

Decorator Pillow Instructions

Supplies-

1. Scraps, enough for the tree trunk and the leaves. Cutting your scraps into rectangles will make it easier to cut them into similar sizes.
2. Appliqué material: Heat' n Bond. You'll need about 1/2 yard or more depending on how many leaves you want to make.
3. Material for the pillow front, cut to 17" x 17" square. I used cotton duck material.
4. Material for the back. Cut 1 rectangle 17"x 14" and cut 1 rectangle 17"x 10"

Iron your fabric scraps onto your appliqué material according to the directions on the appliqué material. Cover the project carefully with paper to protect the iron.

Cut out your trunk and leaf shapes. For the trunk- draw the shape of the trunk on the back of the appliqué material so you get a nice shape. Leaves can be cut as you go. For reference the trunk on the sample is 8" tall, and the leaves are all about 2.5" long and are 1.5" or so wide. When you get all your leaves cut out, remove the appliqué paper from the leaves and trunk.

Arrange the trunk & leaves on your pillow front. Don't place any within 1.5" of the edges to leave room for sewing. Once your design is how you like it, press with an iron over each spot for a few seconds making sure not to bump anything out of place. This will keep everything in place while you sew.

Sew the trunk & leaves on the pillow front. Use a straight stitch or you can do a zig zag stitch or blanket stitch around the edges if you prefer. I move my foot from leaf to leaf without cutting my threads so it goes faster, then go back and cut my thread at the end.

Prepare the pillow back. On each piece of backing fabric, fold one 17" edge under 1/2" once, press, then fold another 1/2" and press. These will be the edges of the envelope back.

Lay the backing pieces right sides down onto the pillow front overlapping the centers. Place the 17x14" backing piece down first, then the smaller piece, matching outer raw edges.

Pin around the edges well. Sew with a consistent 1/4" inseam around the edges, backstitch over the envelope openings for extra strength. After the initial sewing, either stitch around the edge with a zig zag stitch, or trim with a pinking shears. Clip your extra corner fabric so the corners will turn nicely.

Finish. Turn it inside out and stuff a 16" pillow form in it.