

Technique:	Machine Sewing
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Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	16" (40.64cm) square

Featuring Coats® Transparent Thread

Say it in style, say it bold—tell your special someone how you feel. This fun pillow isn't just for Valentine's Day, but any day you want to remind someone know that you love them.

Supplies

- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread
- Coats® Transparent Thread
- ½ yd (45.72cm) black/white home décor fabric
- ½ yd (30.48cm) low-plush red fur
- 1¼ yds (1.14m) cable cord, 5/32" (.48cm) diameter
- 16" (40.64cm) pillow form)
- Cording foot (optional)
- Pattern tracing cloth
- Heart template

Preparation

Trace the heart template onto pattern tracing cloth and cut out.

Cutting

From the black/white fabric, cut:
(2) squares, 16½" (41.91cm)

From the red fur, cut:
(1) heart

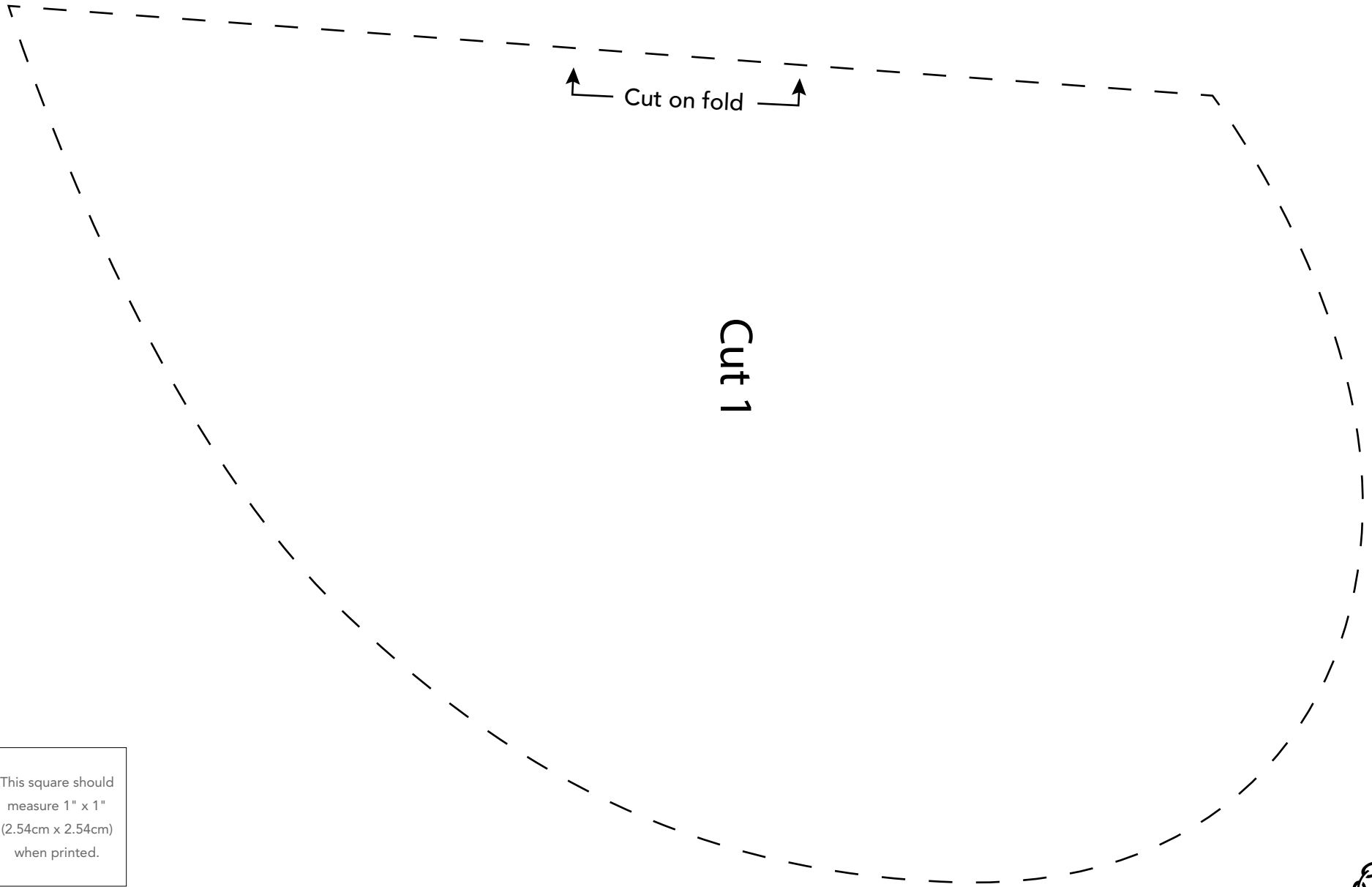
Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm)

Assemble the Pillow Front

1. Center and pin the fur heart on one pillow square.
2. Leaving a 1" (2.54cm) end overhanging, shape the cord to spell the word "love" across the heart. Pin liberally to hold the letters in place, and allow at least 1" (2.54cm) at the end of the word for overhang.
3. Carefully lift up the heart appliqué and cut a small slit under the heart edge in the pillow front near the beginning and ending of the word. Be sure it's under the heart. Tuck the overhanging cord end into the slit and hand-stitch in place.
4. To secure the lettering, hand-stitch the cord in place invisibly, or if you have a cording foot, thread the machine with transparent thread and sew through the cord.
5. Using transparent thread, set the machine for a medium-width, medium-length zigzag and appliqué the heart edge, skipping the cord at the ends of the lettering. Trim any fur fuzzies.

Assemble the Pillow

1. Place the remaining 16" (40.64cm) black/white square right sides together with the appliquéd front, matching raw edges.
2. Sew the pillow perimeter, leaving open most of the pillow lower edge.
3. Trim the corner seam allowances and turn the pillow right side out through the opening. Shape the corners. Press the edges. Be careful not to press the fur portion, as some furs melt.
4. Insert the pillow form through the opening and push it into the corners.
5. Turn under the opening seam allowances and hand-stitch the opening closed.



This square should
measure 1" x 1"
(2.54cm x 2.54cm)
when printed.

*** Measure templates before cutting to confirm printing at 100%***