

ON THE GRID HOLIDAY PILLOW | SEWING



Technique:	Sewing
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Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting time:	3 hours

This contemporary pillow adds sparkle to any holiday décor. It's quick to make using glitter felt and metallic thread. Or, change it up and use circles or flower pre-cut felt shapes. And for a non-holiday look, choose different colors.

Finished Size of Project: 15" x 17½" (39.5cm x 44cm)

Supplies

- Coats Metallic thread, Silver
- Dual Duty XP thread, White
- ½ yd (.46m) white glitter felt
- 3 felt 9" x 12" (23cm x 30cm) rectangles (or scraps): fuchsia, pink, green

Additional Requirements

- Glue stick
- Size 90/14 topstitching needle
- Polyester fiberfill
- Quilting guide (sewing machine accessory)
- Sewing Machine
- Basic Sewing Supplies

Cutting

From the white glitter felt, cut:

2 rectangles, 15" x 18" (39.5cm x 46cm)

From the felt colors, cut:

16 assorted squares, 1¼" (3cm) *

Prepare the Pillow Front

1. Create a pleasing color arrangement of the cut squares on the pillow front left side, making a grid of three squares across and five down. Start 3½" (9cm) from the bottom and end 3½" (9cm) from the top, and leave about 2¼" (6cm) along the left side.
2. Position a single square on the right side, aligned with the lower row of squares and 2¼" (6cm) from the right edge.
3. Using the glue stick, temporarily anchor each square in place. Allow to dry.

Stitch the Design Area

1. Insert the topstitching needle and thread the machine with metallic thread. Set the machine for a straight stretch stitch at 4 mm long.
2. Stitch through each vertical row of squares with two rows ⅛" (.3cm) apart. Use the quilting guide to evenly space the stitches and keep the rows parallel. Stitch two staggered rows through the right square vertically.
Tip: Vary the stitch used to anchor the felt squares—others work equally well. Use a zigzag or a decorative stitch, add or subtract rows or make an all-over pattern for fun. Stitching can be free-form to change the look.

3. Stitch two parallel rows horizontally to join the grid and the right square.

Tip: Be sure to test stitch with the metallic thread on felt scraps before starting on the pillow. You may need to slow slower than normal when using metallic thread.

Finishing the Pillow

Note: Seam allowances are ¼" (.6cm)

1. Right sides together and using All-Purpose thread, sew the pillow front to the pillow back rectangle, leaving a 4" (10cm) opening for turning.
2. Clip the corners and turn the pillow right side out through the opening.
3. Stuff the pillow to the desired firmness.
4. Hand stitch the opening closed.

