



Technique:	Machine Sewing
Skill Level:	Intermediate
Crafting time:	Evening

Coats Outdoor Thread (Art D71) resists almost every form of weather-related abuse, including UV rays and moisture. Use an outdoor fabric that is resistant to moisture and will withstand exposure to sunlight with our outdoor thread to create these pretty pillows for your pool or deck.

Finished Sizes of Project: 20" x 20"

Supplies

Coats Outdoor Thread, Art. D71

Outdoor fabric (44 to 54 inches wide):

- ¾ yard print fabric for pillow base
- ¾ yard solid fabric for boxing strip
- ½ yard solid color fabric for handle

Foam rubber, 20 inches square, 3 inches thick

Plastic wrap or a large plastic dry-cleaner bag

Cutting Instructions

FABRIC

Base: 22" square of print fabric. Cut 2.

Boxing: 4" * x 41" strip solid fabric. Cut 2.
*(or 1" wider than foam)

Handle: 4" x 9" rectangle of print fabric.

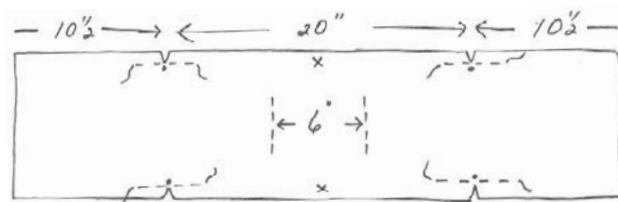
FOAM

Mark a 20" square on foam. Hold foam on it's edge and using a sawing motion, cut along the markings with a sharp serrated steak knife or electric knife.

Assembly Instructions:

BOXING STRIPS: On right side of both boxing strips, mark a dot at pillow corners as shown. (Illus. 1) Also mark center of each boxing strip. Mark lines for handle placement 3" on either side of center.

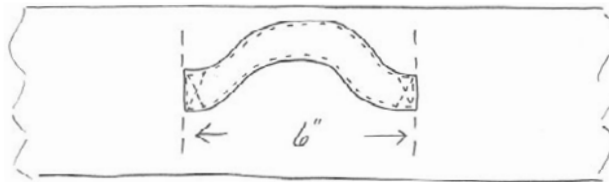
Reinforce corners by stay-stitching just inside the 1/2 inch seam allowance, about an inch to each side of each dot. Clip the fabric up-to, but not-through the stay-stitching. Place ends of boxing strips, right sides together. Stitch across end, creating a continuous circle.



Illus. 1

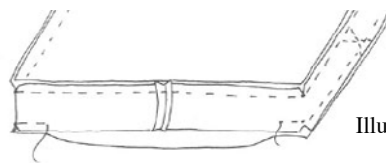
HANDLE: Right sides together, fold the handle in half lengthwise and pin. Sew across each short end and long edge, leaving an opening for turning. Trim seams and clip corners. Turn and press. Top stitch 1/8 inch along edges of handle.

Pin short ends at handle markings. Stitch handle to boxing strip as shown. (Illus. 2)



Illus. 2

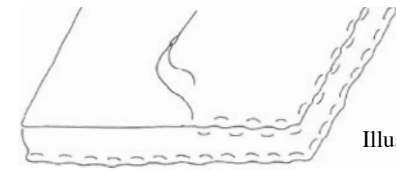
JOINING BOXING TO BASE: Mark center of each side of pillow base. With right sides together and cut edges even, pin boxing strip to one pillow base, matching first each center and seam of strip to each center of base, then matching each clipped corner of strip to each corner of base. Pin every 1 1/2 - 2 inches. Sew strip to base, pivoting at corners. Sew remaining pillow base to the other side of the boxing, leaving an 18 inch opening centered along one edge. Press and trim seams, clip corners and turn to right side through opening. (Illus. 3)



Illus. 3

Wrap foam with plastic bag and slip into pillow cover. Reach inside cover and remove plastic. Slip stitch opening closed.

FAUX PIPING: With a hand needle and using a basting stitch, sew 1/2 inch from seam line on both the base side and boxing strip side of the cover. (Illus. 4)



Illus. 4

**We used fabrics from Suburban Home, a division of Duralee and P/Kaufmann fabrics.

