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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 1/4 yards fabric
- 18" pillow form
- 22" zipper
- 18 1/2" x18 1/2" 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 1/2" 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.

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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

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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.

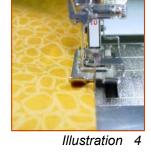




Illustration 5

