

Nifty Little Travel Pillow Case

As vacation time nears, get ready to catch some z's on those long flights or road trips. What's better, this simple but stylish pillow case is constructed of 4 fat quarters so there is no yardage to buy and minimal fabric leftover.

Skill Level: Basic

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Supplies:

Amazing Designs Favorite Phrases Design Collection—ADC-165J
Baby Lock Esanté or embroidery machine with a 130mm x 180mm embroidery field
4-coordinating fat quarters (2 for the body of the pillow case)
Tear Away Stabilizer
Medium hoop
Air erasable fabric marker
Temporary spray adhesive
Ruler
Rotary cutter
Small scissors
Assortment of Madeira embroidery thread
All Purpose sewing thread
12" x 16" pillow form or travel pillow



Instructions:

1. Cut 2 12" x 14" pieces from fat quarters for the body of the pillow. Cut 2 14" x 10-1/2" from one fat quarter for the band and 2 14" x 1-1/2" for the piping.
2. Fold one of the 14" x 10-1/2" pieces in half making it 14" x 5 1/4". Keeping in mind a 1/2" seam will be used, mark the center of the band. Open the fold of the band.
3. Hoop a piece of tear-away stabilizer in the 5" x 7" hoop. Spray the stabilizer with temporary spray adhesive. Using the markings on the band, place it on the stabilizer, centering it in the hoop.

4. Load design SAL204 onto the machine. Use the center marks to center the band in the hoop. Stitch the design. Remove from hoop and tear away the excess stabilizer.
5. Set the machine up for regular straight stitch sewing.
6. To attach the piping to the pillow case, fold each piping piece in half lengthwise. This makes each piece 14" x 3/4". Matching raw edges, pin along the 14" edge of each of the pillow body pieces and stitch using a 1/2" seam.
7. Pin the pillow body right sides together along the 3 sides that do not have the piping. Continuing with the 1/2" seam, stitch along all three sides, pivoting at the corners. When finished, trim the corners and turn right side out.



8. Now, to make the band, with right sides together, pin along the 10-1/2" sides and stitch using a 1/2" seam. This makes a tube. Press the seams open and fold wrong sides together, matching the raw edges and the seams at the side.
9. Pin the band along the top edge of the pillow case body with the piping attached. Match the raw edges and the side seams. Stitch using a 1/2" seam.
10. Press the seam allowance toward the band, turn right side out and slip your pillow inside; it's napttime!

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