Sewing a Pillow

Seam Allowance: ¼ inch.

 >>Means make sure the end of your fabric lines up with the 1/4th line on the
 metal plate to create a straight stitch

>>There should be ¼ inch from your thread to the end of the fabric.

* Step 1: Place the two pieces of fabric together. Line them up together. The patterns should be facing each other. It will look like the pattern is backwards/inside out.
* Step 2: Choose the side that will be the bottom edge of the pillow and pin off a 4 inch opening in the center with two pins at each point. **This will be left open.**

>> Measure out 4 inches and on each side of the 4 inches place 2 pins in both

 pieces of fabric to hold it together. This will be your starting and ending point.

* Step 3: Pin the rest of the fabric together. There should be about 3-4 pins on each side of the fabric.

>> The pins should be going in a horizontal position --------- from left to right.

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* Step 4: Starting at one of your double pins (next to the 4 inch opening) begin to sew around the edge of the fabric using a 1/4 inch allowance. **Don’t forget to back stitch a 1/4 of an inch.**
* Pins!! Do I sew on them?

>> NOO! Once you get close to a pin (before it goes under the needle) Take it out then continue to sew. You will need to do ‘stop and go’ sewing.

>> Place your pins on the magnetic pin catcher or in a pin cushion

* Step 5: When you get to a corner (1/4 inch away from the edge) you will need to pivot the needle.

>> Stop with the needle through the material

>> Lift the presser foot

>> Turn the material to align the next edge

>> Lower the presser foot

>> Continue to sew

>> Repeat at the other 3 corners

* Step 6: Finish sewing all the way around the pillow until you arrive at your ending double pin (next to the 4 inch space you left open). **Don’t forget to back stitch a 1/4 of an inch at the end.**
* Step 7: Take your fabric out of the sewing machine and cut all the loose ends. Be careful not to cut out the stitches!
* Step 8: Turn your pillow inside out using the 4 inch opening.
* Step 9: Begin putting tiny pieces of stuffing in the corners of your pillow. Using a pencil eraser may be helpful. SAVE THE STUFFING BAG! Don’t rip it completely open, just open the top. You need the stuffing bag to place your pillow in when you are ready to turn it in.
* Step 10: Stuff the pillow as evenly as possible to your liking
* Step 11: Slip stitch the opening in the bottom seam.

>>Thread a hand sewing needle and bring the ends together.

>> Tie the ends in a knot 2-3 times on top of the previous knot so the knot won’t pull through
 the fabric

>> Fold ¼ inch of both edges of the opening to the inside so the folds are even with the stitching

>>Pin the two edges together so the folds meet, making sure the fabric is smooth and even
>> Put the needle in from the inside at the point where the machine stitching ends

>> Slip the needle and thread through one of the folded edge and then the other, making each
 portion of the stitch about 1/8 to ¼ inch long.

>> Continue stitching the entire length of the opening, catching the fold of one piece and then
 the other. Stop once you arrive at the end of the opening

>> Knot the end of the thread 2-3 times.

>> Take 1 more stitch into the pillow to lose the end inside, and then cut off the excess thread.

* Step 12: Place your pillow in either a plastic bag or your stuffing bag. Make sure to place a rubric with your name on it in the bag as well. Write your name on the bag using a sharpie and turn it in!

>>>YOU ARE DONE!!!