

Reading Pillow

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This pillow is a great gift for a little one learning to read, or for the Adult to have a home for their favorite book. The pocket is just the spot to place books a flashlight some candy. This can be made with all one fabric or several coordinating fabrics. You can use fun fabrics and personalize to any style. In making this pillow you will conquer pillow construction, making and inserting piping and sewing together binding strips and binding.

Materials and Notions Needed:

- 5 Fat Quarters
- 2 1/4 Yards 1/8 wide cording
- 18" pillow form
- Janome sewing machine with decorative stitches
- 1/4" foot
- Zipper Foot
- A Foot
- Pins
- Rotary cutter, matt and ruler
- Scissors

Cutting Instructions:

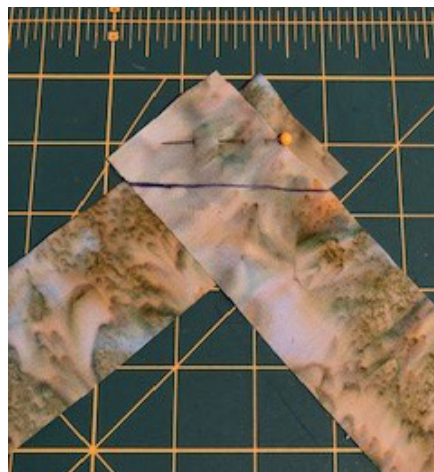
- FQ 1 (Pillow front): Cut one 18x18 and 3 pieces 2 1/2" x 18" for binding
- FQ2 &3 (Pillow back): Cut 4 pieces 18x10
- FQ4 (Pillow pocket): Cut 2 pieces 18 x 11
- FQ5 (Pipping): Cut 4 pieces 2 x 22

Making Piping

1. Sew together the 4 2 1/2 x18 inch strips with a diagonal seam
2. Overlap two ends of the strips together with

right sides together so that they form a V.

3. Draw a diagonal line as shown Pin and sew on the drawn line.



4. Repeat until all 4 pieces are sewn together.

TIP: To draw and sew in the correct direction place the overlapped strips are hanging like pant legs and the line drawn is the waist.

5. Trim the seams to a 1/4" seam allowance on all seams and press open.
6. Place the cording on the wrong side of the fabric
7. Wrap the cord in the fabric strips so that the right side of the fabric is facing out matching up the raw edges.
8. Using a zipper foot sew the piping, placing the zipper foot tight against the piping.

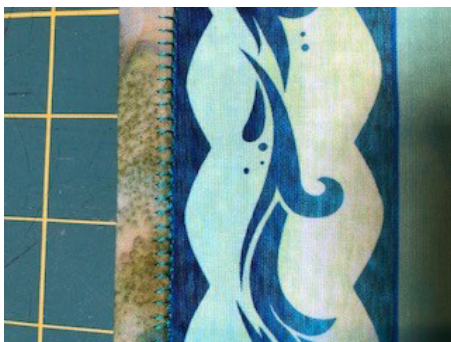
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TIP: If you are customizing and adding embellishments do this before sewing the pipping.

Pocket with Binding Trim

1. Place the 2 18x11 fabrics with wrong sides together.
2. Fold and press the 3 Binding strips in half lengthwise with right sides out, one will be used for the pocket front set aside the other 2 for the pillow back.
3. Using the 1/4" foot sew the binding to the back side of the pocket on the top of the pocket raw edge to raw edge



4. Flip the binding to the front and press lining up the edge of the binding so that it covers the sewn stitches and press and pin in place.

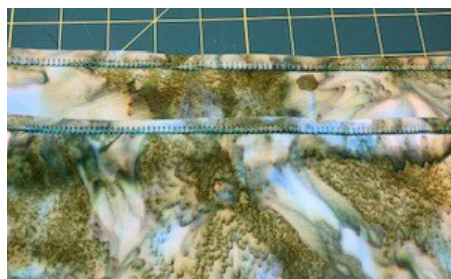
TIP: A blanket or decorative stitch can be used for added interest, if you do make sure to change to a standard sewing foot!

Pillow Back

1. With the 4 pieces of 18x10 place two together right sides out, you will have two sets this is the pillow top and bottom for the back.
2. 1 side only will have binding, pin binding strip on both pillow back lining pieces.



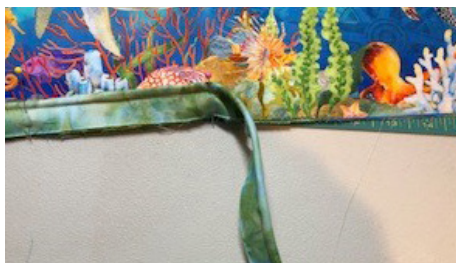
3. With a 1/4" foot sew the binding strips on both pieces.
4. Press and flip to the front side pressing in place, the binding should cover your stitching line.
5. With a standard sewing foot sew the binding in place with your choice of decorative stitch for both sides of the pillow back.



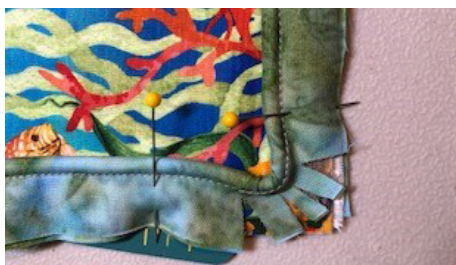
Pillow Assembly

1. Place the pillow front right side up and pin in place the pillow pocket lining up the raw edges on the bottom and sides of the pillow.
2. Starting at the center bottom edge Pin in place the piping .all around the pillow front leave a 3-4-inch tail of piping at the center bottom

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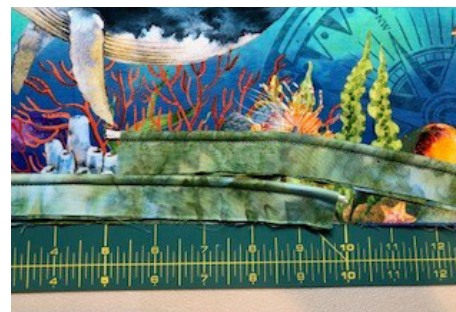
3. At each corner clip into the piping so that the corner can be turned, do this for all 4 corners.



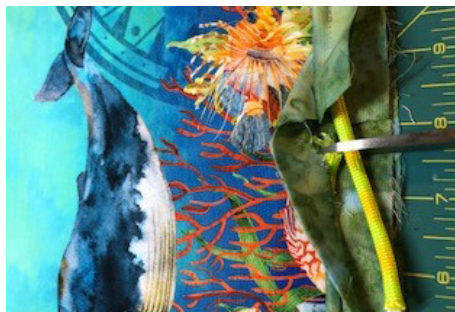
4. Once you reach the center bottom leave the excess piping for joining
5. Using the Zipper foot sew the piping to the pillow front, leaving an opening at the center bottom about 8 inches



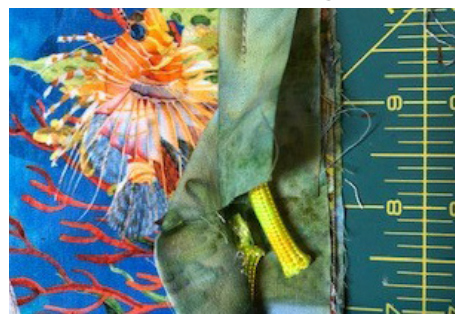
6. Trim the excess piping so that there is a 3-inch overlap.



7. On one of the right side pull out 2 inches of cord and trim just the cord leaving extra fabric.
8. Turn under the fabric on a diagonal.
9. Remove 2 inch² of stitching on the piping.
10. Match up the piping to the point that the cord was cut on the opposite side (you will have an overlap) and trim the piping.



11. Overlap the piping fabric so folded edge is at the bottom and raw edge of fabric on top



12. Fold over fabric and sew that opening closed.
13. Place the pillow back pieces right side up so that the bound edges are overlapping in the center.



14. Place and pin the pillow front right side to right side adjusting the overlap in the center so that all outer edges match up.

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15. Sew around all 4 sides using the zipper foot sewing close to the piping edge, following the stitching line.
16. Tip: this will be easier to do if you turn the pillow so that you can see the stitching line
17. You can zigzag the edges or serge them for a clean finish to the edges.
18. Turn inside out and enjoy

