

Winter Wonderland Pocket Pillow.

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Materials Used:

In this instance; Stitched Dimensions 4 ¼ x 5 ½ "

SF101 for interfacing

Sawdust and polyfill for stuffing along with small amount of wool yarn or wool roving for corners

Contrast Fabric 1 ½" x 7" (trim along the front edge of the stitched area.)

Front pocket Fabric 6 ½"x 4" interfaced.

Pocket Back 4x7 interfaced

Pillow Back fabric cut size 7"x9"

Decorative trim 8" (white lace)

DMC 322 - I used 8 6-strand plies for the cording/twist.

Pre-sewing Notes:

Cording - You can use Vonna Pfeiffer's "The Twisted Stitcher" tutorial from YouTube for making the cording. You will need the cording for across the lace area as well as all the way around the finished pillow. [Make Cording for Finishing with Vonna, The Twisted Stitcher](#)

I used ½ inch air between stitching and edge not including sewing margins

I used a ¼ inch sewing margin

Steps:

1 Decide the finished size of the design.

(My finished stitched piece cut size was 5 ¾"x 7" including the ¼ inch sewing margin)

2. Apply interfacing to the back of the stitched piece according to manufacturer's instructions. Cut to size. (for me it's the 5 ¾ x 7")

3. Apply Interfacing to the pillow back piece, along with the front and back pocket pieces.

4. Lay the lace trim down the right side, with the right side of the lace facing the right side of the stitched piece. Pin and then check to make sure it's how you want it. Baste in place using ⅛" margin .

5. Iron 1 ½" contrast fabric in half longways wrong sides together. Open up the contrast fabric and sandwich fabrics together with the lace between the stitched piece and the contrast fabric, matching up the long edges. Sew in place with ¼ " margin. You can adjust the amount of contrast fabric peeking out behind the lace if desired. Press with lace and contrast fabric to the edge and sewn seam wrapped around. Fold the pressed side of contrast fabric to the back along the long side. Clip in place at top and bottom, once satisfied with how much contrast fabric you want peeking out.



Step 5 Front



Step 5 Back

6. Take the 6 ½"x4" piece of pocket fabric and fold in half short sides together with wrong sides together and sew with a ⅛" margin along the folded edge.
7. Place Pocket front and back in position with the pocket back behind the pocket front. Line up the stitching piece along the left side of the pocket pieces. Sew along the edge, in the ditch, where the lace and stitched area meet, catching both front and back of pocket pieces along the lace edge making sure the contrast fabric is caught as well.. (this stitched area will get covered up with cording.) Cut the pocket piece down to 3 ½ x7" along the right side.(Entire piece will measure the size of backing fabric, (Should be at around 9"x7"))



Step 7



Finished Project

8. Make cording. Will need cording to go across the lace as well as all the way around the pillow. (You may want to add an additional 2-4" just to make sure you have enough.)
9. Hand stitch the cording piece in place along the sewn line where the stitched fabric and lace meet up. (where you stitched all the layers together)Before cutting the cording apart make sure you tie a knot around the cording pieces on each side of the cutting line so they don't unravel.

10. Place the pillow front face up, making sure the pocket pieces are flat., Lay the pillow back face down lining up the edges. Pin or clip in place making sure the pocket piece is clipped in place so it doesn't move.. Sew all the way around leaving a 3" opening to be able to turn it right sides out locking the beginning and ending stitches in place.

11. Trim corners. Turn right side out, Carefully poke out the corners with a chopstick or turning tool, making sure everything looks like you would like it.

12. Stuff. (I will put some wool yarn or roving in the corners to keep them full or from flattening) I usually use a chopstick, drumstick, or turning tool to help stuff and push the fiberfil in place. I will also use a combination of fiberfil and sawdust to fill. Once stuffed to your liking, sew the hole closed using small ladder stitches.

13. Sew the remaining cording around the pillow edge with coordinating thread. (I used the embroidery floss color as listed above.