

Reading Pillow

A great gift for kids, teens or adults - tuck a favorite book into the pocket!

Supplies:

1 12½" square of main fabric for pillow front

1 12½" square of contrast fabric for pocket

1 11 x 12½" main fabric for pillow back

1 5½" x 12½" main fabric for pillow back

(The two pieces for pillow back will create an "envelope" opening)

1 2" x 12½" fabric for trim on top of pocket (optional) - or use rickrack, ribbon, etc.

12" pillow form (or make your own with muslin and fiberfill)

1 piece of batting 13" x 20" (for pillow front and pocket)

Directions:

Machine quilt pillow front to 13" x 13" piece of batting, then trim batting to 12½" x 12½".

For front pocket, fold contrasting fabric in half with wrong sides together, sandwiching 6½" x 13" piece of batting between fabric layers. Quilt through all layers. Trim pocket to 6½" x 12½".

If you wish to add contrasting fabric trim to top edge of pocket, sew to inside of pocket with raw edge of fabric aligned with folded edge of pocket. Stitch, press contrast fabric to outside of pocket, fold under raw edge and topstitch. You may substitute rickrack, ribbon or other trim if desired. These trims should be sewn to right side of pocket. Pin pocket to pillow front, with raw edges even.

To make pillow back, fold under ¼" on 12½" sides of back pieces, fold again, and press. Stitch hem on smaller piece. On larger piece, fold again to create a 2 1/2" hem and stitch. Overlap both pieces of the pillow back with larger piece on top so that they measure 12½" by 12½". Pin in place. With right sides together, stitch pillow front and pocket to pillow back sections. Turn right side out. Your pillow is finished. Tuck a book into the front pocket.