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MAKE LOVEBIRD PILLOWS

The idea for this array of pillows started with a pair of birds which were on an apron I found in a sale. As it cost next to nothing I didn't feel bad about cutting it up to reuse the birds. If you can't find a suitable bird print fabric, however, you could use one with a butterfly print or something similar. The branch the birds are sitting on is appliquéd fabric, and I added some silk flowers and leaves to create the effect of spring blossom. The flower pillows are made using cut out fabric flowers on embroidered stems, and even the chintz-type fabric has some added silk flowers and leaves. Green sequins sewn onto all the pillows add a delicate sparkle. ▶



materials and equipment

- Solid-coloured and floral linen, for pillow covers
- Pillow, cushion pads
- Scissors and pins
- Long ruler, tailor's chalk, pencil and set square
- Fusible web and iron
- Patterned fabrics with flowers and birds that can be cut out
- Dark fabric, for the branch, silk flowers and leaves
- Embroidery needle, sewing needle and sewing thread
- Green sequins and yellow beads
- Green, pink and yellow embroidery floss or sewing machine and machine embroidery thread

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