

## Flower pillow directions

Cut pattern pieces out of copy paper or stabilizer paper using enclosed pattern.

You will need 10 of the large petal and 5 of the small petal. For the leaves cut 3 to 5 leaves and one circle.

Place all pattern pieces on hi loft batting. Cut out 10 large petal batting pieces, 5 small petal batting pieces, the leaves and the 9 inch circle. The batting pieces will now serve as your pattern when cutting the petal and leaf fabric. You will need big shears to cut batting.

Fold petal and leaf fabric in half with right sides together or, if you are using two different colors, place the two fabrics right sides together.

Place batting pieces on fabric. Fussy cut around each pattern piece. This will allow you to sew around the piece and catch both layers of fabric and batting. Back stitch at beginning and end of the petals and leaves, sewing along the edge of the batting. Trim edges of the fabric to around a quarter of an inch. Trim with fabric side up so you can see your stitches and not cut into them.

Turn petals and leaves right side out, using pointer to smooth edges of pieces.

Stitch definition lines in petals and leaves. I like to do a satin stitch or use a double stitch to emphasis the lines.

Fold pleats into the petals and stitch together in a circle layering each petal on to the next until you have created a complete circle. The two circles of the large petals should be about 3 inches. The circle of small petals should be snug enough to be covered by your center brush fringe, about 2 inches or less. You now have three circles of petals.

For flower base, sew two 9 inch circles of leaf fabric right sides together with batting on outside. Cut a slit in one layer of fabric and gently pull the batting and fabric layer through. Smooth the edges using the pointer. No need to close the slit as you will be attaching flower petals on top of it. I quilt rings around the

circle. With the slit on top, attach the leaves at even intervals around the circle and stitch or glue.

Next, attach the first ring of large petals to the leaf base by applying a bead of glue to the inside edge of the flower circle. Center this onto the leaf base placing the petals between the leaves. Then attach the second ring of large petals in the same manner alternating the petals with the first set of petals. Then attach the small row of petals in the same way. Set a cup with weight in the center and a book on top of the cup to mash the center and provide a puffier flower. Let that set so that the glue dries.

Flower Center:

Apply a bead of Aleene's Tacky Glue to the edge of the brush fringe and gently roll up into a circle. Let set until somewhat dry. You might need to stick pins in to hold it together while it dries.

Put glue on base of brush fringe center and insert in indented center of flower pillow. Let dry. Display! Wow! Finished and ready to start another. Enjoy!!!!