

Petals Pillow

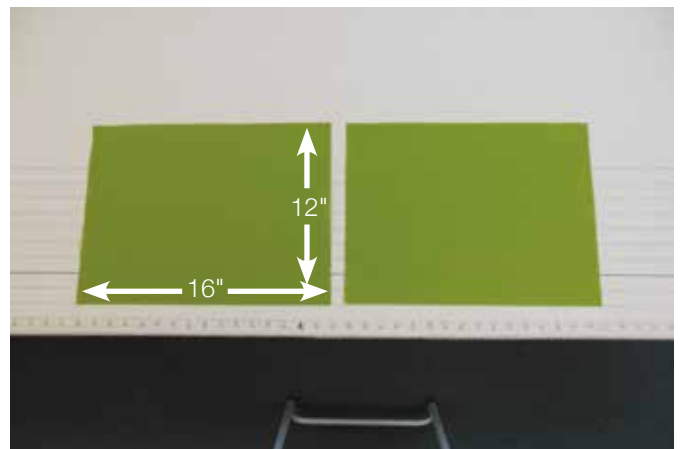
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Recently I've been making pillows for my granddaughter's bed. She's still in a crib, but in the next few months she'll move to the double bed that's already in her room. It's so fun picking out the fabrics and pillow styles for her. I love this petals pillow that I found at Pier One, and decided it would be perfect to make for a little girl's room.

Supplies and Materials

$\frac{3}{4}$ yard of fabric (I used an outdoor fabric that has a lot of body so that the petals wouldn't be limp and floppy)
16x12-inch pillow form
Thread to match fabric

Step 1 Cut out the front and back pieces at 16x12 inches.



Step 2 Cut out 160 circles for the petals using a bottle that you have around the house as the pattern. My circles are approximately 2 inches in diameter. There are 32 flowers on the pillow, and five petals in each flower, so 160 petals are needed. I found it easiest to keep all of the petals in a small box to keep them together during the different sewing phases. Keep in mind that the edges of your fabric will fray. If this bothers you, you could use a product like Fray Check fray preventer on the edges, but be sure to test it on a scrap first.



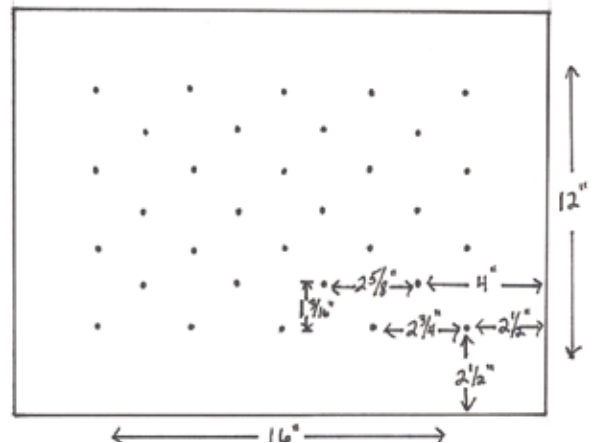
Step 3a Fold each petal in half, and sew a few angled stitches across one corner. ...



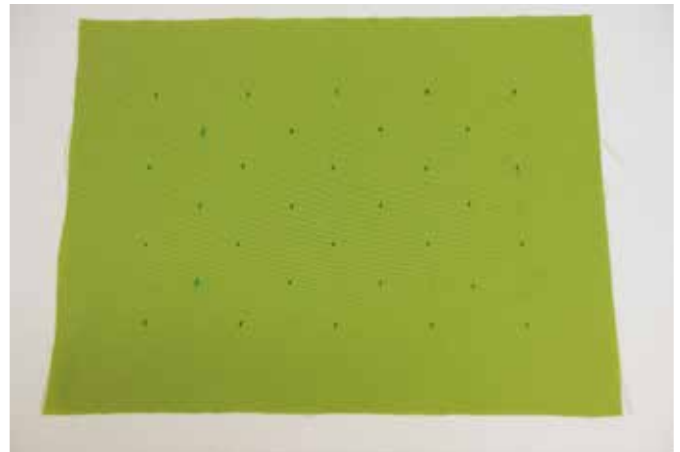
Step 3b ... This is how the petal looks opened up after one corner has been sewn.



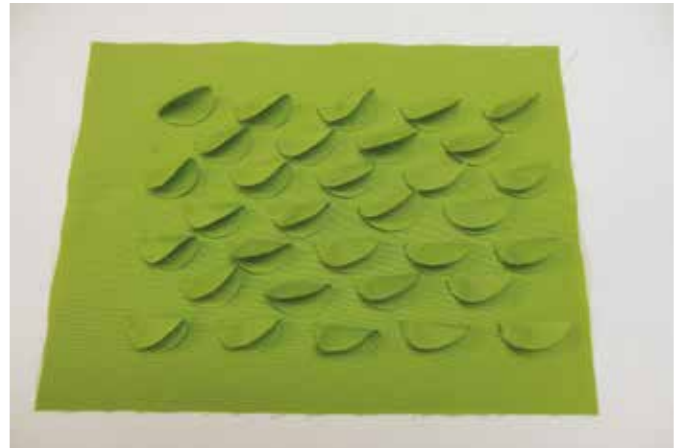
Step 4 Sketch out where you want your flowers to be placed. Here I used seven rows of flowers, staggered 5-4-5-4-5-4-5. I did get the measurements from the Pier One pillow, but then I also played around with it to make sure I liked the spacing.



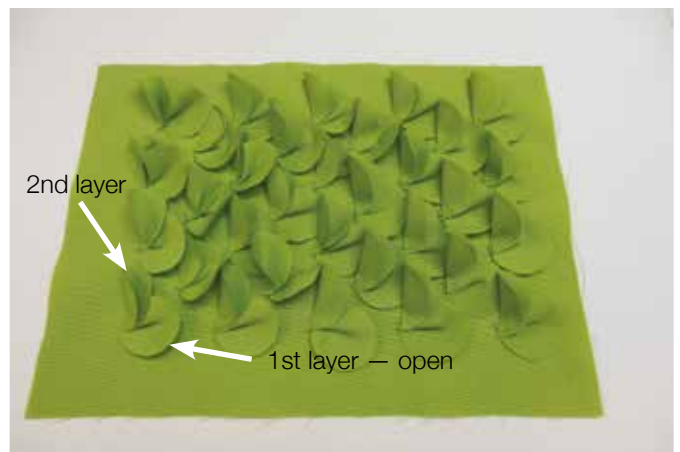
Step 5 Mark your dots on the pillow front with a fabric marking pen.



Step 6 With each petal folded in half, place your first layer of petals with the stitched corner on the dots, and all petals facing the same direction. Sew a few stitches over the stitches sewn on the petal corner.



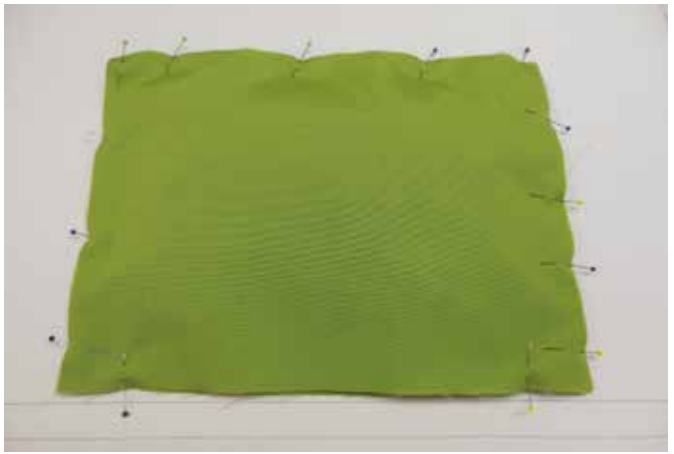
Step 7 Pin the second layer of petals over the first layer, but rotated a little. Each layer moves around in a circle, like a pinwheel. Be sure to unfold or open up the petal already sewn on before adding the next layer.



Step 8 Repeat Step 7 three more times until your flowers have five petals. After the fifth layer of petals is sewn on, unfold and finger press open this layer.



Step 9 With right sides together, sew the pillow front to the back. Be sure to pin back the flowers so they don't get caught in the seams. Clip the corners, and insert the pillow form. Hand sew the pillow closed. ✂



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