

Shiny and Bright Christmas Cushion



*Margaret Moorehead's*

## Virtual Sewing Guild OnLine Class

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## Supply List:

- \* Fabric for Embroidery
- \* Fabric Sashing, border, cushion back
- \* Fusible Knit Interfacing or similar product
- \* Fusible Batting
- \* 15" Zipper
- \* 1/4 Steam a seam
- \* Embroidery Thread
- \* Construction Thread
- \* Fabric marking pen (test to be sure you can iron over it and still remove the marks.)
- \* Tear Away Stabilizer
- \* Glue Stick
- \* 12" x 24" pillow form
- \* Small amount of stuffing

## Equipment List:

- \* Sewing/Embroidery Machine in good working order
- \* 1/4" foot (optional)
- \* Zipper foot
- \* General Sewing Supplies
- \* New Sewing Machine needle (size 80 microtex needle, if using metallic threads you might need to change to a metallic needle)

### Note:

These instructions are to be used in conjunction with the video for this class.

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I used metallic on these embroidery designs (design license purchased by MKKB Enterprises, INC), and to insure the best results the machine was slowed down to 450 stitches per minute.

If needed please be sure to change to a metallic needle.

Be creative and enjoy the process!

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Fabric and Batting	Quantity	size	prep
<b>Fabric for Embroidery</b>	3	8" wide x 9" tall	Backed with fusible knit interfacing or similar fusible
<b>Sashing</b>	2	2" x 7"	
<b>Top and Bottom Borders</b>	2	3" x 26"	
<b>Side Borders</b>	2	3" x 7"	
<b>Cushion Back</b>	2	8"x 20"	Backed with fusible Knit interfacing or similar fusible
<b>Cushion Back Side pieces</b>	2	6"wide x 16" high	
<b>Fusible batting</b>	1	28" x 15"	



## Ready, Set, GO!

1. Cut and prepare fabric as listed above
2. Mark the horizontal and vertical centers of each piece of fabric that will be embroidered on. (Note: This should have fusible knit interfacing on the back)
3. Hoop the marked and prepared fabric with tear away stabilizer so the embroidery design will stitch in the center of the fabric
4. Stitch the design, changing colors as you go
5. Remove the embroidered design from the hoop and remove the excess stabilizer
6. Repeat for each design
7. Press and then cut each design down to 6" wide x 7" high, making sure the design is centered in the cut rectangle

Note: If needed, change to a metallic needle and slow down the embroidery machine speed.

Note: when cutting your embroidered pieces down to size, use the horizontal and vertical lines you drew and then measure from the center out on each side and cut to size

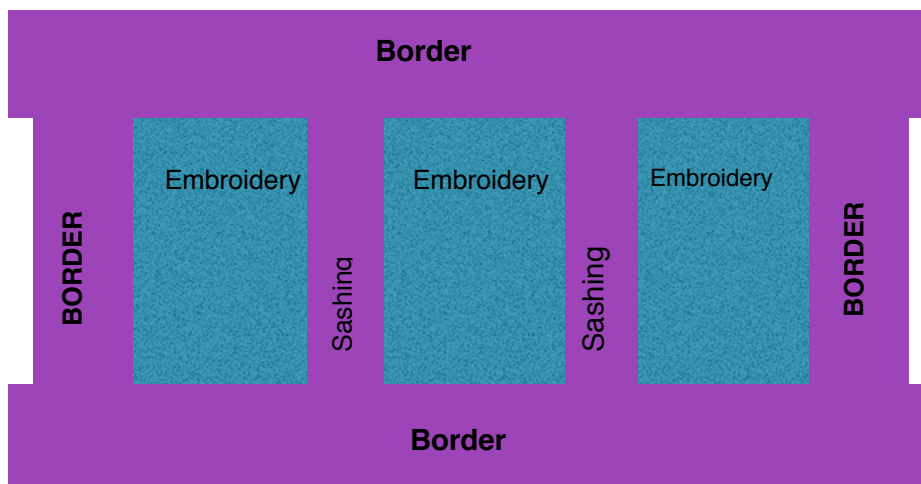


## Putting the front together

1. Determine the placement of the embroidery designs and lay them out with the sashing pieces to preview how the cushion will look
2. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch one piece of sashing to each side of the center embroidery design
3. Using a 1/4" seam allowance stitch the remaining two embroidery designs to the other side of each of the sashing pieces



4. Attach one 3" x 7" "border" to the raw edge of the embroidery design on the left and the other border to the raw edge of the embroidery design on the right (1/4" seam allowance).
5. For each seam, press the seams to one side, no need to press them open
6. Attach one 3" x 26" border to the top and one to the bottom of the assembled blocks using a 1/4" seam allowance, and making sure your seams stay in the position you pressed them. **NOTE: the top and bottom borders will most likely be longer than you project as in the image below.**



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7. Fuse batting to the wrong side of assembled front following the manufacturer's instructions.

**Note: the batting will be larger than the project so you will want to protect your ironing surface AND your iron by using protective pressing sheets**

8. Quilt as desired....I simply quilted "in the ditch"
9. Using a rotary cutter ruler and mat square your project up to approximately 13" x 24"
10. Mark the center top and bottom with a pin

### Back of cushion with Zipper

1. Run a row of glue from your glue stick along one long edge of one of the back pieces and iron down about 3/8" to 1/2"
2. Fold in half, side to side and mark the center with a pin
3. Repeat for other back piece of fabric
4. Fuse 1/4" steam-a-seam to the edge of the zipper (Not near the zipper coils)
5. Repeat for the other side of the zipper
6. Remove the protective paper from the steam-a-seam from ONE side of the zipper.
7. Mark the center of the zipper with a pin (the side of the zipper you are NOT going to be working with)
8. Place the folded, glued long edge of one of the pieces of fabric for the cushion back , next to, not on top of, the coils of the zipper and fuse in place
9. Repeat for the other side of the zipper with the other piece of fabric for the back
10. Unzip the zipper to make sure it will still work correctly.  
**NOTE: The back is NOT the same size as the front**
11. Use a zipper foot and adjust the needle so you can stitch close to the fold of the fabric.  
**Tip for stitching straight: Unzip the zipper part of the way and begin to stitch above the zipper pull. When you get close to the zipper pull stop with the needle down and pull the zipper pull up. Refer to video if you need a "visual"**
12. Pull the folded edges of fabric that extend beyond the zipper pull together, pin and then stitch in place INSIDE of the metal ends of the zipper. (Basically you are sewing the end of the zipper closed)
13. Mark a straight line on the back of the cushion that has the zipper in it. This line will be perpendicular to the zipper and the top and bottom long edges. This line should be just INSIDE of the metal ends of the zipper
14. Repeat for the other side

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15. Place the “side back” piece (6” wide x 20” high) right side to right side of back so the cut edge of the fabric is along the drawn line and the rest of the fabric is towards the center of the back (not out toward the edge)
16. Stitch using a 1/4” seam allowance reinforcing the area where the zipper is
17. Repeat for other side
18. Flip the back side piece so it is right side up, press and top stitch, being sure to “walk the needle” across the area where the metal part of the zipper is so you won’t break your needle.
19. Repeat for the other side
20. Trim excess fabric from the back pieces of the cushion back (the pieces with the zipper inserted in them)

## Finishing it up!

1. Fold the cushion back in half to find the center top and bottom and mark with a pin
2. Open the zipper
3. Place the quilted front piece of the cushion on top, of the back of the cushion, right sides together, lining up the centers
4. Cut the cushion back so it is the exact same size as the front. (this should be about 12”-13” x 24”-25” so we can use a 12” x 24” pillow form)
5. Pin around all 4 sides (double check that you have the zipper open for turning)
6. Stitch the front to the back around all 4 sides using a generous 1/4” to 1/2” seam
7. Turn right sides out
8. Insert stuffing into the corners and then insert the pillow form and zip closed

**NOTE:** Refer to video for more detailed instructions on stitching, Turing and inserting the pillow form.

# ENJOY!!

