

Home Decor Project

Garden Elegance with a Modern Mix Decorator Pillows

Sunshine, a good book and a comfortable place to enjoy the great outdoors...what more could one need on a beautiful summer afternoon! Quick to stitch decorator pillows add a splash of color and keep the flowers in bloom all season long.

Supplies

Fabric & Notions

Benartex Fabric Collection - *Modern Mix*
Requirements per pillow

- 1 ¼ yards fabric
- 18" pillow form
- 22" zipper
- 18 ½" x 18 ½" piece of batting
- OESD Polymesh Stabilizer
- OESD Ultra Clean and Tear Stabilizer
- 505 Temporary Embroidery Adhesive
- Isacord Embroidery Thread
- Construction wt thread
- Chalk marker or painter's tape

Embroidery Designs

- OESD's *Modern Mix* Premier Collection #003

Machine & Accessories

- BERNINA Sewing and Embroidery machine
- Reverse Pattern Foot #1/1C and guide
- Zipper Foot #4/4D
- Edgestich Foot #10/10C
- Embroidery Foot #26
- Embroidery Foot with Clear Sole #39/39C
- Optional - Mega Hoop

Note: The Mega Hoop is convenient for long designs such as the border design shown on the pillow in the background.



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First Things First:

Note: Instructions are written for one pillow. Individual embellishment instructions included as necessary.

- For pillow front: Cut one 22" square
- For pillow back: Cut one 11 ½" x 22" rectangle
Cut one 18 ½" x 22" rectangle
- Select embroidery motif. (Hint: print a design template from embroidery software to audition placement on pillow front.)
- Mark design center point on pillow front rectangle using sample photo for suggested positioning.
Note: Pillow includes a 1 ½" flange. Be sure to take the width of the flange into consideration when determining design placement.

First Things First Continued...

- Adhere two layers of Polymesh together with 505 Spray. Adhere to wrong side of the fabric, behind area that will be embroidered; securing with 505 Spray.
- Hoop.
- Send design to machine.
- Stitch.

Note: For items that will be laundered on a regular basis, Isacord polyester embroidery thread is ideal. Color-fast and bleach resistant, Isacord will stand up to frequent washings, withstand bleach and exposure to direct sunlight.

- Remove the completed embroidery from the hoop. Carefully trim away excess stabilizer and press gently from the wrong side on a padded surface.

Details, Details...

- Use 505 Spray to adhere the batting in the center, on the wrong side of the pillow front fabric.
- **Variation 1** (first pillow):
 - Select a decorative stitch. Attach Embroidery Foot with Clear Sole #39/39C. Thread machine with embroidery thread.
 - Mark (use chalk marker or painter's tape) a horizontal and vertical line to form a corner to "frame" the design.
 - Place a layer of Ultra Clean and Tear behind the corner and stitch.

Tip: Align edge of presser foot with the marking; begin stitching from the corner out for each row for complete control over the intersection of the stitches.
 - Gently remove the excess stabilizer.
- **Variation 2** (second pillow):
 - Mark a line (use chalk marker or painter's tape) approximately 1 ½" from the edge of the border design (*Illustration 1*).
 - Select a straight stitch; increase the length to 3.0. Attach Reverse Pattern Foot #1.
 - Position the inside edge of one toe of the presser foot along the edge of the tape and stitch (*Illustration 2*). Start and stop the stitching 2" from the raw edge of the fabric.
 - Move the needle to the far right; align the inside edge of the left toe of the presser foot with the previously sewn row of straight stitching (*Illustration 3*). Stitch. Repeat once more for a total of three rows of stitching.

Zip it up and Stitch It Up.....

- Select straight stitch, attach Zipper Foot #4/4D (For BERNINA 830-engage Dual Feed). Unzip the zipper. Place zipper tape along 22" side of 11 ½" pillow back rectangle, right sides together. Move needle position to stitch along the edge of the zipper coils.
- Place remaining edge of zipper tape along 22" side of remaining pillow back rectangle, right sides together and stitch.
- Zip the zipper. Press seam allowances away from the zipper coils.



Illustration 1



Illustration 2



Illustration 3

Zip It Up and Stitch It Up Continued

- Mark a line 6" from the zipper on the wider side of the pillow back.
- Lay the pillow back flat, right side up. Bring the marked line toward the zipper coils, extending past the zipper approximately 1" forming a tuck. Press the tuck in place.
- Top stitch 2 ½" from the fold to keep the tuck secure.
- Layer the pillow front and back, right sides together, leaving the zipper open 2".
- Stitch the outside edges together using a ½" seam allowance.
- Unzip the zipper to turn the pillow right side out and press.
- Attach #10/10C Foot and move the needle position to the far left. Align the center guide with the finished edge of the pillow. Topstitch around the finished edge (*Illustration 4*).
- Attach the seam guide to Reverse Pattern Foot #1/1C, adjusting the guide to indicate 1 ½" from the needle. Position the guide along the previous row of topstitching. Stitch around the pillow to form the flange (*Illustration 5*).
- Insert pillow form.



Illustration 4



Illustration 5



Pillows designed and created by Jennifer Gigas.