

“Burlap Poinsettia Pillow”



Decorate your home for the holidays and learn to make this festive poinsettia pillow using burlap!

Skill Level: Beginner

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Sewing Machine
Madeira Cotona thread in red
Madeira Aerofil all-purpose thread to match fabrics
1/2 yard of Osenburg fabric
1/2 yard fusible fleece
1/2 yard of burlap
Fiberfill
Hand sewing needle
Poinsettia floral pick with large jingle bell
Fabric paints and stamps (Optional)
Fabric remnants (Optional)

Instructions:

1. To soften the burlap and reduce the release of itchy fibers common with cutting burlap started by serging across the cut edges of the fabric.

2. Wash and dry the burlap using fabric softener (I used a short cycle on my washer)
3. The burlap will shrink with washing as the weave gets closer together. This is why ½ yard is suggested in the supply list, to allow for shrinkage.
4. Cut a strip 4" wide by the width of the fabric for the band. The remainder will be used to recover the poinsettia leaves.
5. Thread the machine with the Cotona thread. Fold the edges of the burlap under to create a small hem. Topstitch the hem in place using a triple straight stitch. This will create heavier looking decorative stitch red thread lines on the edge of the burlap strip. Set this piece aside.
6. Thread the machine will all-purpose thread and set for a straight stitch.
7. From the osenburg, cut two rectangles 12" x 18" for the pillow front and back.
8. Cut two rectangles of fusible fleece 12" x 18". Fuse the fleece to the wrong side of the osenburg fabric. This help give the pillow a better shape as it becomes a soft foundation for the pillow.
9. To make the basic poinsettia floral pick match the pillow fabrics, apply the fabric glue to the petals of the poinsettia and cover the petals with pieces of burlap or other fabric remnants. Let them dry.
Optional: Use fabric paints or stamps to decorate the burlap petals.
10. Once the petals are dry use scissors to trim the petals to the original flower petal shapes.
11. To assemble the pillow place the front and back right sides together, using a straight stitch, stitch the pillow edges together. Leave a small hole for turning on the lower edge.
12. Turn the pillow through the opening and stuff the pillow.
13. Using a hand needle whipstitch or blind stitch the pillow opening closed.
14. Wrap the pillow with the burlap band and whipstitch it in place at the lower edge.
15. Hand-stitch the poinsettia flower to the pillow offsetting it from the band.



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