



Technique:	Sewing
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Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	20" x 26" (50.80cm x 66.04cm)

Featuring Coats® Button & Craft Thread

Whether you prop it in the corner or toss it on the bed, this fun cactus pillow is sure to add a bit of a southwestern flair to your décor. No gardening expertise needed!

Supplies

- Coats Button & Craft Thread
- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread
- 7/8 yd (80.01cm) green home décor weight fabric
- Large-eye hand-sewing needle
- Polyester stuffing
- Pattern tracing cloth

Preparation

Tape together the cactus pieces and cut the entire cactus shape from pattern tracing cloth.

Cutting

From the green home décor fabric, cut:

(2) cactus

Embellish the Cactus Front

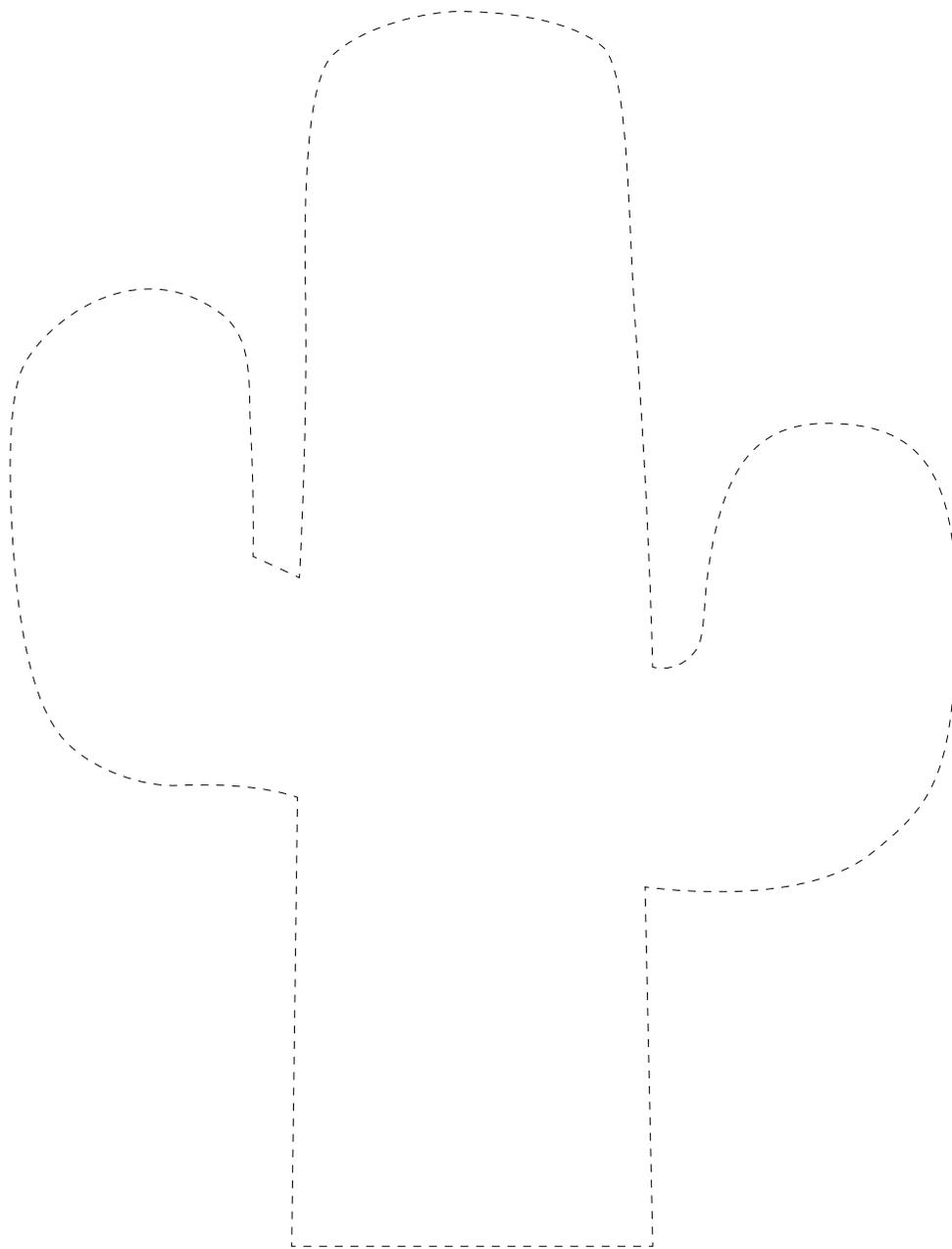
1. Using the large-eye hand-sewing needle and Button & Craft Thread, put four strands through the eye of the needle.
2. From the right side of the pillow front, insert the strands through to the wrong side of the fabric, leaving about 4" (10.16cm) tails. Bring the needle back up to the fabric right side and trim the exiting strands to about 4" (10.16cm) long.
3. Tightly twist the strands together, tie an overhand knot and trim the ends to the desired length.
4. Repeat steps 1-3 over the surface of the cactus front, making as many thread tufts as desired for texture. Keep the tufts away from the seamline.

Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm)

Assemble the Pillow

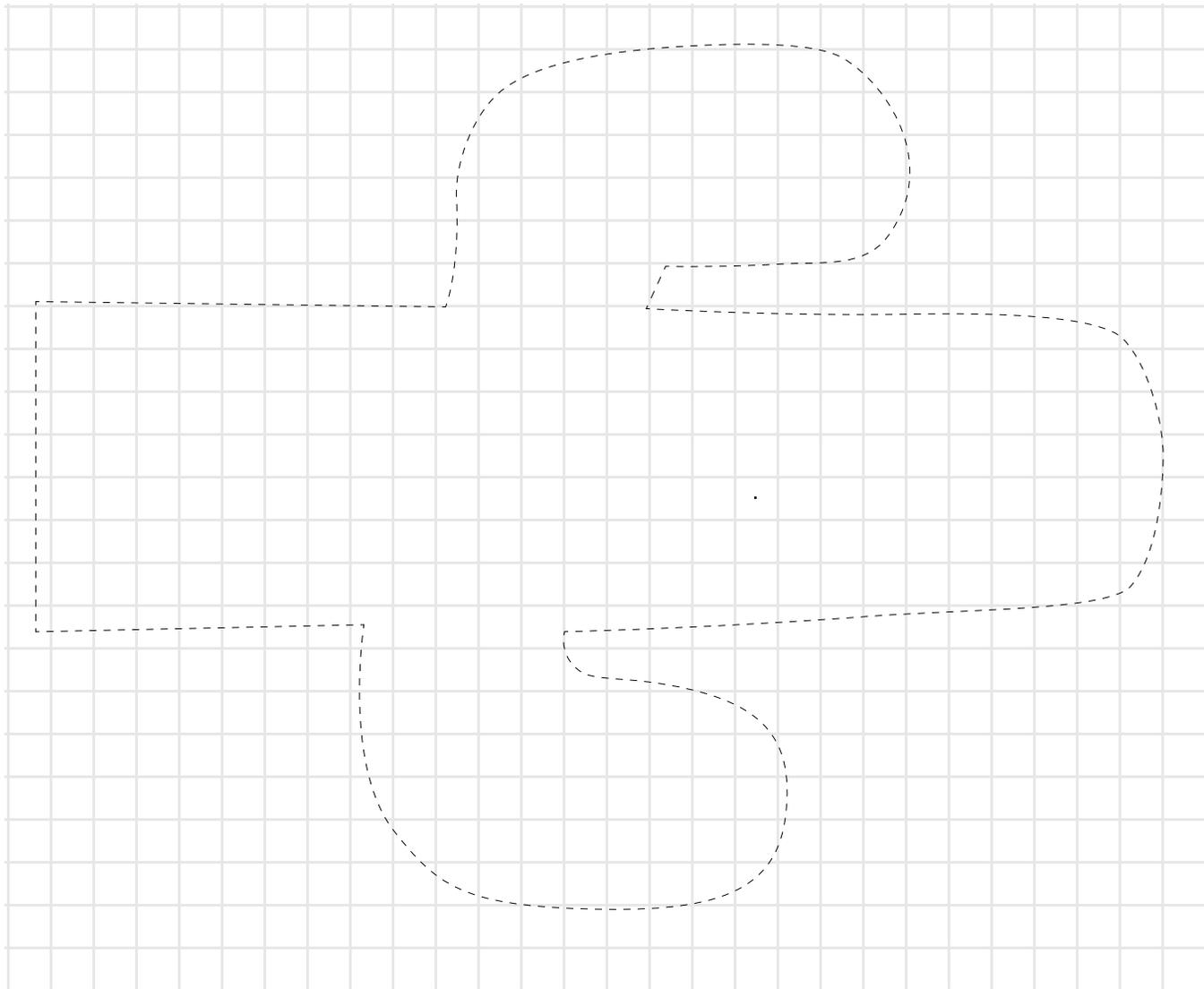
1. Place the pillow front and back right side together, matching raw edges.
2. Sew around the pillow perimeter, leaving the lower edge open. Stitch again along the inside corners for reinforcement.
3. Clip the corners and curves, and turn the cactus right side out. Press lightly to smooth the edges.
4. Stuff the cactus to the desired fullness, pushing it firmly into the arms.
5. Turn under the lower edge seam allowances and hand-stitch the opening closed.

If you want to add a colorful flower to your cactus creation, purchase ½ yd (11.43cm) of pink tulle, fold it in half matching the long cut edges. Using a double strand of All-purpose Thread, sew a running stitch along the long cut edges and pull up tightly to form a blossom. Stitch together the center and tie off the threads. Use a large pin to add it to the cactus.



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1 - .25" square = 1inch