



**Technique:** Machine Appliqué

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**Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Crafting Time:** An evening

**Finished size:** 18" x 18"  
(45.72cm x 45.72cm)

### Featuring Coats Dual Duty XP®

Decorative coastal themed toss pillows are the perfect accent for any beach house, sofa, or bed in any room. Great design for indoor or out. Reflect your personal style and wonders of the sea with these appliquéd designs.

### Supplies

- Coats Dual Duty XP® all-purpose thread, 8010 natural, 1500 Orange coral

#### **Fabric\*:**

- ¾ yd (.69m) Coral Sateen, front & back
- 15" (38cm) square Cream Sateen, applique

\*We used FreeSpirit Designer Essentials Sateens.

## Additional Requirements

- ½ yd (.46m) Paper backed fusible web
- Tear-away fabric stabilizer
- 18" (46cm) pillow insert
- Sewing machine
- Basic sewing supplies
- Iron, ironing board

## Cutting Requirements

### Pattern

For sand dollar pattern, use on-line clip art and size it up to 15" (38cm) to fit pillow front.

<https://clipartion.com/free-clipart-8012/>

1. Trace image with a pencil directly onto paper-backed fusible web. Fuse to wrong side of fabric with a dry iron following manufacturer's instructions. Cut design from fabric.
2. Cut two 19" (48.25cm) squares for pillow front and back

## Sewing Directions

**Note:** Seam allowances are ½" (1.3cm)

### Appliqué Sand Dollar

1. Remove paper backing from design. Place sand dollar onto right side of pillow front centering the design. Fuse in place following manufacturer's instructions.

**TIP:** Before appliquéing it is a good idea to do a test piece before stitching onto pillow. Determine stitch length and width. We used 1.5mm length and .6mm width. Before stitching, place tear-away stabilizer underneath pillow front fabric.

The length and width of your stitches is totally a personal preference.

2. Sew around the outline of your design, covering all of the cut edges. Do not back stitch at the end. Tie off the threads at your ending point by pulling threads to the back. Do this by threading a needle and pulling them through.

**When appliquéing a corner:** sew to the end, leave the needle in the project, and turn the pillow front. Sew over my last stitch or two for a neat finish.

**When sewing curves:** it's best to keep the image straight in the presser foot to avoid slanted stitches. Raise the foot, with the needle in the down position shift fabric and stitch a few stitches. Keep lifting and turning as you sew around the curves.

### Pillow front and back

1. Pin pillow back to pillow front, right side together. Stitch, leaving an opening large enough for turning and inserting the pillow form. Trim across corners.
2. Turn pillow right side out. Insert pillow form. Slip-stitch opening closed.
3. Topstitch close to outer edges of pillow and again ¼" (.6cm) from the first stitching.

