



Golden Accents Pillow

Technique:	Sewing, Decorative Stitching
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Skill Level:	Intermediate
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	12" x 24" (30.48cm x 60.96cm)

Featuring Coats® Metallic Thread

Add a little luxe to any decorating scheme, whether for the holidays or just every day. Decorative stitches combine with textured home décor fabric for a little tasseled bling!

Supplies

- Coats® Metallic Thread
- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread
- ¾ yd (34.29cm) tone-on-tone patterned upholstery-weight fabric
- ¼ yd (22.86cm) linen with metallic finish
- ½ yd (30.48cm) medium-weight fusible interfacing
- 1 yd (.91m) metallic ribbon, 7/8" (2.22cm) wide
- 12" x 24" (30.48cm x 60.96cm) pillow form
- Super bulky yarn, for tassels
- Metallic needle
- Large-eye hand tapestry needle
- Heavy cardboard
- Stabilizer (optional)

Cutting

From patterned home décor fabric, cut:

- (1) rectangle, 12 ½" x 24 ½" (31.75cm x 62.23cm), for backing
- (2) strips, 5" x 12 ½" (12.70cm x 31.75cm), for end panels
- (1) rectangle, 7" x 12 ½" (17.78cm x 31.75cm), for center panel

From linen and fusible interfacing, cut:

- (2) strips, 4 ¾" x 12 ½" (12.07cm x 31.75cm), for insets

Note: Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm).

Preparation

1. Zigzag or serge the edges of all home décor pieces to prevent fraying during construction.
2. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse interfacing to the wrong side of the linen strips. Also fuse to some scraps for test stitching.
3. Test stitch with metallic thread to select decorative stitches and adjust tension if needed. If the fabric puckers, use a stabilizer underneath during decorative stitching.

Assemble Inset Panels

1. Center a length of ribbon lengthwise on each linen inset and stitch close to the edges.
2. Using decorative machine stitches, sew rows on both sides of the ribbon to create a wide border. Do not allow stitching to extend into the ¼" (.64cm) seam allowances on the linen long edges. Repeat for a second inset, noting that you can use the same or different stitches for embellishment.

Assemble the Pillow Front

3. Sew together the pieces of the pillow front in this order: end panel, inset, center panel, inset, end panel. Press seams open.

Assemble the Pillow

1. With right sides together, layer the pillow front and back, matching edges.
2. Sew around the pillow perimeter, leaving a 9" (22.86cm) opening in one long side and backstitching at the opening ends.
3. Turn the pillow right side out and gently shape the corners. Press the edges, turning under the opening edges ¼" (.64cm).

Assembling the Tassels

1. Cut a short strip of heavy cardboard 5" (12.70cm) tall.
2. Holding snugly, wrap the yarn fifteen times around the cardboard height, near one end of the strip.
3. Before removing from the cardboard, slide a 12" (30.48cm) length of yarn through the upper end loops. This will be used to attach the tassel to the pillow.
4. Slide the wrapped yarn off the end of the cardboard. With the yarn about 1" (2.54cm) from the upper loops, tightly wrap the tassel strands six times around. Tie a knot with the original wrap end and poke the knot under the wrap area.
5. Cut the lower tassel strand ends.
6. Insert one yarn end from the attachment strand into the eye of the tapestry needle. Thread the yarn end through the pillow seam at the corner, and repeat for the second yarn end. Tie off inside the pillow to secure. Repeat for all the tassels.



Finishing

1. Insert the pillow form through the opening and firmly push into the corners.
2. Hand-stitch the opening closed.