

PIECING WITH MACHINE EMBROIDERY PILLOW

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Minimalist Machine Embroidery, is a way you can create your own embroidered fabric. You get to be the fabric designer. Using lightly stitched embroidery designs to create texture, dimension, and add interest to your quilts, bags, and more. In this pillow project, we will create our own fabric in a variety of background colors, threads, and patterns.

When I make a project with Minimalist Machine Embroidery I like to make extra pieces so I have options to add more or less a particular pattern or color. In the instructions, I give you the exact number of pieces you will need but I would suggest making a few extra so you have more flexibility when it comes to putting your project together. Also, please don't feel like you have to make this into a pillow, the possibilities are endless.

Materials

- Background fabric (white) ½ yard
- Variety of solid or solid like fabric to embroider on, depending on the size of your largest embroidery hoop will determine the amount of fabric you will need
- Variety of machine embroidery thread
- Light weight sticky tear away stabilizer or wash away stabilizer
- Basic sewing supplies
- Embroidery and sewing machine

Embroidery Instructions

- Hoop your stabilizer, if you are using sticky tear way hoop with paper side up
- Scour the paper of the sticky stabilizer, peel back excess paper, leaving a sticky surface
- Place fabric in the center of the hoop, and press gently
- Have design set up on embroidery machine
- Press start button
- After machine has stitched out, un hoop fabric
- Stitch out as many as you would like, in different color variations and patterns
- Now your ready to cut out squares



Cutting instructions

- Cut 4 strips of background fabric (white) 3.5'' by WOF
- Sub cut background into 3.5'' squares (48 total)
- Cut 3.5'' squares from embroidered fabric (48 total)

Marking instructions

- On background squares, draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner
- Draw two more lines ¼ '' on either side of the original diagonal line.
- You will have three parallel diagonal lines; the two outside lines are your sewing lines and center line is your cutting line
- Continue to mark all 48 background squares

½ Square Triangles Instructions

- Pair background squares with embroidered square, right sides together, making sure all four sides are flush (24 pairs total)
- Pin pairs in place
- Sew along the two outside sewing lines, leaving center line unsewn, remove pins as you go
- Cut along center cutting line

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- Press seams open
- Square up all $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangles to 3" square

Sewing instructions

- Pair $\frac{1}{2}$ squares triangles right sides together, with embroidered side of the triangle in top left-hand corner
- Pin in place
- Sew together with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance
- Sew all in sets of two
- Press seams to one side
- Pair sets of two with another set of two making a set of 4, pin in place right sides together
- Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance
- Continue to pair and sew all in sets of four
- Press seam to one side
- Continue to pair until desired size of pillow

Quilting

- Layer batting and pillow top, spray baste in place
- When quilting with Minimalist Machine Embroidery I prefer to stitch in the ditch or quilt in the negative space of the project, if you where to quilt on top of the embroidery it could be a little distracting or to busy
- Put pillow together as desired
- You can add a zipper or envelope back

I hope this as inspired you to add Minimalist Machine Embroidery to your next project.

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