Shamrock ‘Greenwork’ Pillow

Skill level: Easy

This bright green embroidered pillow is a nice change of pace from the usual redwork or bluework!

**Finished size of pillow:** 12”x12”

**Supplies**
- Coats® Dual Duty XP All Purpose Thread, #6550 Kerry Green or to match border fabric
- 1 skein Coats Embroidery Floss - green to match border fabric
- White fabric ¼ yard
- Muslin ⅝ yard
- Green fabric for border strips and backing ½ yard
- Low loft batting ½ yard
- 12-inch pillow form

**Additional Requirements**
- Embroidery Needle
- Sewing Machine
- Marking pen
- Basic Sewing tools

**Technique:** Sewing

**Brand:** Coats

**Crafting time:** An evening

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Cutting
1 square white fabric or white muslin     7½” x 7½”
1 square batting                         14” x 14”
1 square muslin                          14” x 14”
1 square green fabric                    12½” x 12½”
2 strips green fabric                    3” x 7½”
2 strips green fabric                    3” x 12½”

Instructions
Note: All seam allowances are ¼ inch and are included in the given measurements.

1. Trace the quilting/embroidery design onto the square of white fabric.
2. Stitch the 3” x 7½” strips to the sides of the white square. Stitch the two 3” x 12½” strips to the top and bottom edges. Press seams outward.
3. Layer the pillow top with the batting and muslin. Pin-baste the layers together to prepare for quilting.
4. Cut a length of embroidery floss about 20 inches long. Separate it into 2 groups of 3 strands. Using stem or outline stitch, embroider/quilt the shamrock outlines and stems. Make sure you stitch through all 3 layers because you are quilting at the same time you are embroidering the time.
5. Stitch the leaf and shamrock details in running stitches. Repeat the running stitch ¼ inch from the border edges inside the white fabric square.
6. Using all purpose thread, stitch ⅛ inch from the raw edges of the pillow top. Trim away the excess batting and backing from the pillow top.
7. Stitch the pillow top to the green backing fabric, right sides together, leaving a 10-inch opening along the bottom edge for turning.
8. Clip corners close to but not through the stitching line. Turn the pillow covering right side out and press.
9. Insert pillow form and hand-stitch the opening closed to finish the project.

Outline Stich

thread below needle

thread above needle
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