

in bloom

*E*mbroider your own garden, and watch it grow!
Mix and match your favorite flower shapes and colors
for a cheerful scene that brings a smile all day long.



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WHAT YOU NEED

Basic Pillows Tool Kit

1 yard (.9 m) of white cotton for the pillow front and back

1¼ yard (22.8 cm) of muslin for the pillow form

54 inches (1.4 m) of rickrack

16 inches (40.6 cm) of ⅜-inch (.95 cm) trim for the grass

Transfer pencil

Embroidery hoop

Embroidery floss in assorted colors for the flowers

Embroidery needle

Polyester fiberfill

SEAM ALLOWANCE

½ inch (1.3 cm) unless otherwise noted

FINISHED SIZE

16 x 10½ inches (40.6 x 26.7 cm)

What You Cut

White Cotton

- 1 rectangle, 11 x 16 inches (27.9 x 40.6 cm) for the pillow front
- 2 rectangles, one 11 x 12 inches (27.9 x 30.5 cm), one 10 x 11 inches (25.4 x 27.9 cm) for the pillow back

Muslin

- 2 rectangles, each 11 x 16 inches (27.9 x 40.6 cm)

WHAT YOU DO

1 Copy the flower templates. Cut to separate the flowers, but do not cut them out. Cut out the fabric as described in the box, left. Decide how you want to arrange the flowers on the pillow front by mixing and matching them as desired. Trace the flowers with the transfer pencil, then press with an iron to transfer them to the pillow front.

2 With the fabric in an embroidery hoop, embroider the flowers to your liking. Use an assortment of floss colors to work stitches such as the satin stitch, chain stitch, straight stitch, backstitch, and split stitch. Lay the trim for the grass across the pillow front at the base of the flowers, pin, and stitch.

3 Following the instructions for sewing rickrack in seams on the following page, pin the rickrack to the pillow front and baste.

4 On each piece cut for the back, turn one of the short sides under ¼ inch (6 mm) and press. Turn under once more to make a 1-inch (2.5 cm) hem, press, and sew. Follow the instructions for making an envelope back on the following page.

5 Make the pillow form using the two pieces of muslin, following the instructions for making a pillow form on the following page. Insert the form into the pillow.



SEWING RICKRACK IN SEAMS

If you're looking for a fun way to finish the edges of your pillow, try sewing rickrack in the seams.

1 Lace the rickrack on the right side of a piece of fabric. Center it on the seam allowance, pin in place, and then baste along the center of the rickrack (figure 1).

2 Pin the two pieces of fabric right sides together, then stitch. When you turn your pillow cover right side out, half the rickrack will show, giving you that signature wavy edge.

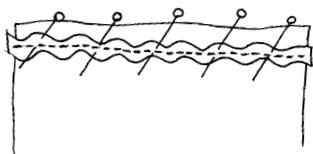


figure 1

ENVELOPE BACK

Like the back on a pillow sham for your bed, the overlapping hemmed edges of the envelope back allow you to slip the pillow form in and out with ease. You cut two back pieces to make an envelope back.

1 Hem one edge on each of the pieces cut for the pillow back.

2 With right sides together and raw edges aligned, pin the back pieces to the front, one at a time. The hemmed edges will overlap (figure 2). Sew around all edges. Trim the seam allowance if directed. Trim the corners or notch the curves before turning.



figure 2

3 For a buttoned back, make a button hole centered on the overlapping seamed edge, and then attach a button to the back piece underneath.

MAKING A PILLOW FORM

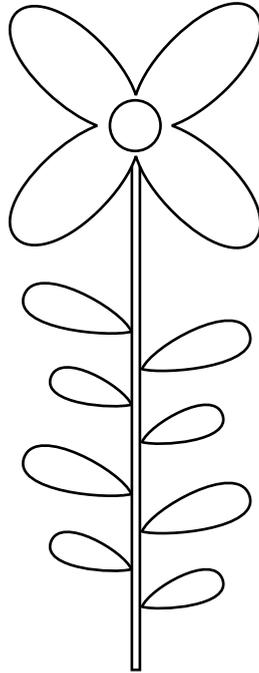
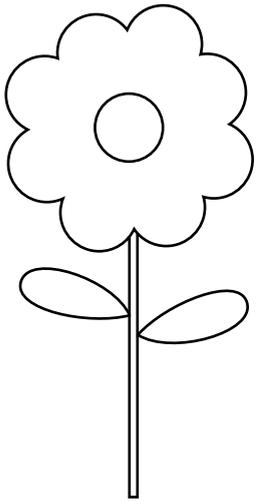
This part is quick and easy. Just sew, stuff, and insert!

1 Cut two pieces of muslin each to the size you need, adding a 1/2-inch (1.3 cm) seam allowance all around.

2 Pin the pieces with right sides together and stitch, leaving a 3-inch (7.6 cm) opening on one side for turning and stuffing.

3 Trim the seam allowance. If the pillow has corners, trim them. If the pillow has curved edges, notch them. Turn the pillow. If needed, use a chopstick or knitting needle to push out the corners. Press and stuff, then hand- or machine-stitch the opening closed.

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