



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
- 5/8 yd (57.15cm) green textured outdoor fabric, for outer rind and back
- 1/8 yd (11.43cm) green outdoor fabric, for inner rind
- 5/8 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 52.07cm)

### From the red fabric, cut:

- (1) rectangle, 12" x 20½" (30.48cm x 52.07cm)

Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm).

## Assembling the Pillow Front

1. 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

1. 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.

