

Travel Pillow for Books • Instructions

Items you will need for this project:

- Sewing machine
- Two different fabrics: 2 - 17"x17" for pillow cover, 2 - 17"x11" for the pocket
- For the strap cut a piece 3" wide and 17" long.
- A 14"x14" pillow form
- Scissors
- Tape measure
- 14 inch zipper
- Thread with coordinating bobbin
- Iron
- Seam ripper

1. Cut all material for pillow cover.



2. Make the handle by fold each edge in to meet the middle, iron down, and fold in half. Stitch a seam along the edge of the opening.
3. Choose embroidery design.

4. Center one of the pocket material using erasable pen (measure 1/4" up so the design looks centered on pillow).



5. Hoop the piece using the center mark with cutaway backing.
6. Embroider design and trim backing close to the design without cutting any embroidered stitches
7. Sandwich the front and back of the pocket material (wrong sides together). Create the finish seam by folding the top edges twice and sew a decorative stitch to hold down seams.
8. Place the pocket on top of the front pillow cover material. Lining up at the bottom of the material. Place the back pillow cover on top (right side down) and pin bottom together.



9. Baste stitch across the bottom using a ¼" seam.
10. Set your machine back to regular stitching and sew in on each side of material before the zipper to finish off the bottom edges (Use your zipper for a guide).
11. Press the seams open. (The pocket seams are pressed towards the pocket material).



12. Lay flat and place the zipper (face down) on top of the seam and pin.
13. Sew with your zipper foot and needle to the left all around the zipper. (double stitch the ends to secure them).
14. Use a seam ripper open the baste stitch exposing the zipper. Pull the zipper half way open.



15. Align the rest of the pillow cover and pocket. Place the handle ends 4 ½ inches from the outside edges of material and pin (the handles are placed inside for sewing area).



Sew the remaining three sides using a ¼" seam (double stitch over handles, ends, and top of pocket edges to strengthen them).

16. Clip the corners so when you turn it inside out the edges will form nicely.
17. Pull the zipper all the way open and turn inside out. Push the corners out with a non-sharp object.
18. Insert the pillow form and zip shut.
19. Your travel pillow is ready to go!

