



Patched Floor Pillow

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Supplies:

Inspira Tear-Away Light Stabilizer

Silver Metallic Thread

1/4 yard of 6 coordinating prints

1/2 yard of a coordinating solid or print fabric for sides

1/2 yard of 2 decorative ribbons or trims

3 yards of cording for piping

Rotary Tools – rotary cutter, ruler & mat

1/4 piecing foot with guide

1 yard of 3-4" wide decorator's foam

Large cording foot – sometimes called a welting foot

Cotton sewing thread

Prep Time!

From each of the 6 coordinating prints cut:

4 – 6" squares
From the solid fabric cut:
4 – 6" squares
3 yards of bias 2 1/4" wide

Ready, Set, Sew!

Seam Allowances are 1/2" unless stated otherwise.

Decorated Top:

- 1.) On your 4 solid 6" x 6" squares, back with stabilizer and decorate with trims and decorative stitches. Using a specialty trim foot will help you get the trims positioned correctly and keep them from moving. Ask your local sewing machine retailer about a Chenille foot, ribbon foot or piping foot that may help you better!
- 2.) Pull the extra stabilizer away from your fabric and press your solid squares well. Snap on your piecing foot with guide and thread your machine with the same thread in the top and bobbin.
- 3.) Piece two of the coordinating fabrics, right side together using a piecing foot or 1/4" seam allowance. Open up and press toward the darker fabric. Piece another coordinating square to one end so that you have 3 squares pieced together.
- 4.) Continue to piece your 6" squares together until you have 5 rows of 5 squares together.

Sides:

- 1.) From your 1/2 yard of coordinating fabric cut 3 strips 6" wide by the width of the fabric. Sew the strips together end to end to create 1 long strip. Press your seams open and set aside.
- 2.) Sew the bias cut 2 1/4" wide strips together end on end to create a continuous bias strip. Press the seams open with an iron. Wrap the bias strip around your cording with wrong sides together and matching raw edges. Snap on your cording or welting foot and stitch the bias strip closed, enclosing the cording.
- 3.) Trim the lip of the cording down to 1/2". Match the raw edge of the cording with the raw edge of the right side of your decorated top. Use your cording/welting foot to stitch the cording to the right side of the pillow top.
- 4.) Place your 6" wide coordinating strip right side down on top of the cording matching all the raw edges. Pin in place if desired. Use the cording/welting foot to stitch down your side panel. When you are approximately 1" from a corner, mark the center point of the corner on the strip. Cut into the side of the strip just less than 1/2". Sew to the corner and when you reach the snip in

the side make sure your needle is in the down position, lift your presser foot and pivot the fabric so that you can begin sewing down the new side.

5.) When you get 1" away from where you started, stop and cut your threads removing the top from your machine. Pin the ends together and stitch so that you have a completed side. Press the seam open and then pin the strip back down to the pillow top/cording. Finish sewing the side down.

Finish!

1.) Turn the side panel right side out and press well pressing the seam to the side panel and not to the pillow top. Measure the length and width of your top inside the cording and cut this measurement from your foam.

2.) Wrap the pillow over the foam and turn the foam to the wrong side. Pull each side taut and pin in place. Fold your corners like a Christmas present. Use a glue gun, staple gun or Steam-A-Seam to hold the edges in place.