



Topstitched Pillow

One fabric square, 2 seams, stuff it & it's done! It can be made in any size. The pillow shown is made from canvas. It makes a great floor pillow.

Supplies:

Coats Dual Duty Topstitching thread or Dual Duty XP Heavy thread

Coats Dual Duty All-purpose thread

1 2/3 yds 60 inch fabric *

Poly fill-40 oz. (two large bags)

Marking pen

**The fabric will always be a square –the length and width are equal. The finished pillow will equal 1/2 the width & length measurements. 60 inch width—1 2/3 yd fabric. 45" width –1 1/4 yd. Or you can cut a square 2 times the dimensions of the desired pillow.*

1. Cutting.

Fold the fabric lengthwise. On the selvage edge, mark the midpoint of the length of the fabric. Mark a diagonal line from each end at the fold to the midpoint.

2. Cut on diagonal lines. Unfold the fabric, lay on flat surface, right side up. For topstitching mark 4 points at 2" intervals from each corner. Mark 4 lines across each corner connecting corresponding points. Thread machine with topstitching thread on top and all-purpose thread in the bobbin. Be sure to use a size 16 or 18 needle. Set machine for a wide zig zag and stitch across each line.

4. Fold the pillow piece in half with right sides together. Pin the short ends. For canvas or other heavy-weight fabric, thread machine with heavy thread on the top and in the bobbin. Lengthen your stitch 8-10 stitches per inch. or 3.5 mm. Press each seam to opposite side. This seam is on the bias so do not stretch the fabric while stitching. Press the seam allowances to one side.

5. Take the center of the two unstitched edges in your hands and pull in opposite directions. Pin the unstitched edges with right sides together and raw edges even, matching the seam lines. Stitch 1/2" from the raw edge, leaving a 10" opening in the middle.; backstitch. Press the seam allowances to one side. Trim corners diagonally and turn pillow to right side. Stuff with poly-fil or pillow form.

6. At opening, turn in raw edges, making sure to align the seam line. Slipstitch the opening closed.