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Add a fresh look to your guest room with these simple-to make pillows and a thoughtful bedside basket.

### Slipcover Pillow

Finished size: 12" x 12"

### Ruffled Ribbon Pillow

Finished size: 18" x 12"

### Simple Basket Liner

### Felted Mug Rug

Finished size: 7" x 5"



## Supplies

### Machine & Accessories

- BERNINA 3 Series or 5 Series machine
- Overlock Foot #2/2A
- Patchwork Foot #37
- Button Sew-On Foot #18
- Ruffler #86
- Clear Embroidery Foot #39/39C
- Open Embroidery Foot #20/20C/20D
- Needle Punch Set

### Fabric & Notions

#### Slipcover Pillow

- ½ yard quilting cotton for body of pillow
- ½ yard coordinating fabric for body of pillow
- Five large decorative buttons
- 12" square pillow form

#### Ruffled Ribbon Pillow

- 2 pieces fabric, 21" x 13" each
- 16" x 12" pillow form
- 3 yards of 7/8" wide grosgrain
- 2 yards Perle Cotton #5

#### Simple Basket Liner

- Rectangular basket
- 2 coordinating fabrics (see page 4 for determining amount)
- 2 yards narrow ribbon

#### Felted Mug Rug

- Two pieces wool felt, 7" x 5" each
- Assorted colors of wool roving as desired
- Bias strip, 2¼" x 36" (piece if needed to make one long strip)

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# Slipcover Pillow

This colorful pillow is stitched like a pillow case. When a square pillow form is slipped into it, the excess can be folded over to form a flap. Using French seams gives it a finished look on the inside. Simple to make, this is a great beginner project.

*Finished size: 12" x 12"*

## Step 1

Cut the following:

Main fabric: 13" x 26"

Header/Flap fabric 13" x 12"

## Step 2

Fold rectangle in half across the width **wrong** sides together.

## Step 3

Using Patchwork Foot #37, sew the side seams using a ¼" seam.



## Step 4

Trim seam allowances to ⅛" using a rotary cutter.



*Wrong side  
(inside of pillow)*

## Step 5

Turn right sides together; press seams.

## Step 6

Using Patchwork Foot #37, sew the final step using a ¼" seam.

## Step 7

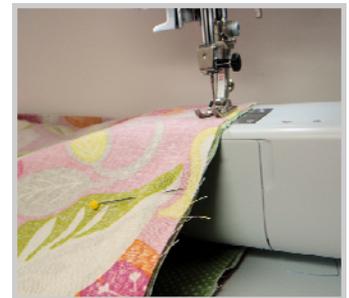
Turn the pillow to the right side.

## Step 8

Fold the header in half lengthwise and stitch the seam to form a tube, open at both ends. Fold the tube wrong sides together, forming a circle.

## Step 9

Place the body of the pillow and the header right sides together; stitch. *Tip: Use the free-arm of your machine to sew this seam.*



Serge the seam allowances or over-cast them on the sewing machine using Overlock Foot #2/2A and the Vari Overlock stitch.

## Step 10

Using Button Sew-on Foot #18, stitch five large decorative buttons across the lower edge of the front flap (do not sew through the back flap).



## Step 11

Insert the pillow form into the Slipcover Pillow and fold the flap forward.

# Ruffled Ribbon Pillow



Finished with a ribbon trim, this easy-to-make pillow has only four simple seams. The unique hemming process gives a finished look to the inside edge and provides the perfect place to stitch the ruffled ribbon trim.

*Finished size: 20" x 12"*

## Step 1

Place the fabric rectangles for the front and back of the pillow right sides together and stitch the upper and lower seams only, leaving the ends open.

## Step 2

Press the seams and turn the pillow to the right side.

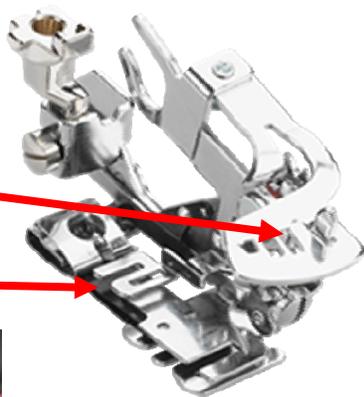
## Step 3

Fold  $\frac{1}{2}$ " on each end to the *right* side and press. Stitch about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the fold. *Note: The raw edge of the fabric will show on the front of the pillow but will be covered by the ribbon trim.*

## Step 4

Attach Ruffler #86 to the machine and adjust the lever on the front to 6.

Place the ribbon in the slot.



Stitch down the center of the ribbon to ruffle it; press the ribbon flat if a pleated look is desired.

## Step 5

Remove the ruffler and Attach Clear Embroidery #39/39C to the machine.

Set the machine with the following settings:

Zigzag Stitch  
2.5mm = W  
2mm = L

Thread perle cotton through the hole in the center of the presser foot.

Position the ribbon on the edge of one end of the pillow, placing it over the stitched hem. The ribbon should extend slightly ( $\frac{1}{8}$ "- $\frac{1}{4}$ " ) beyond the edge.

Stitch down the center of the ribbon, covering the ruffler stitching and couching the perle cotton to the ribbon as the trim is secured to the pillow edge.



From the right side, sew a line of straight stitching about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the ribbon trim, closing one end of the pillow.

Slide the pillow form into the open end and stitch in the same manner to close the pillow.



*view of finished side*

# Simple Basket Liner



Coordinate the look of baskets to any room with this simple liner that ties onto the basket. Made of two reversible rectangles, the liner can be made to fit any square or rectangular basket.

## Step 1

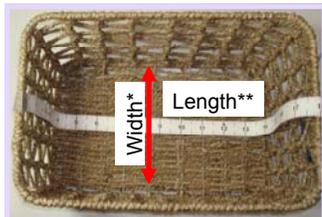
Determine the size of the fabric pieces by taking the following measurements of the basket:

### 1. Drop

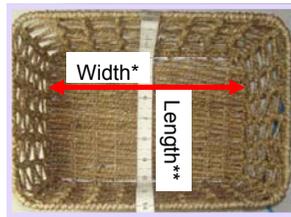
Decide on the desired drop of the liner (how far you want the liner to come down over the outside of the basket). Add ½" seam allowance.

### 2. Length

Measure *inside the basket* from upper edge, down the side, across the base and up to opposite upper edge. Do this from side to side (2a) and from front to back (2b).



\* Plus seam allowances



\*\* Plus the Drop (1) measurement

### 3. Width

Determine the width of the rectangle by measuring across the base of the basket, horizontally (3a) and vertically (3b). Add 1" (two ½" seam allowances) to each measurement.

### Calculations

For the horizontal rectangle:

$$\text{Width} = \text{add } 1 \text{ (including added seam allowance)} + 2a$$

$$\text{Length} = 3a \text{ (including added seam allowances)}$$

For the vertical rectangle:

$$\text{Width} = \text{add } 1 \text{ (including added seam allowance)} + 2b$$

$$\text{Length} = 3b \text{ (including added seam allowances)}$$

### For lining/casing rectangle:

Add 4" to length (long edge) of previous rectangles. Cut 1 lining rectangle for each main fabric piece.

## Step 2

Place the corresponding fabric and lining rectangles right sides together with 2" of the lining fabric extending at each end. Stitch the long edges using ¼" seam allowances. Turn to the right side. Fold the end of the lining ¼" to the wrong side; press.



## Step 3

Fold end of lining so that it overlaps the raw edge about ¼". Edgestitch along the fold, stitching through all layers and leaving ends open.



## Step 4

Place reversible rectangles perpendicular to each other and stitch them together as shown (this stitched rectangle should be the size of the inside base of the basket).

## Step 5

Place liner in the basket with the ends (casings) hanging over the upper edges of the basket. Thread ribbon through each casing and tie two together at each corner.





# Felted Mug Rug

Protect your table tops with this colorful over-sized coaster. Embellished with needle punching and simple quilting, this mug rug has enough room for a cup of your favorite beverage *and* that hard-to-resist snack!

*Finished size: 7" x 5"*

## Step 1

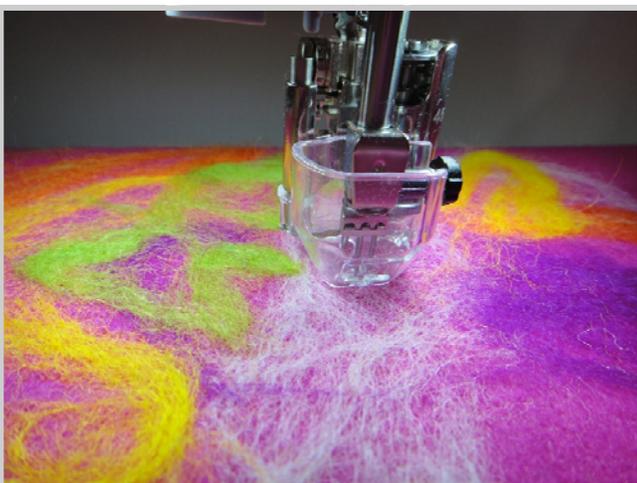
Attach the BERNINA Needle Punch Set to your machine. Install the stitch plate for needle punching.

*Note: There are two versions of this attachment. Consult with your BERNINA dealer to determine which version your model takes.*

## Step 2

Place a piece of batting behind one piece of wool felt. Arrange a thin layer of various colors of wool roving over the surface of the felt. Quickly punch over the entire felt piece, "basting" the roving into place.

Continue punching the roving, adding more if needed to get the desired effect. The more the fabric is punched, the firmer (less soft and fuzzy) and more defined the surface will look.

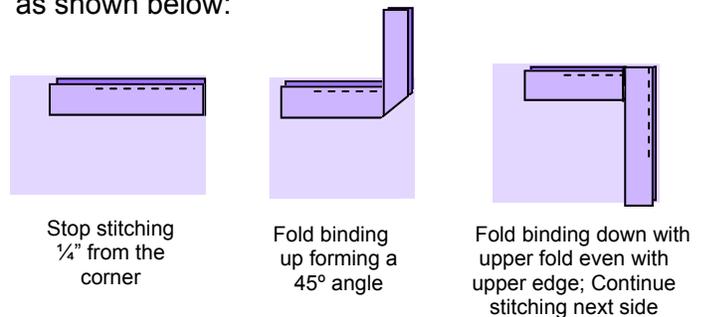


## Step 3

Attach Reverse Pattern Foot #1 to the machine. Place a second piece of felt behind the batting and stitch across the mug rug as desired to quilt the layers together.

## Step 4

Fold the binding strip in half. Starting in the middle of one edge, align the raw edges of the binding with the edge of the mug rug. Stitch the binding to the mug rug using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam and mitering the corners as shown below:



Wrap the stitched binding to the back, folding the corners into a miter. Secure the binding on the back with hand or machine stitching.

