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Personalized Pillow by Melissa Mortenson

Hello! I'm so excited to share this cute pillow with you! Feel free to ask me questions, I'll be glad to answer them. Stop by my blog and say hi. Melissa at www.polkadotchair.blogspot.com

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Ingredients:

1 Birdie Charm Pack
1/2 yard white fabric OR use a white twin sheet (great way to get a lot of fabric!)
Heat and Bond Light
Warm and Natural Batting
1 button for eye
1 12x16 pillow form

Garnishes (optional):

Pink Ric- Rack
Grosgrain Ribbon Ruffle Trim

Instructions:

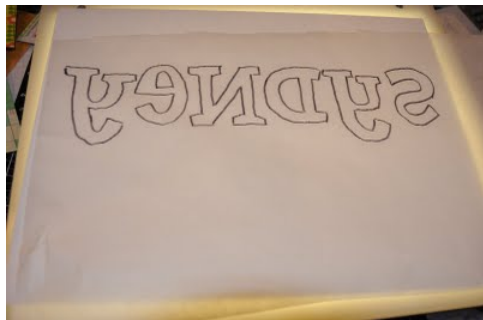


Okay to begin you will need 1 Birdie Charm pack (shown here are a charm pack and a layer cake, but you just need a charm pack).

The finished pillow size will be 12x16.

Cut 1 piece of white fabric to 6.75x10.75.

Since this is a pillow to be used on a bed I just used a white sheet. It's a great way to get a lot of fabric for cheap!



Next on your computer print out the name you like in a good bulky font. (I used Font Diner Loungy). In your word processing program set the type to outline and print backwards.

Print the name. I like to use a light box to trace it but you can also just use a bright window.
Trace the name onto paper side of Heat and Bond.



Next pick the fabric pieces that you would like the letters on.

Iron the letters onto the **WRONG** side of the fabric. Cut out letters.



Arrange cut letters on white fabric piece. Iron on.



From the charm squares cut 36 strips 1.5 " x 3".

Sew (using a 1/4" seam) 2 sets of 6 strips together.



Sew them to the sides of the center panel.



Sew 2 sets of 15 strips together,
Sew to top and bottom of center panel.

Using your favorite applique stitch, stitch around the letters.
I just used a straight stitch.



Next you will need to quilt your pillow. You can do this to your liking. I used 1 layer of warm and natural and a piece of scrap fabric for the back (since it will not show).

I used a walking foot and did a decorative stitch in each seam. Then quilted wavy lines down the center panel.

Next. Using thread the same color as your ric-rac, sew ric-rac around edge of the center panel.
Set aside.



To make bird embellishment:

Trace a shape of a bird onto a piece of Heat and Bond. I used a piece of chipboard that I had in my scrapbooking stash.
Trace the wing also.



Trim around Heat and Bond and iron onto wrong side of fabric.



Cut out bird.
Iron onto a piece of warm and natural.



Iron wing on.
Cut bird out.



Cut a 2nd piece of Heat and Bond. Iron onto warm and natural side of the bird.

Iron bird onto wrong side of a 2nd piece of fabric. The bird is double sided because you can see the back of it when sewed on the pillow.

(you are pretty much making a warm and natural sandwich... with a piece of fabric on each side)



Stitch around the edge of the bird, as close to the edge as you can.

Cut out bird. Sew on eye.

Pin Bird onto completed pillow top. Stitch though all layers (bird and pillow top) of the bird ONLY on the wing. Stitch around it 3 times to give it a nice dimensional touch.



Sew trim to edges of pillow. Attach back of pillow (also used a sheet) insert pillow form and stitch opening closed.

Yield:

You will need approximately 20 charm squares for the pillow (depending on how you do your name) so you should be able to get 2 pillows out of one charm pack.

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