



# Eek! Spider Pillow

Technique:	Sewing, Hand Stitching
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Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	Weekend
Finished size:	16" x 16" (40.64cm x 40.64cm)

## Featuring Coats® Button & Craft thread

Add a little spookiness to your Halloween decorating with this fun webby pillow showcasing a sparkling arachnid—sure to catch viewer's eyes. Button letters say it all!

## Supplies

- Coats® Button & Craft Thread
- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread
- 5/8 yd (57.15cm) black canvas or poplin
- 7/8" (2.22cm) rhinestone button, for spider head
- 1 1/2" (3.81cm) rhinestone button, for spider body
- Assorted white/cream sew-through buttons no larger than 5/8" (1.59cm) diameter
- 16" (40.64cm) square pillow form
- Large-eye hand sewing needle
- Removable marker

## Cutting

### From black canvas, cut:

- (1) square, 16½" (41.91cm), for pillow front
- (2) rectangles, 16½" x 12" (41.91cm x 30.48cm), for pillow back

**Note:** Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm).

## Preparation

- 1. Following the pillow photo, draw a spidery web in the upper left corner of the pillow front, extending a strand downward for the spider to hang on.
- 2. Draw the letters E-E-K and an exclamation mark in the lower right quadrant in the size desired.

## Assemble the Pillow Front

- 1. Using big stitches and a double strand of Button & Craft Thread, create the spider web strands. Secure the stitches in the seam allowances, or within the motif on the wrong side.
- 2. Using contrasting Button & Craft thread, sew the assorted buttons over the letter markings, varying the stitching patterns based on the number of holes in the button. For faster stitching, sew continuously and anchor threads at the end of each letter, not individual buttons.
- 3. Sew the two rhinestone buttons next to each other to create a spider body and head along the extended web strand. If needed, use a neutral thread color to sew the buttons together through the between-stone openings so they don't shift.
- 4. Using two strands of Button & Craft Thread, sew eight legs on the rhinestone spider.

## Assemble the Pillow Back

- 1. Press under a double ½" (1.29cm) hem along one long edge of each backing piece. Topstitch to hold the hem in place.
- 2. With right sides up, overlap the hemmed edges to form a 16½" (41.91cm) square and baste the overlap side edges.

## Assemble the Pillow

- 1. With right sides together and the back overlap facing down, match the pillow front and back. Sew around the entire perimeter, pivoting at the corners.
- 2. Turn the pillow right side out and press the edges.

## Finishing

- 1. Insert the pillow form through the back overlap opening and adjust it to fill the corners.