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Pillow Cover



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Bobbins & Threads' Woodpecker Pillow Cover turns their striking woodpecker design into a polished piece of home décor. Designed for a 20" pillow form, this confident-beginner-friendly project features a neatly piped edge and an easy envelope back, creating a full, finished pillow that is just as practical as it is charming. It is a fun way to let this feathered friend perch in your favorite chair or cozy sewing space!

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Finished size: Approximately 19" square

Seam allowance: ½" unless otherwise noted

Closure: Envelope back

Skill level: Confident beginner

WHY THE COVER FINISHES

SMALLER: The 20" precut front becomes approximately 19" after the ½" seams are sewn. A slightly smaller cover helps a 20" pillow form look full and well shaped.

SUPPLIES

Available in a Kit at Bobbins & Threads

ITEM	SIZE / AMOUNT	DETAILS
Pillow Front	20" x 20"	Moda 48626-150 with pre-applied DTF woodpecker
Pillow Back	26" x 20"	Moda 48626-187
Piping Strips	(2) 2" x WOF strips	Moda 30150-265; straight grain
Cable Cord	Approx. 84"	9/32" cable cord

Additional Supplies

- Sewing machine and matching thread
- Zipper foot or piping foot
- Rotary cutter, ruler, and mat
- Pins or fabric clips
- Iron and pressing surface
- 20" x 20" pillow form

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- Read all directions before cutting or sewing.
- Protect the DTF Woodpecker when pressing. Press from the wrong side whenever possible and do not place a hot iron directly on the artwork.
- Use a ½" seam allowance unless a step states otherwise.
- Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam.

PREPARE THE ENVELOPE BACK

1. **Divide the back.** Cut the 26" × 20" backing rectangle into two equal 13" × 20" rectangles.
2. **Choose the opening edges.** On each rectangle, select one 20" edge to become the finished edge at the center opening.
3. **Press the double-fold hems.** On each selected edge, press ½" to the wrong side. Fold and press another ½" to enclose the raw edge.
4. **Stitch the hems.** Topstitch close to the inner folded edge. The two finished back panels will each measure approximately 12" × 20".

ENVELOPE OVERLAP When the two back panels are placed over the 20" front, the finished edges will overlap by approximately 4". This is enough to hold the pillow form securely while still allowing it to be inserted and removed.

MAKE THE PIPING

1. **Join the straight-grain strips diagonally.** Place two strip ends right sides together at a 90-degree angle. Sew diagonally from corner to corner. Trim the seam allowance to ¼" and press the seam open. Continue until the strip is one long piece.
2. **Enclose the cord.** Center the 9/32" cable cord on the wrong side of the long strip. Fold the strip lengthwise around the cord, matching the raw edges.
3. **Baste close to the cord.** Using a zipper or piping foot, stitch close to the cord without sewing into it. Keep the raw edges even.

WHY DIAGONAL JOINS? The piping strips are cut on the straight grain, but diagonal joining seams spread the seam allowance over a larger area and prevent a bulky lump in the finished piping.

ATTACH THE PIPING TO THE FRONT

- 1. Begin along the bottom edge.** Place the piping on the right side of the pillow front with the piping cord toward the center and the raw edges aligned. Leave a 3"-4" loose tail at the beginning.
- 2. Baste around the front.** Stitch the piping to the front, sewing just inside the previous piping stitches so they will not show later.
- 3. Shape the corners.** As you approach each corner, clip only the piping seam allowance several times, stopping before the stitching. Curve the piping gently around the corner; do not clip into the cord or pillow front.
- 4. Join the piping ends.** Stop several inches before the starting point. Trim the cord ends so they meet without overlapping. Fold the ending fabric edge under, overlap it over the starting fabric edge, and finish basting the piping in place.

ASSEMBLE THE PILLOW COVER

- 1. Position the first back panel.** Lay the pillow front right side up. Place one back panel right side down, aligning its raw outer edges with the top, side, and bottom edges of the front. Its hemmed edge will lie toward the center.
- 2. Position the second back panel.** Place the second panel right side down from the opposite side. Align its raw outer edges with the front. The two hemmed edges should overlap by approximately 4".
- 3. Pin and sew.** Pin or clip through all layers. With the pillow front facing up, sew completely around the cover using a zipper or piping foot. Follow the piping basting line closely, feeling for the cord as you sew.
- 4. Reinforce the opening.** Stitch a second short line across each place where a hemmed back edge meets the outer seam. This strengthens the envelope opening.
- 5. Trim and turn.** Trim excess bulk at the corners without cutting the stitching. Turn the cover right side out through the envelope opening. Gently shape the corners and smooth the piping.

FINISH AND INSERT THE PILLOW FORM

- 1. Press carefully.** Press the back and seams as needed. Protect the DTF artwork and avoid direct heat on the woodpecker.
- 2. Insert the form.** Fold the 20" × 20" pillow form slightly and work it through the envelope opening. Fill the corners, smooth the edges, and arrange the back overlap.

CARE Remove the pillow form before laundering. Follow the care recommendations supplied with the DTF artwork and fabrics.