stitch starts to sew.
9. Repeat this across the pillow front on each of the lines drawn.
10. From each 3" marked line measure up 1 1/2 " and mark a line across the fabric panel. See [Illustration 3](#).
11. Starting at the left edge of the pillow front and working across, open the tucks and stitch the fold to the tuck next to it. Repeat across each line between the 3" segments. Again, watch to be sure that the star/daisy stitch catches the right tuck and the other half of the stitch catches the left tuck. See [Illustrations 4 and 5](#).
12. Continue with this pattern sewing on the tucks until the whole piece is tucked.
13. Trim the pillow front to 15" x 15".
14. Snap on the zipper foot. Rethread the machine with sewing thread and reset the tension to 4 and select the straight stitch.
15. Pin the trim, raw edges even, to the pillow front. Adjust the stitch length to 2.4/2.6. Move the needle position close to the corded trim and baste the trim in place. Stitch trim to pillow front. Overlap edges when trim meets.
16. For pillow back cut fabric 15" x 16". Measure up 4" and cut across fabric. Prepare fabric for a center zipper application. Insert zipper following manufacturers directions using a 1/2 " seam allowance.
17. Open the zipper. Place pillow front and back right sides together. Stitch together using a 1/2 " seam allowance.
18. Turn and lightly press around edges. Insert the pillow form.

Illustrations

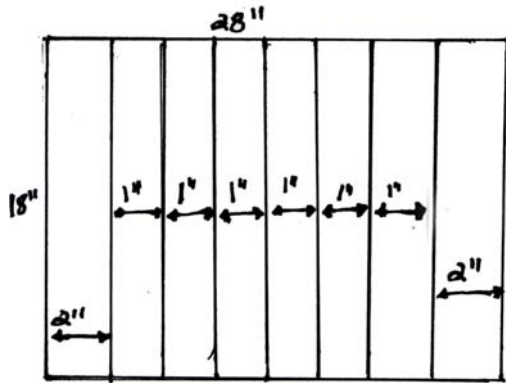


Illustration 1

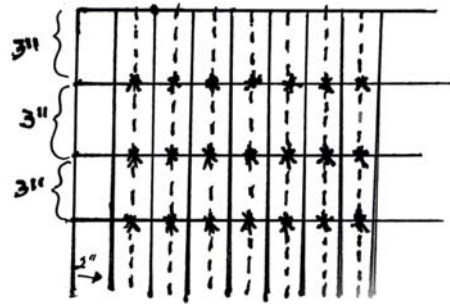


Illustration 2 **Stitch #44** ★
Dotted line is the fold of the tucks facing.

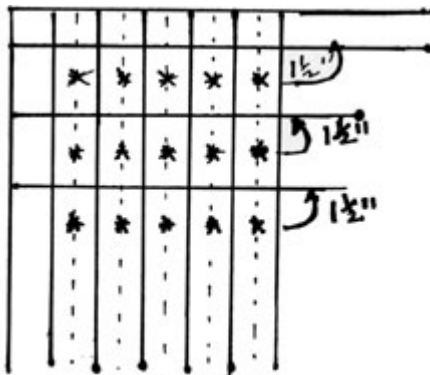


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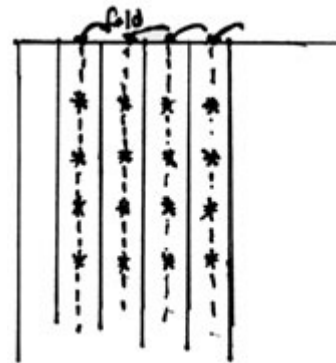


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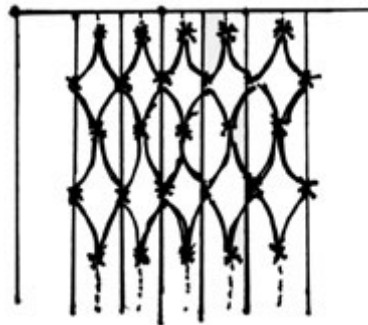


Illustration 5

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