

OUTDOOR PLAID PILLOW | SEWING



Technique:	Sewing
Designed By:	Karen Schaphorst
Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	An Evening
Finished size:	Bag: 15½" wide x 20½" tall (39.5cm wide x 52 cm tall)
	Size: Example line if second size is needed

Featuring Coats & Clark® Outdoor Thread

Create a simple pillows using outdoor fabric for a swing, bench or chair. Select outdoor fabrics that are sun and weather resistant and sew with Coats & Clark® Outdoor thread. A knife edge pillow is the simplest style of pillow and a great choice for a beginner. The instructions include two options- plain back or an envelope back.

Supplies

- **Coats & Clark® Outdoor Thread**
- ½ yd to 1 yd (46 to 91 cm) outdoor fabric depending on size of pillow form)
- Square pillow form – size of your choosing

Measuring the Pillow form

Measure the pillow form across the center front from edge to edge.

Cutting the Fabric

Pillow Front

Add a total of 1" (2.54cm) to the length and width measurements for $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.27cm) seam allowances on all sides. If your pillow top has a design, be sure to trim it to size so that the design is centered.

Pillow Back

For a plain back (no opening): add a total of 1" (2.54cm) to the length and width measurements. Cut one pillow back.

For an envelope pillow: cut 2 backs the same size as the front. Fold under approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ of the width on both pieces.

Assemble the Pillow

Pillow with no back opening

1. Pin the front and back pillow pieces right sides together.
2. Stitch around the pillow, $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.27cm) from raw edge, leaving an opening to insert the pillow form. On a square or rectangle pillow, start and stop on the bottom, 2" (5.08 cm) from the side edges. On a round pillow leave approximately one-third of the pillow open.
3. Trim corners and seam allowance, turn to the right side. Insert pillow form)
4. Turn under the raw edges at the opening. Hand-sew the opening closed using a blind stitch.

Pillow with envelope back

1. Fold under $\frac{1}{3}$ of the width of each back piece. Place one of the backs right side of the fabric facing up on a flat surface. Lay the other back on top, right side up so that the folded edges overlap. Machine baste the overlapped area in the seal allowance.
2. Pin the backs and the Pillow front, right sides together. Stitch around the pillow using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.27cm) seam allowance pivoting at corners.
3. Trim corners and seam allowance. Turn pillow right side out. Insert pillow form through opening in the back.