



HOW TO SEW A PILLOW WITH CENTER ZIPPER AND PIPING

NEEDED:

PILLOW FORM (following measurements based on 16" pillow)

1 ¼ YARD OF PILLOW FABRIC

THREAD TO MATCH

24" or 22" all purpose polyester zipper

ROTARY CUTTER, 6"X24" RULER, 18"X 24" CUTTING MAT, SCISSORS,

IRON, MEASURING TAPE, PINS (provided in class)



Prepackaged piping

If you are not a beginner and want to make your own bias you will need 5/8 yard of piping fabric and you can purchase from Hobby Lobby piping cord style 753749 3.2mm – 18feet.

STEPS:

Bias piping

1. Prepare bias fabric - Place fold of your fabric on horizontal line of cutting mat. Use rotary cutter and ruler to square up the fabric so fabric edges are straight. Cut the fold of the fabric.
2. Fold piping fabric into triangle creating a bias edge. Cut the bias edge fold. Cut strips 1 ½ wide on bias edge.
3. Sew ends of strips wrong sides together using a ¼" seam. The seam will look like a cross, forming dog ears at joints. Sew from one "V" to the other "V" to form the seam. Form one continuous strip long enough to wrap around entire edge of pillow. Press seams in the strip to one side.
4. Fold strip in half over cord, wrong sides together, and stitch cord into piping strip using zipper foot, very close to cord.

Pillow

5. Measure pillow. Cut front of pillow square to be 1 inches larger than pillow. Cut back of pillow square to be 3 inches larger than pillow. Cut back in half vertically for the zipper insertion.
6. Pin piping to edge of pillow front, right sides together. Stitch close to cord using zipper foot all the way around, attaching piping to pillow front. Clip and turn corners as you go. Leave $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of piping open at one end to create overlap and half inch of cord extending from other end. Fold $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of end of piping under, conceal cord in fold. Stitch to pillow front close to cord.
7. Right sides together, place the zipper tape along the center seam. (the zipper is about 4" longer than the pillow top) Zipper ends should extend beyond fabric on both sides of the pillow so you do not have to sew around the zipper pull. Stitch along center of zipper tape. Use the general purpose foot edge as a stitching guide by allowing the presser foot edge to stay even with the zipper tape edge. Once you sew the zipper tape to the seam allowance, turn the fabric to right side and push a fold up to the zipper coil. Top stitch in a zipper flap. (Position the fold so it just touches the zipper coil.) I use the general purpose foot and use the edge of the foot running along the zipper coil as a visual guide when top stitching. You can adjust needle position for best results.
8. Pin other half of pillow back to zipper, matching right and left sides of pillow back and repeat #7 above.
9. Unzip the zipper so it is inside the pillow back. Stitch back and forth across bottom of zipper several times to end on both ends. Cut off excess zipper
10. Pin pillow front to back right sides together sew together along seam in pillow front. Trim excess.
11. Turn pillow cover right side out and stuff pillow with a pillow form. You can use fiber fill in the corners to give a better shape.