

# Cork & Pom Pom Pillow

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I hope you have fun making this decorative pillow! This project is perfect for sewing with cork fabric applique, pom pom trim, or buttons for the first time. The finished size of this pillowcase measures approximately 16" square. Arrange the applique how I suggest, or however you want!

**Helpful Notions:** Open Toe or Satin Stitch Foot, Zipper Foot, Button Sewing Foot, Button Hole Foot, Glue Stick or Double Sided Basting Tape

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## YARDAGE & CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

### CORK FABRIC

- 1/4 yard OR 12" square—Subcut into (4) Large Petals, (12) Small Petals, and (1) Center Circle.

Download Free SVG cutting files at [www.sallietomato.com](http://www.sallietomato.com) to cut your pieces using a cutting machine!

### COTTON

- 1/2 yard—Subcut into (1) 17" square for Front and (2) 11" by 17" pieces for Back Panels.

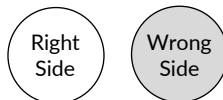
### LIGHTWEIGHT WOVEN INTERFACING (20" WIDE)

- 1-1/8 yard—Subcut into (1) 17" square for Front and (2) 11" by 17" pieces for Back Panels. Fuse to the wrong side of each coordinating piece.

## ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES

- (3) Buttons about 1" wide
- 16" Square Pillow Form

## FABRIC GUIDE



**TIP:** Visit my blog for tips and information about how to sew with cork fabric! New tutorials added frequently!

[www.sallietomato.com/blog](http://www.sallietomato.com/blog)

## Let's Get Started!

### SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

#### APPLIQUE

**1** Find the center of the pillowcase front by folding it in half from both directions. Finger press to crease the center.

**2** Mark 1/4" from each side of both creases. (Figure 1)

Figure 1

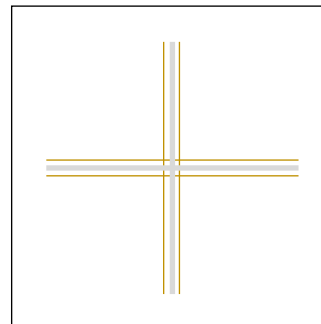
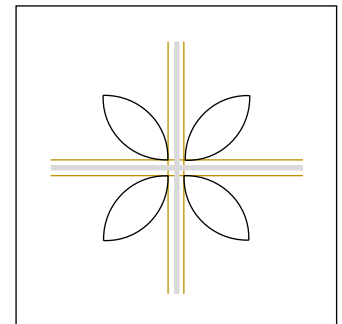


Figure 2



**3** Position each of the four large petals as shown. Try your best to align one corner of each petal with the marked lines at a 90 degree angle. Glue or tape in place. (Figure 2)

**4** Position four small petals as shown. The tip of each small petal should be 1-1/4" from the nearest marked line. Also, the sides of the small petals should be 1/4" from the sides of the large petals. Glue or tape in place. (Figure 3)

Figure 3

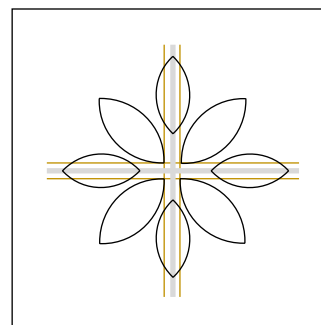
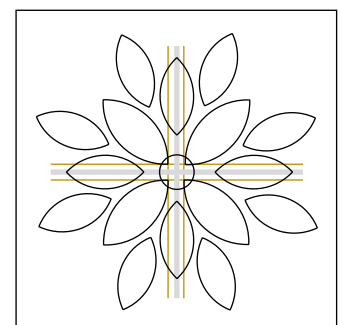


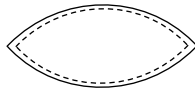
Figure 4



**5** Position the remaining petals as shown, spaced 1/4" from the other petals. Layer the center circle applique over the center of the design. Glue or tape in place. (Figure 4)

**6** Using your desired stitch and preferred applique machine foot, sew each of the petals to the pillowcase front. See example below. (Figure 5)

Figure 5



### POM POM TRIM

**1** Align the flat edge of the pom pom trim against the raw edge of the pillowcase front. The pom poms should be towards the inside of the pillowcase. Pin in place. (Figure 6)

Figure 6

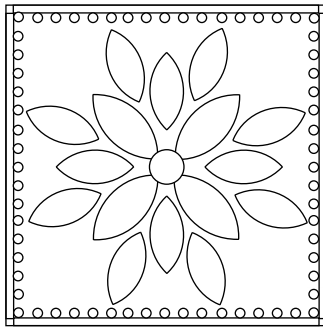
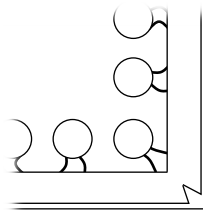


Figure 7



*TIP: When you reach a corner, try to have a pom pom land in the corner. Then, cut about halfway through the flat edge of trim. This will allow the trim to expand and lay flat around the corner. (Figure 7)*

**2** I highly recommend using a zipper foot for this next step. Baste the pom pom trim to edges of pillowcase, stitching close to the top edge of trim (by pom poms). Sew slowly and be careful to not sew over the pom poms! (Figure 8)

Figure 8

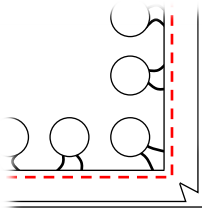
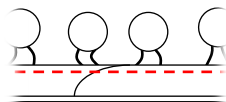


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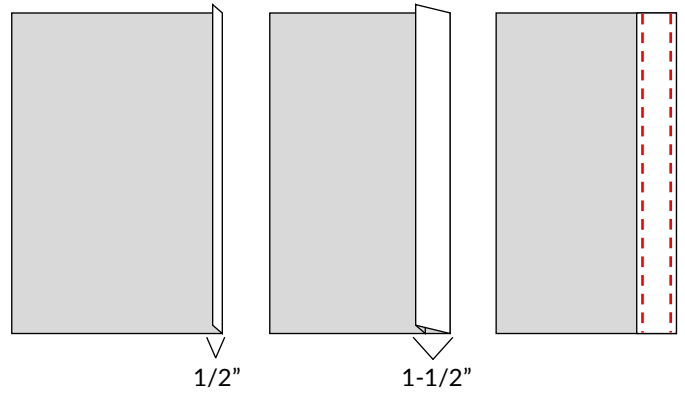


**3** As you reach the beginning of the trim, cut excess trim 1/2" beyond the beginning. Slightly curve cut end of trim below seam allowance. This will overlap the raw beginning and conceal the raw end of trim. Continue basting the remainder of trim, backstitching over the join. (Figure 9)

### PREPARE THE BACK OF PILLOWCASE

**1** Take both back panels of the pillowcase. Press one length side (16-1/2" side) 1/2" to the wrong side. Press the same length side 1-1/2" to the wrong side to conceal the raw edge. Topstitch 1/4" from each fold. This has created a large hem for your buttons and button holes to be inserted. (Figure 10)

Figure 10



**2** Along the center of each large hem, mark the placement of the buttons and button holes. First mark the center, then mark 4" from each side of the center. Insert three buttons at each mark on one back panel using a button sewing foot. Sew three button holes on the remaining panel with a button hole foot. (Figure 11)

Figure 11

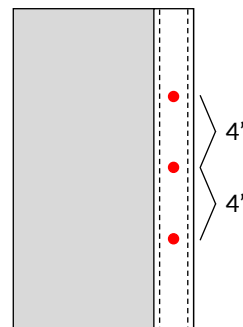
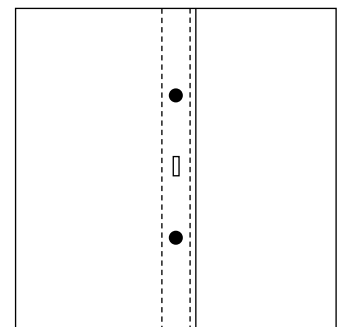


Figure 11



**3** Take both prepared back panels. With right sides up, insert the outermost buttons through the button holes. Leave the center button unbuttoned for turning the pillowcase right side out later. (Figure 12)

### FINISHING

**1** Layer the prepared pillowcase front and back right sides together. Align all side edges. Make sure the pom poms are out of the way, towards the center of the pillowcase. Pin or clip layers together.

**2** Sew the layers together with a zipper foot along the previous stitching for the pom pom trim. Backstitch over the joins of the back panels.

**3** Turn pillowcase right side out, insert pillow form, and enjoy!

*Yay! Your pillow is finished!*

Share photos of your completed pillowcase using #SallieTomato and #BL9Projects. I hope you enjoyed this tutorial and sewing with a cork fabric! For additional help and more tutorials, visit [www.sallietomato.com](http://www.sallietomato.com)!

All my best,  
Jess from Sallie Tomato

