

# Cottage Pillows

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Hone your hand embroidery skills with two cute pillows featuring Jenny Hart designs and fun trim embellishment.





## Pretty Pheasants Pillow

Add fun pom-pom trim to a shaped hand-embroidered pillow.

### SUPPLIES

- ½ yard of mediumweight woven fabric
- 1½ yards of ½"-wide pom-pom trim
- All-purpose thread
- Embroidery floss (colors according to the embroidery template)
- Needles: hand embroidery, hand sewing & universal
- Heat-removable fabric pen (See "Source.")
- Hand embroidery hoop
- Polyester fiberfill
- Light box (optional)
- Painter's tape (optional)

### PREPARE

Download the Pretty Pheasants embroidery design and the Pheasant Pillow pattern free from [sewnews.com/web\\_extras](http://sewnews.com/web_extras) until Nov. 30, 2016. Enlarge the embroidery design 200%; print.



From the fabric, cut one 18" square and two pillow backs.

### EMBROIDER

Position the embroidery design right side up over a light box or tape to a window during the daytime. Center the fabric square right side up over the template.

Transfer the design to the fabric square using a heat-removable fabric marker.

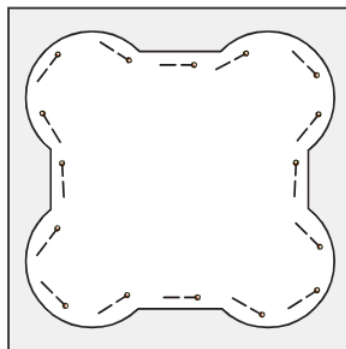
Hand embroider the design following the embroidery template color and stitch key.

Mark the horizontal and vertical centerlines on the embroidery square.

Position the embroidered square right side up on a flat work surface. Position the pillow-front template over the square, aligning the centerlines (1). Pin, and then cut out.

Position a towel over the pressing surface. Press the pillow front wrong side up over the towel.

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## CONSTRUCT

Use  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowances unless otherwise noted.

**Stitch the pillow backs** along the straight edge with right sides together, leaving a 5"-long centered opening for turning.

**Position the pillow front** right side up on a flat work surface. Position the pom-pom trim over the pillow front right side, aligning the trim straight edge with the pillow-front raw edge; pin. Machine baste the trim using a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance (2).

**Position the pillow back** over the pillow front with right sides together; stitch the perimeter, making sure not to catch the pom-poms within the stitching. Clip into the seam allowance  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the stitching line at  $\frac{1}{2}$ " intervals.

**Turn the pillowcase right side out** through the pillow-back opening. Press the perimeter flat, making sure to avoid the pom-pom trim and hand embroidery with the iron.

**Firmly fill the pillow cover** with fiberfill. Slipstitch the opening closed.

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## Queen of Hearts Pillow

Stitch a pillowcase featuring fun fringe trim and colorful hand embroidery.

### SUPPLIES

- $\frac{1}{2}$  yard of mediumweight woven fabric
- $\frac{3}{4}$  yard each of  $\frac{5}{8}$ "-wide rickrack and  $2\frac{1}{4}$ "-wide fringe trim
- All-purpose thread
- Embroidery floss (colors according to the embroidery template)
- Needles: hand embroidery & universal
- Heat-removable fabric pen (See "Source.")
- Hand embroidery hoop
- 12"x16" pillow form
- Light box (optional)
- Painter's tape (optional)

### PREPARE

Purchase and download the Queen of Hearts embroidery design from [shopsewitall.com](http://shopsewitall.com). Enlarge the embroidery design 130%, and then print out.

**From the fabric**, cut one 15"x20" rectangle for the front, one 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x13" rectangle for the lower-back panel and one 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x13" rectangle for the upper-back panel.

### EMBROIDER

**Position the embroidery design** right side up over a light box or tape to a window during the daytime. Center the large fabric rectangle right side up over the template.

**Transfer the design** to the fabric rectangle using a heat-removable fabric marker.

**Hand embroider the design** following the embroidery template color and stitch key.

**Trim the rectangle** to 12"x17", centering the design within the rectangle.

**Position a towel** over the pressing surface. Press the pillow front wrong side up over the towel.

## CONSTRUCT

Use  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowances unless otherwise noted.

**Double-fold one lower-back panel long edge** 1" toward the wrong side; press. Topstitch  $\frac{7}{8}$ " from the first fold. Repeat to stitch one upper-back panel long edge.

**Position the pillow front** right side up on a flat work surface. Measure and mark 3" from each short edge. Draw a vertical line parallel to each short edge at the mark.

**Cut the rickrack trim** in half. Position one piece vertically along the right line, aligning the trim left edge with the line; pin. Repeat to pin the remaining rickrack piece to the left line, aligning the trim right edge with the line. Stitch along each rickrack vertical center (3).

**Cut the fringe trim** in half. Position one piece along one pillow-front short edge, aligning the trim straight edge with the pillow-front raw edge; pin. Machine baste the trim using a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance. Repeat to baste the remaining fringe trim piece to the opposite pillow-front short edge (4).





**Position the pillow front** right side up on a flat work surface. Position the upper-back panel wrong side up over the pillow front, aligning the raw edges. Position the lower-back panel wrong side up over the pillow front and upper-back panel, aligning the raw edge; pin.

**Stitch the pillow perimeter**, making sure to not catch the fringe within the stitching.

**Trim the excess fringe** from the seam allowance and trim each corner. Turn the pillowcase right side out through the back opening. Only press the

perimeter flat, making sure to avoid the fringe trim and hand embroidery.

**Insert the pillow form** through the back opening. 

SOURCE

Shop Sew it All carries the Jenny Hart Sew with Me exclusive embroidery designs and Pilot Friction heat-removable fabric pens: [shopsewital.com](http://shopsewital.com).



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