

# MITSY KIT PET PILLOW INSTRUCTIONS

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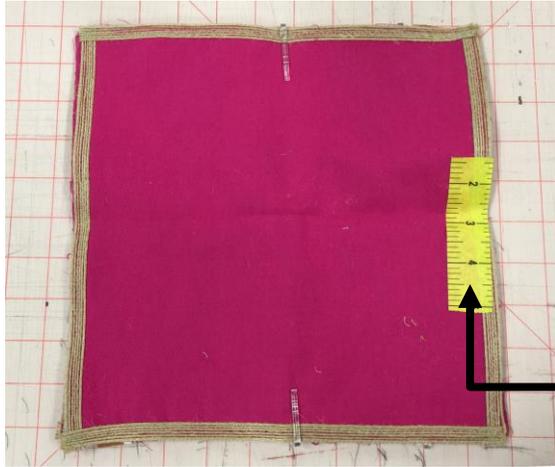
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# Mitsy Kit – Pet Pillow Kit

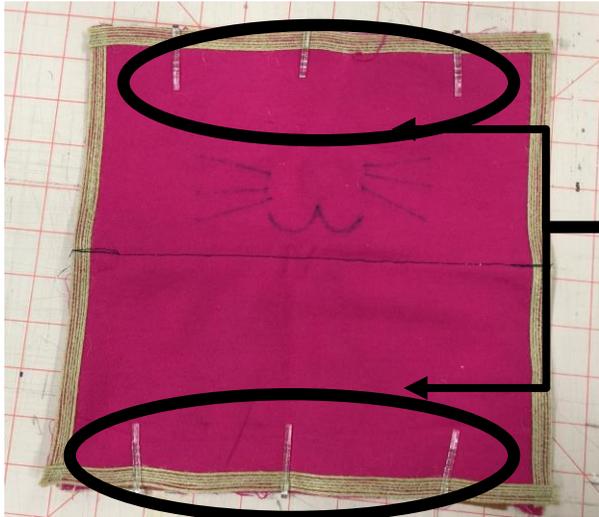


# Pet Pillow Kit Intro

(Please read all instructions through to end before begin sewing)



1. The package will contain pillow facing fabric and pillow backing fabric pinned right sides together with ears and feet tucked in on inside.
2. The fabric has a right side and a wrong side. The right side will be smooth to the touch, and the wrong side will be rough on the borders where tactile guide is sewn as a stitching guide.



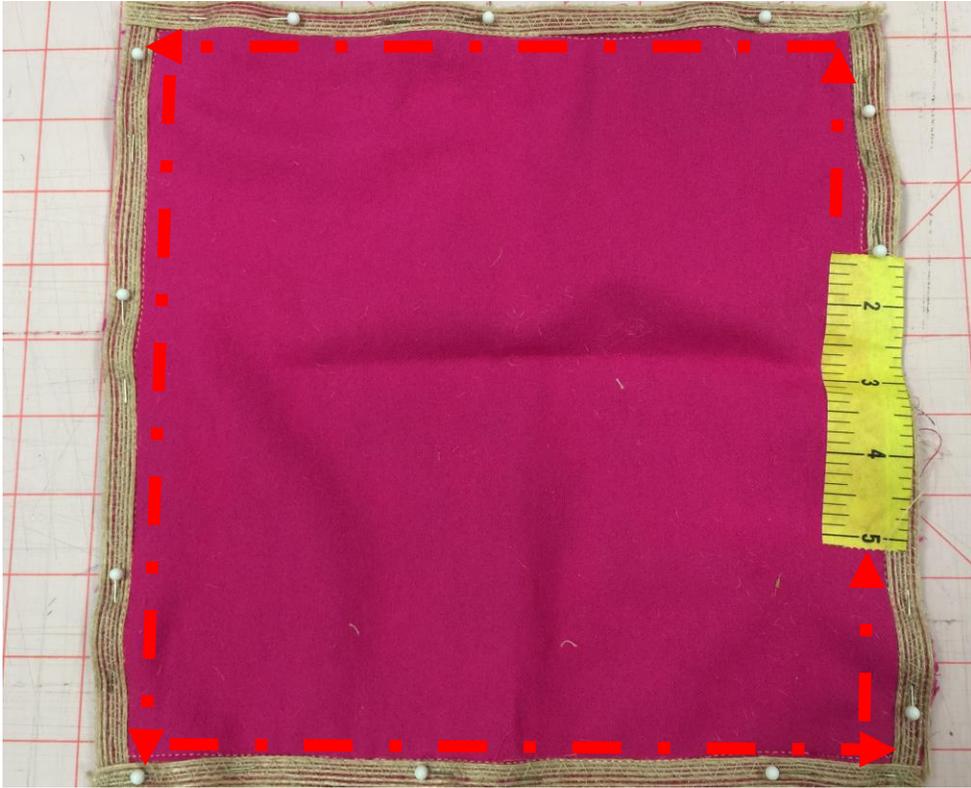
3. There is a piece of tape covering a section of the tactile stitching guide. This is to indicate that you should not sew here. It will be the area that you use to turn the fabric right side out in a later step.
4. There are plastic clips around the perimeter of the kit – some hold the front to the back of the pillow pet together, and some hold the ears and the feet in place in between the pillow front and back. Keep all of the plastic clips on until you have put straight pins in the area the plastic clip is securing together.

# Step 1: Pin The Pet Pillow Facing to Pillow Backing

1. Place straight pins through the tactile sewing guide and backing fabric to attach all layers (including ears and feet tucked in between front and back), placing three pins on each side of the square, EXCEPT do not pin where the tape is attached.

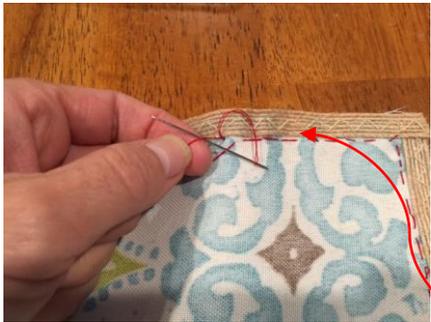


## Step 2: Sew The Pillow Facing to Pillow Backing



1. After threading a needle, begin sewing, using a running stitch, at one of the corners of the pillow fabric, directly underneath the burlap sewing guide. The stitching will continue around all four sides of the pillow fabric, except where the tape is secured.
2. The running stitches should be small,  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or less, with an occasional back stitch to insure there are no large gaps in stitching. (Red dotted line represents stitching area in the picture.)
3. As a general rule it is recommended to have about one back stitch after every three running stitches.

# Sewing Tip: How To Tie Off Thread Before Re-threading



1. As you sew around all four sides of the pillow fabric, make sure to stop when there is about 3 inches of thread left on the sewing needle so that you have enough slack to make a knot and tie off your sewing before re-threading your needle.
2. Tip for visually impaired to tie off sewing – Take a small bite of the fabric under the burlap. Before pulling the needle through, place your index finger of your non-dominant hand through the thread loop remaining. Pull the needle through fabric allowing the loop to tighten around your index finger.
3. Next, slide the needle under the thread loop on your index finger to tie your knot.
4. Remove finger and pull tight while holding your finger on the thread to secure the knot.

# Step 3: Check Stitching For Gaps and Turning

1. After complete stitching around all four sides of the pillow fabric, check all stitching on front and back. Make sure there are no large gaps by running finger down seams between front and back of pillow feeling for any gaps between the fabric. If any gaps are found, stitch the area to secure the gaps.
2. Once stitching is confirmed secure – remove all pins and the tape from pillow backing.
3. Put hand inside the hole and pull the fabric right side out.



# Step 4: Push Out Corners and Stuff Pillow

1. Carefully use finger or pencil tip to poke out the corners of the pillow from the inside.
2. Inspect once again to make sure that all sides are sewn without any gaps. If any gaps are found turn wrong side out to fix the gaps before turning right side out again.
3. The next step is to stuff the Pet Pillow with the stuffing that came in a separate baggy. Put the stuffing in the opening and start filling in the upper corners first then fill from top down until plump.



# Step 5: Sew up the remaining opening

1. Fold the seams in toward each other in the remaining gap on side of pillow, then pin together with straight pins just below the border to secure for sewing.
2. Stitch the gap together with either small overcast stitches or small running stitches. Since you need to sew on the right side of fabric, the smaller stitches and same color thread will help to hide stitching. In my example I used dark thread so that you can see the difference between overcast and running stitches. The stitches on left side of picture is running, and on right side is overcast. I think the running stitches look better – but both are hardly visible if you make your stitches fairly small.



# Step 6: Tie off your sewing and hide the tail

1. After you finish closing the gap with stitches, tie off with a knot and then put your needle and thread underneath the fabric to make a large stitch on the wrong side of fabric (so it won't be visible) then come back up through top and cut. This leaves a long tail on the inside of the pillow that won't show.
2. This completes your Pet Pillow – we hope you enjoy it!
3. Any questions please email or call us.

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