

#### WATERMELON PATIO PILLOW | SEWING



Technique:	Sewing, Hand Embroidery
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Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	20" x 20" (50.80cm x 50.80cm)

## Featuring Coats® Outdoor Thread

Dress up your summer patio with this fun watermelon pillow. Made with outdoor fabrics and Coats Outdoor thread, it's sun-resistant for longer wear.

## Supplies

- Coats® Outdoor Thread, green and black
- % yd (57.15cm) green textured outdoor fabric, for outer rind and back
- ½ yd (11.43cm) green outdoor fabric, for inner rind
- ½ yd (57.15cm) red outdoor fabric
- 20" (50.80cm) square pillow form
- Large-eye hand-sewing needle

### Cutting

#### From the textured green fabric, cut:

(1) square, 20½" (52.07cm)

(1) strip, 6½" x 20½" (16.51cm x 52.07cm)

### From the green fabric, cut:

(1) strip, 3" x 20½" (7.62cm x 62.07cm)

#### From the red fabric, cut:

(1) rectangle,  $12'' \times 20\frac{1}{2}''$  (30.48cm x 52.07cm)

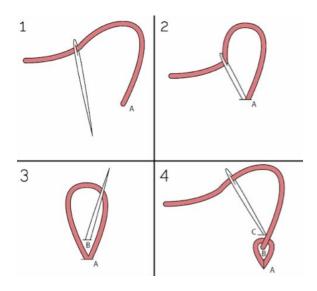
Seam allowances are 1/4" (.64cm).

# Assembling the Pillow Front

 Sew together the long edges of the red, green, and textured green pieces in order. Press seams in one direction.

**PRESSING NOTE:** Some outdoor fabrics are made from polypropylene and will melt, so test-press on a scrap before pressing the pillow front. If needed, lower the iron temperature and/or use a press cloth for protection.

2. Using a double strand of black Coats Outdoor Thread, embroider several seeds on the red portion of the pillow using a simple lazy daisy stitch.



# Finishing the Pillow

- Place the embellished pillow front right sides together with the textured green backing square.
  Sew around three edges of the square and just around the corners into the fourth side.
- 2. Clip the seam allowance corners and turn the pillow right side out through the opening. Gently square the corners.
- 3. Insert the pillow form through the opening and push into the corners.
- 4. Turn under the opening seam allowances ¼" (.64cm) and hand-stitch the opening closed.