

JORDAN  FABRICS

## Hawaiian Applique Pillow Covers

Makes 2 - Finished Size 16"



Fabric requirements to make 2 pillow covers:

1 Yard Dark for Applique & Pillow Backings

½ Yard Light for Background

2 – 18" Square Batting pieces

Copy Paper, Newsprint, or Stabilizer

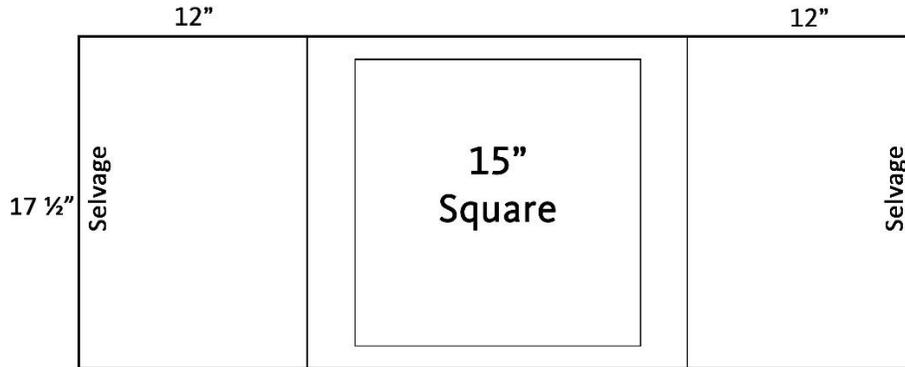
Be sure to watch our YouTube Video Tutorial for this project!

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Print the applique templates and cut around the edges.

Dark fabric:

Cut 2 @ 17 ½" WOF (width of fabric). From each cut off 12" from both of the selvage edges as shown in the diagram below. These will be used for pillow backs. Cut a 15" square from the left-over piece.



Fold the 15" square in half and steam press. Fold into quarters and press again. Fold once more along the diagonal and press. Place the applique template onto the folded fabric and draw around the edges with a chalk pencil or marking tool of your choice. Keep fabric folded and cut through all 8 layers with sharp scissors. You may find it useful to pin through all the layers or use clamps to hold everything in place.

Open the cut applique and iron flat.

Light fabric:

Cut 2 @ 16 ½" square for applique backgrounds. Fold into quarters and lightly press the folds to help center the applique.

Place the applique onto the background using the ironed fold lines to help center it. Pin in place.

Working with one section at a time, fold a section of the applique back and put a small line of basting glue along the edges. Then lay the applique section back down on the background and hand press in place. Keep folding back a section and applying glue until the entire applique is firmly glued down. It is particularly important to let the glue dry completely before sewing. You can help it dry by using a hot, dry iron.

Put a piece of paper or stabilizer under the area that is going to be stitched – it is not necessary to have the paper under the whole pattern, just where you are going to be sewing. I used a total of 4 pieces of computer paper to stabilize the applique. Using a thread color that is close to the applique fabric color, stitch the applique to the background using a satin or very tight zig-zag around the applique edges.

Trim all threads from the top and back and remove all the stabilizing paper.

Place the pillow top on top of your batting and machine baste ¼" away from edges. Quilt if desired.

To make an envelope back:

Fold a selvage edge, wrong sides together, 3". Place this right sides down on your pillow top, about 4" away from the top. Take the other back piece and place it on top of all layers, right side down, about 4" away from the bottom. Pin all around. Stitch from the backside of the pillow all around the pillow just inside the basting stitches. Trim off the excess backing and batting. Flip right side out. Stuff and enjoy!



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