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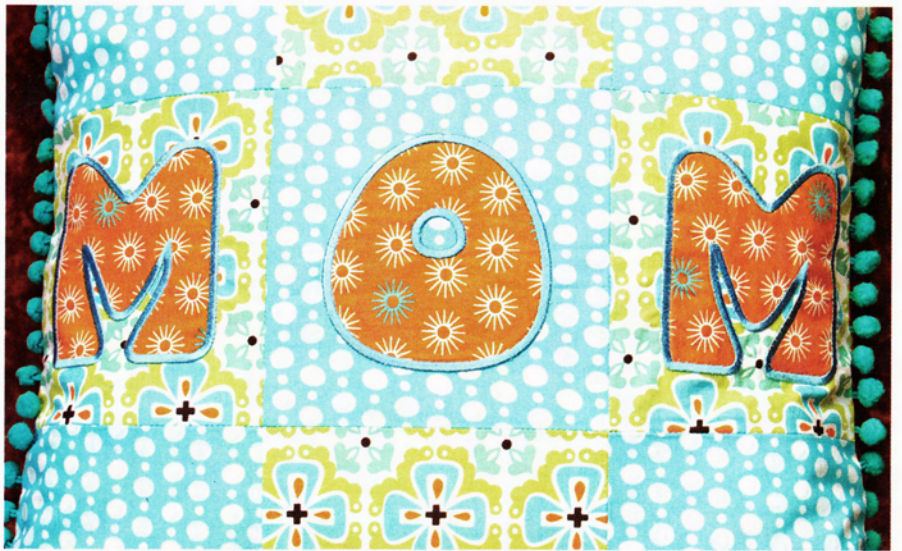
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Celebrate Mom by stitching a whimsical pillow embellished with appliqué lettering. She's sure to appreciate the sentiment this Mother's Day.



Download the featured M and O appliqué letters from Fancy Fonts Embroidery for free until June 30, 2013. Visit cmemag.com/articles/family_matters to find a coupon code for both letters. The designs will be available for purchase at fancyfontsembroidery.com after the expiration date.





materials •

1/4 yard each of 2 coordinating print cotton fabrics (See "Sources.")

2/3 yard of coordinating print cotton fabric

2 yards of mini ball fringe (See "Sources.")

16" square pillow form

Adhesive tear-away stabilizer

Temporary spray adhesive (See "Sources.")

Thread: matching all-purpose & rayon embroidery

Appliqué scissors

Hand sewing needle

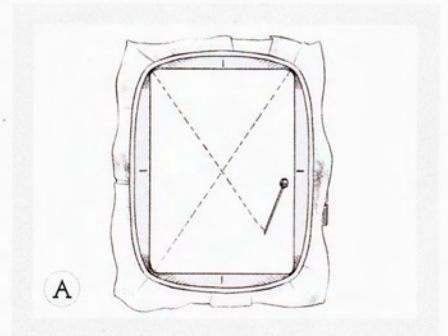
M & O appliqué embroidery letter designs (approximately 4" square)

PREPARE

- From the large fabric, cut one 17" square for the pillow back. Cut three 5" squares for the appliqué letters.
- Cut five 6" squares from one small coordinating fabric. Cut four 6" squares from the remaining coordinating fabric.

EMBROIDER

- Hoop a piece of stabilizer with the paper backing facing up. Using a pin, score the paper within the inner hoop (A). Remove the paper backing to reveal the adhesive.
- Position one of the four matching fabric squares on the stabilizer sticky surface, centering the fabric in the hoop.
- Load the M design into the machine. Embroider the placement stitches.
- Position one small coordinating fabric square over the placement stitches with the right side facing up, keeping in mind the print direction if applicable. Use temporary spray adhesive to secure the fabric.





- Embroider the tacking stitches. Remove the hoop from the machine but don't remove the fabric from the hoop. Using appliqué scissors, trim the fabric just beyond the stitching.
- Place the hoop back onto the machine. Embroider the outline stitches (B).
- Remove the hoop from the machine and the fabric from the hoop. Carefully tear away the stabilizer on the fabric wrong side.
- Repeat to embroider another M.
- Embroider the O using one of the five matching fabric squares as the base fabric and the remaining small fabric square as the appliqué fabric.
- Press each appliquéd square from the wrong side.

CONSTRUCT

- Using a 1/2" seam allowance, stitch one M-square right edge to the O-square left edge with right sides together. Press the seams toward the darker fabric.

- Stitch the remaining M-square left edge to the O-square right edge with right sides together. Press the seams toward the darker fabric.
- Place the MOM rectangle right side up on a flat work surface. Position three fabric squares each above and below the MOM rectangle, alternating fabric prints (C). Stitch the square upper and lower rows to create rectangles as per the MOM rectangle.
- Stitch the upper-row lower edge to the middle-row upper edge with right sides together. Press the seams upward.
- Stitch the middle-row lower edge to the lower-row upper edge with right sides together. Press the seams downward. This is the pillow front.
- Beginning at the lower-edge center, pin the fringe tape edge to the pillow-front perimeter. Trim the fringe end 1/2" beyond the beginning. Overlap the tape ends. Clip off one ball fringe if it overlaps another (D). Baste the fringe tape in place.

- With right sides together, align the pillow back and front, keeping in mind the print direction if applicable.
- Stitch the pillow perimeter, leaving a 5" opening along the lower edge for turning.
- Clip the corners and trim the seam allowances to 1/4". Turn the pillow right side out; press. Insert the pillow form. Slipstitch the opening closed. \$

DESIGN

M & O appliqué embroidery letters: Fancy Fonts Embroidery, Wobbles Appliqué Alphabet; fancyfontsembroidery.com

SOURCES

Fabric.com provided the mini ball fringe: (888) 455-2940, fabric.com.

Monaluna provided the Starburst Orange, Double Dot Teal and Flowerbed fabrics from the Monaco collection: (925) 476-5068, monaluna.com.

Sulky of America provided the KK2000 temporary spray adhesive: (800) 874-4115, sulky.com.