

Fabricate Fall Retreat Pillows: Step-By-Step Instructions

Discover rustic style layered with smart living solutions in our Fall Rustic Retreat Roomscape with a mix of comfortable yet stylish pillows, featuring a warm color pallet and natural feel-good textures.



Mix Size & Shape for Cozy Retreat Style Pillows:

Design a collection of pillows based on the theme design of a room.

- Choose pillow shapes and sizes to compliment the design theme and fit the size of the furniture in the space.
- Pillows can be reversible for versatility and change the look when the client wishes.
- Have fun and get creative with fabric overlays.
- Add a border of trim or a fabric border around a pillow overlay.
- Use remnants of fabrics to create a ruffle, welt cord, or fabric band as a highlight to a pillow edging.
- Cut and piece striped fabric to create a one-of-a-kind pillow front.
- Use a complimentary piece of flat braid trim to highlight a solid color pillow front.

Curate a Collection of Fabric Types & Textures:

In this Fall Rustic Retreat, colors of fall and the outdoors were the starting point for curating the fabric and trim collection. The fabrics and trims in natural fibers blended colors and textures to create a warm and inviting space.

- Heavily embroidered fabric with a base cloth of linen and cotton was the star of the show.
- A banded trim of burlap, rope and wood beads was used as a touch of contrast color and texture.
- A warm, tone-on-tone fabric in a lovely wool / linen mix gave the appearance of trees in the forest that had lost their leaves.
- A performance fabric in brown and black fibers gave a grounding feel to the space.
- A stripe fabric in red texture mixed with cream in rayon, cotton and flax added the pop of color in the space.

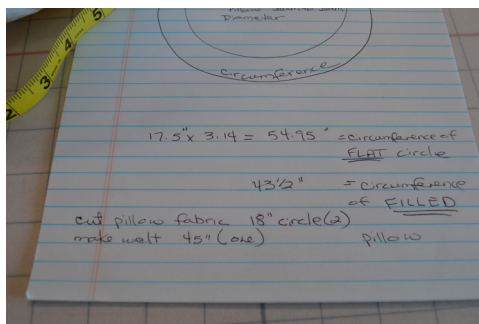


Make a Knife-Edge Round Pillow with Smooth Edges:

Have you ever tried making a round, knife edge pillow only to have the edges that weren't smooth? With this technique you will be able to have success with this pillow type.

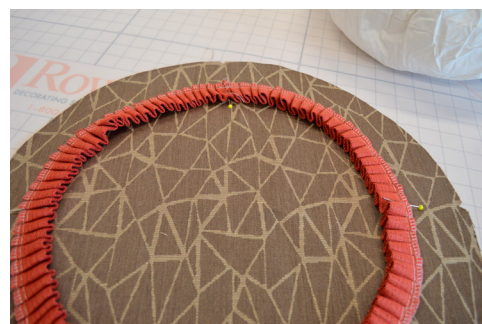
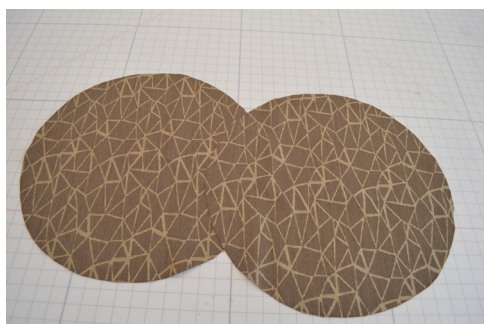
Measure:

- Measure the diameter of the pillow insert from seam to seam.
- Measure the circumference of the pillow insert.
- Notate these on a piece of paper.



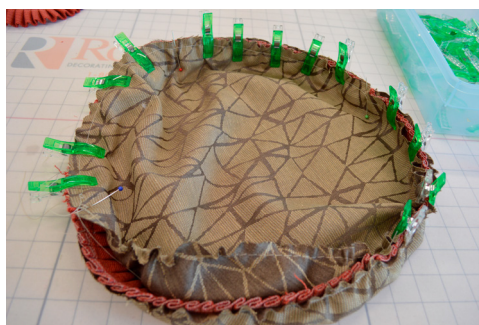
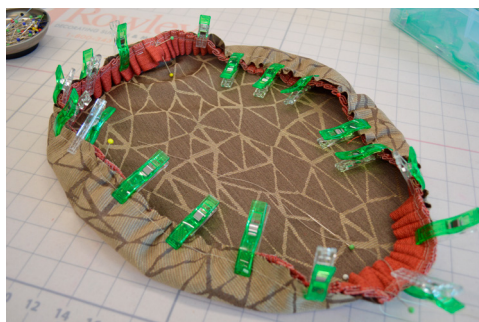
Prepare the Pillow Fabric & Trim:

- Cut one piece of fabric for the pillow front and for the pillow back based on the diameter, seam to seam measurement of the pillow form.
- Make your welt cord or trim for your pillow to fit the circumference of the pillow form.
- Fold the pillow pieces into quarters and clip a notch.
- Fold the trim into quarters and mark with pins.
- Place the trim on the pillow sections and notice these do not match. Don't worry! We'll fix that in the next step.



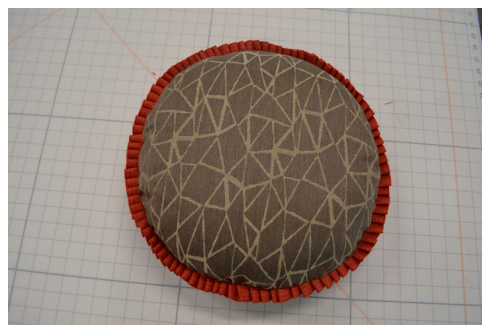
Sew the Pillow Cover:

- Using a long stitch on the machine baste around each pillow section near the seam line. Leave long tails of thread at each end for pulling.
- Mark quarters between the pillow fabric and trim.
- Pull the basting stitches to fit the pillow fabric to the trim.
- Pin or use Jumbo Wonder Clips QC40 to hold in place.
- Carefully sew the trim to the pillow fabric being careful not to cause tucks as you sew the gathers.
- Repeat the process for the pillow back.
- Sew the pillow back to the pillow front, leaving a hole for turning.



Complete the Pillow Cover:

- Turn the pillow right sides out.
- Put pillow form inside the pillow cover.
- Pin the hole closed.
- Hand stitch the pillow closed.



Tips for Sewing a Pillow Front with a Framed Center:

Tip 1: Determine the size and placement for the 'picture frame' fabric:

- Remember when a pillow is sitting on a piece of furniture, it sits on its bottom, or the bottom flattens out.
- Raise the centered portion of the pillow above the center point to compensate for this.
- For this pillow, the framed center fabric is placed one inch, rather than centering it on the main fabric.



Tip 2: Create interest by framing the framed fabric:

- Sew a contrasting color of a different texture around the perimeter of the fabric which will be the center of the pillow.
- This will then be top stitched to the main pillow fabric.



Tip 3: Stitch in the ditch to top stitch the frame to the pillow front:

- Carefully pin the framed fabric to the pillow front and stitch together.
- Using a stiletto WW80 will allow you to sew closer to the welt and hide the stitches.

