

Heirloom Pillow



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Skill Level: Intermediate

Make a timeless treasure in no time on your Baby Lock serger! This is an excellent project for learning how to accomplish serger techniques like pintucks, puffing, and ribbon and lace insertion. It's a beautiful gift for someone special. Serge up an assortment of heirloom pillows in different sizes and colors to add a personal touch to any room.

Supplies:

- Baby Lock Serger
- Baby Lock Sewing Machine
- 2 – 14" x 14" squares of broadcloth
- 2 – 3" x 27" strips of broadcloth
- 1 yd. – 1"- 2" flat lace edging
- 1 yd. – 1/8" ribbon
- 4 – cones serger thread
- 1 – spool Sulky™ Rayon Thread
- 1 – spool sewing thread
- 1 – water soluble marking pen
- 1 – bag of Fiberfill™

Serger Settings: Gathering

- Stitch: Four-Thread Balanced Stitch
- Stitch Length - 4.0
- Stitch Width - 3.0
- Differential Feed – 2

Serger Settings: Pintucks

Stitch: Three-Thread Narrow Rolled Hem

Stitch Length - 2.5

Stitch Width - 3.0

Differential Feed - N - 0.6

Lower Looper Tension - 4-7

Upper Looper Thread - Sulky™ Rayon Thread

Blade - Locked

Serger Settings: Flatlock

Stitch: Two-Thread Right Needle Flatlock

Stitch Length - 3.0

Stitch Width - M

Differential Feed - N - 0.6

Needle Thread Tension - 0-1

Lower Looper Tension - 4

Lower Looper Thread - Sulky™ Rayon Thread

Blade - Locked

Directions:

1. Use serger settings for "Gathering". To create puffing strip, sew along each edge of the 3" x 27" strip. When completed, the puffing strip will measure approximately 3" x 14".
2. Cut one 14" x 14" piece of broadcloth in half, resulting in two 7" x 14" pieces. On the serger, change the stitch length to 2.5, and the differential feed to "N". With right sides together, sew the 14" edges of 7" x 14" pieces to each lengthwise edge of puffing strip. (See Diagram A)

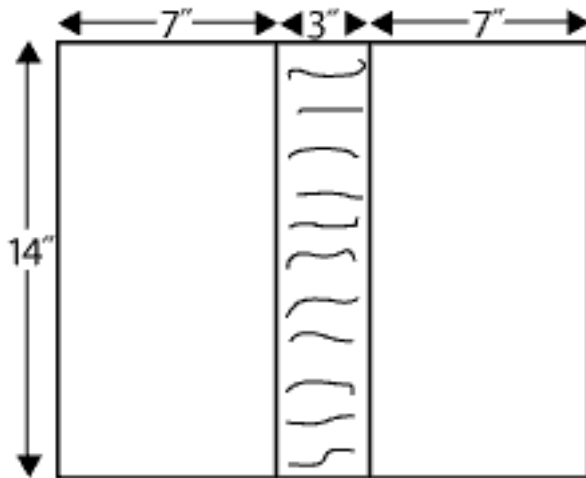


Diagram A

3. Mark a line 1" from each side of puffing strip. On each side, mark lines 5/8" from the first line, then 5/8" from the second line, totaling three lines. (See Diagram B)

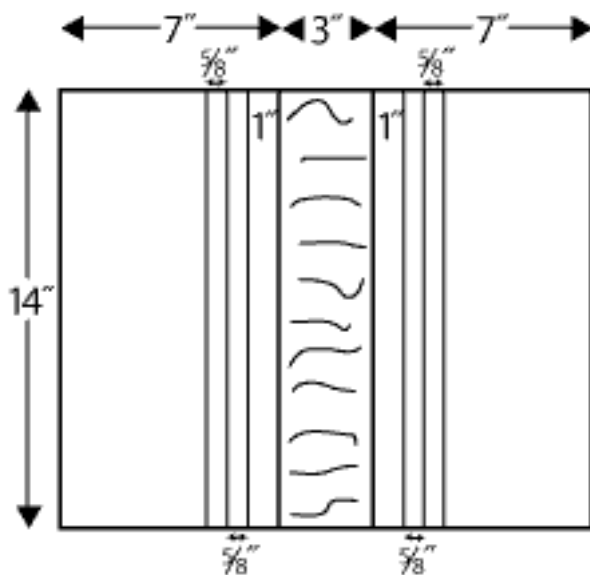


Diagram B

4. Change the serger settings to the three thread narrow rolled hem. To create pintucks, fold fabric **wrong sides together** on the marked line. Using the edge of the presser foot as a guide, sew pintucks. Press pintucks toward outside edge.
5. Mark a line 1" from each side of the last pintuck. Change the serger settings to the flatlock stitch. Fold fabric **wrong sides together** on the marked line. Place the ribbon on the right hand side of the needle, over the front of the presser foot and under the back. Leave approximately a 1" tail behind the back of the foot. Place the straight edge of the lace trim on the edge of fabric, **wrong sides together**. Position the fabric and lace under the presser foot. Take 2-3 stitches by hand, making sure the needle does not catch the ribbon. Sew slowly over the ribbon. When sewing is complete, gently pull stitches flat. (See Diagram C)

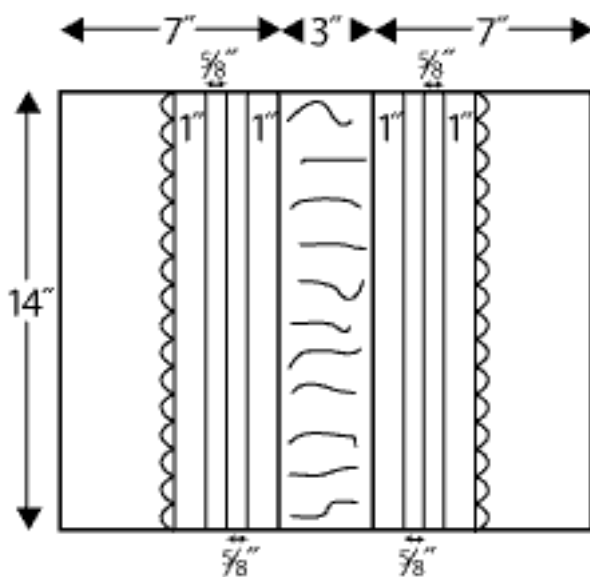


Diagram C

6. Change the serger settings to "Gathering". To gather lace, sew along the flat edge. Cut pillow top to 14" square. With right sides together, pin gathered lace to pillow top.
7. With a regular sewing machine set on straight stitch with the a length setting of 2 – 2.5, sew lace to pillow top. With right sides together, place pillow back on pillow top. Sew pillow top and bottom together leaving an opening for turning. Turn, stuff with Fiberfill and hand sew opening closed.