

Pink Christmas Cushion



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Read instructions carefully before starting the project. This cushion is made in two shades of pink to celebrate Brother's support for Breast Cancer Research. Other colour combinations such as: black / white, navy / red and navy / lime would look great also.

Tip:

- If you are using fabric that you think the colour may run, dampen a tissue and press against the doubtful fabric, if there is colour transfer, wash. A small amount of shrinkage would not be a problem with this project.

Tools required:

- Brother sewing machine with zig zag J foot, zipper I foot, braiding foot, overlock foot and pearls and sequins foot.
- Fabric scissors, measuring tape, needle with an eye large enough to take the couching yarn, pins etc.

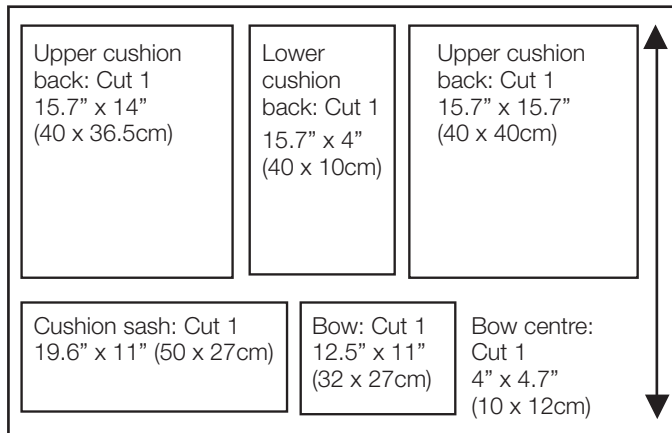
Materials:

- 27.5" (70cm) Pink sateen 44" (112cm) wide or fabric of your choice.
- 15.7"x 15.7" (40 x 40cm) iron on light Pellon.
- 10m of 3mm rats tail cord for piping and couching. I've used a 10m roll of 3mm cord, marketed as "wrap tail" for gift wrapping.
- 15.7" (40cm) zip.
- 15.7" (40cm) cushion insert.
- Threads to match fabric and cord.

Optional:

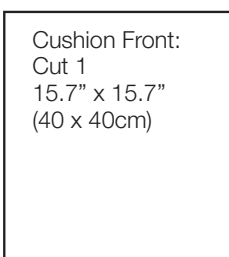
- Cutting mat, ruler and rotary cutter.

Cutting Directions:



- Cut one 15.7" (40cm) strip selvedge to selvedge
- Cut one 10.6" (27cm) strip selvedge to selvedge
- Cross cut to get pattern pieces to match layout above

Pellon:



Foot Accessories:

Check out which optional feet and accessories that are available for your machine, all designed to make the task easier.

To get to know your feet I suggest you do some quick exercises. Keep your samples, write setting onto the fabric to remind you next time you come to use them. Samples can be any size. I do them in the fabric I'm using if possible, size about 8" x 6" (20 x 15cm) depending on scrap fabric. Do them in the same weight fabric and stabiliser with pellon

on one side to have the same effect as the cushion.

Braiding Foot:

A good way to add interest and texture to garments, quilting, furnishings or textile art.

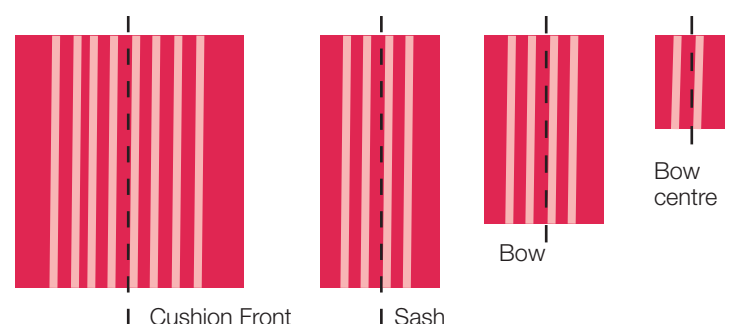
- Read instructions that come with the foot.
- Put cord through the opening from the top of the foot and down under the foot.
- Adjust the opening and tighten screw.
- On this cushion I have used straight stitch, however on other projects you may use one of your decorative stitches.

Pearls and sequins foot :

The pearl and sequins foot is also good for couching cords to fabric. In this cushion I have used it to stitch front and back of cushion together. The pearl and sequins foot groove travels along the cord keeping the stitching straight.

To make the Cushion;

1. Iron the pellon to the back of the cushion front following manufactures instructions. Using a ruler and fabric erasable marking pen or pencil, draw eight lines 10" (4cm) apart starting 0.7" (2cm) each side of cushion centre front.
2. In the same way mark both the sash and bow with just four lines.
3. Mark bow centre with two lines.



4. Attach couching foot and using thread the same colour as the rats' tail cord, needle position in the centre, stitch length 2, and stitch along the marked lines. Extend cord approximately 0.7" (2cm) past fabric.

5. Attach pressure foot A.

6. Fold sash long edges and right sides together, pressure foot A, stitch 0.6" (1.5cm) seam. Turn right sides out. Cord will sit on folded edges, seam in the centre.

7. Fold bow long edges and right sides together, stitch 0.6" (1.5cm) seam leaving a 2" (5cm) turning opening in the centre of the seam.



8. Bow still inside out, fold so seam is open, in the centre and the outside cords are along the folded edge. Sew across each end. Turn right side out.

9. Lightly press bow and sash.



10. Assemble bow using picture as a guide.

- Fold bow centre right sides together and join

raw edges with a 0.4" (1cm) seam, you now have a fabric ring to hold bow together.

- Slip bow and sash through circle, seam in circle to the back and open.
- Centre on cushion front, sash will extend beyond the cushion to be trimmed later. Pin in place.
- From the back of the cushion front, using a hand needle and doubled thread, stitch bow circle to the cushion centre front.
- Arrange bow evenly and invisibly attach bow at each corner from the back.

11. Reattach the braiding foot, Move the needle position to the right to just catch the cord (on most machines you do this with the stitch width setting. I'm using the Brother NV6200D which has a L/R Shift Key that performs this function beautifully) and with a one cm seam allowance, stitch around cushion front overlapping ends at one side. At the corners with the needle down lift the pressure foot, (knee lift is good to do this as it keeps hands free to hold work).

Insert zip between upper and lower cushion back:

12. Neaten raw edges where zip is to be inserted with an overlock foot and overlock stitch.

13. Place zip and lower cushion back right sides together along a 15.7" (40cm) edge and with zipper foot I, stitch down next to teeth.

14. Open zip and attach to upper cushion back right sides together, close zip (teeth will be exposed).

15. Now make a deep fold with upper cushion back over the zip. (the cushion back now measures 15.7" x 15.7" (40 x 40cm).

16. From the top and still with the zipper foot, stitch close to zip teeth on the upper cushion back.

17. Zip is well hidden, press back carefully.

Join front cushion to the back:

18. Trim cord and sash ends from cushion front.

19. Cushion front right side up.

20. Cover with cushion back right sides together, pin.

21. Cushion front up and using the beading foot (this foot has a nice groove that helps keep the foot over the cord) stitch on the previous couching stitch line. Sometimes it helps to move the needle position a little more to the left to make sure you don't see previous stitching.

22. Tidy edges with overlock stitch.

23. Turn right sides out and press carefully.

24. Insert cushion insert and enjoy.

Congratulations you have completed the Pink Christmas Pink Ribbon Cushion.



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