OUTDOOR MEDALLION RECTANGULAR PILLOW | SEWING



Technique:	Sewing
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Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	Your choice of pillow form

Featuring Coats & Clark® Outdoor Thread

Create a simple pillows using outdoor fabric for a swing, bench or chair. Select outdoor fabrics that are sun and weather resistant and sew with Coats & Clark® Outdoor Thread. Feature a fabric design like this medallion motif.

Supplies

- Coats & Clark® Outdoor Thread
- ½ yd (46 cm) outdoor fabric in a solid color
- ¼ yd (23cm) outdoor fabric in 2 coordinating prints
- Rectangular pillow form size of your choosing



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Measuring the Pillow form

Measure the pillow form across the center front from edge to edge across the length and width.

Cutting the Fabric

Pillow Front

For the front, divide the width of the rectangle by four. The width of the center panels will be 2x this number plus 1". The two sides will be 1x this number plus 1". For example: a pillow 20" wide, the center panel will be 11" wide and the sides will be 6" wide. The length will be the pillow form measurement plus 1".

From one of the coordinating prints, cut two side panels. From the other print fabric cut one center panel. If the fabric has a design, make sure it is centered.

From Solid fabric

Add a total of 1"(2.54cm) to the length and width measurements of the pillow form.
Cut one pillow back from solid fabric.

Assemble the Pillow

- Pin a side panel to both short ends of the center panel. Sew side panels to center using a ½" seam.
 Press seam to one side.
- 2. Pin the front and back pillow pieces right sides together.
- 3. Stitch around the pillow, ½"(1.27cm) from raw edge, leaving an opening to insert the pillow form.
- 4. Trim corners and seam allowance, turn to the right side. Insert pillow form.
- 5. Turn under the raw edges at the opening. Hand-sew the opening closed using a blind stitch.