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# Reversible Seasonal Pillow Wrap

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A reversible pillow wrap is a fun way to dress up an ordinary pillow to match any season, holiday or home decor without having to buy and store a lot of pillows you only use once a year. In this project you will learn how to make a festive holiday pillow that is reversible from season to season. Once you make one you will be making many more for all year fun. These also make wonderful gifts for friends and family.

This project does have some more advanced sewing techniques so if you are up for the challenge then let's get started!

**PROJECT SKILL LEVEL:** ■ ■ ■ □

## Shopping List:

Everything you need to complete this project in one place. Use this convenient checklist to ensure you have all required materials in your sewing room, or take it with you while you shop for supplies.

- Tree pattern included with this project. You can adjust the print size if you wish to make your trees bigger or smaller in size. (Tree pattern is on the last page.)
- 3 different fabric prints to create a festive look. (Recommend cotton fabric for easy sewing but you can also use burlaps, corduroy, velvet, etc.)
- Heat 'n Bond® (8x9" piece for each tree)
- Front and Back fabric of your choice each measuring 10" x 42"
- All purpose Sewing Thread (this can match or contrast to your fabric)
- 90/14 Universal Sewing Machine needle
- Straight pins or quilting clips
- Fabric scissors and/or rotary cutter and mat
- Iron
- Pinking Shears
- Velcro (Two 2" strips)
- Corner Tool

## Cut:

Type of fabric - cotton is recommended for easy sewing but you can use burlap, corduroy, velvet, etc. For this example I used burlap on one side and decorative cotton on the other. The measurements used in this project are for a pillow wrap that will fit a 20"x20" pillow. Adjust measurements as needed to fit your pillow.

- Front fabric (burlap) - cut at 10" x 42"
- Back fabric (snowmen cotton) - cut at 10" x 42"
- 3 cuts of 8" x 9" in 3 different fabrics to make trees
- 3 cuts of 8" x 9" of Heat 'n Bond
- Cut out tree pattern

## Put it All Together:

1. Press all fabric to remove any wrinkles
2. Pin the cut out tree pattern to the decorative fabric and cut around the pattern with fabric scissors or rotary cutter. Do this for all 3 decorative fabrics and for the 3 pieces of Heat 'n Bond.



3. Follow the instructions on the Heat 'n Bond to press it to the back (wrong side) of the decorative cotton fabric trees.



4. Once you have pressed the Heat 'n Bond to the fabric but before removing the backing paper, cut around the fabric/heat 'n bond using pinking shears to give it a decorative look. Repeat this step until you have 3 trees pressed with Heat 'n Bond and trimmed edges.

5. Remove the paper backing off the Heat 'n Bond leaving a shiny finish on the backside of the tree. This is the adhesive that when heated with the iron will adhere the tree to the front burlap fabric.

- o If you don't see the shiny finish on your tree when removing the paper backing then your Heat 'n Bond did not adhere to the fabric and needs to be pressed again. See Heat 'n Bond packaging for detailed instructions.



6. Fold the front fabric in half to find the center or measure the length and width of your front fabric to find the center. This is where your middle tree will be placed.

- o Feel free to stagger, overlap or place your trees however you like. For this example I chose to stagger and overlap slightly to show depth and variation.



7. Place the center tree shiny side down onto the front fabric.

8. Press the tree with your iron set to a cotton setting. Make sure to press over the entire tree to ensure it adheres completely to the fabric.



9. Continue to press the other 2 trees to the front fabric the same way one at a time until all 3 trees are secured. (See [Pro-Tip](#) below before you press down all 3 trees if you decide to have them overlap for a time saving tip!)



10. Thread your machine with sewing thread in both the top and the bobbin.
- o You can use a matching or contrasting thread if you want the stitch to blend in or stand out as part of the design.
  - o For this example I used a straight stitch but for added fun you can choose a decorative stitch like a zig zag stitch to add a different type of edge along your trees. You could also do each tree with a different decorative stitch as well.
11. Line up the tree fabric edge to the right edge of the presser foot as a guide as you sew around the tree.

12. Using a straight stitch with Stitch Length of 3.0mm, sew around the edges of the trees.

- o [PRO-TIP](#): If you are overlapping your trees like I did in this example, I recommend stitching around the edges of the bottom two trees **BEFORE** pressing the top tree into place and then stitch around the top tree last. This will make the stitching process much easier.
- o You can begin your stitch anywhere along the tree but I found it easiest to start along the bottom corner as pictured.
- o Be sure to do a couple back stitches at the beginning and end when stitching around the tree.
- o Repeat this step until all 3 trees have been decoratively stitched onto the front fabric.



13. Place the front fabric (burlap) face up (trees up) on your ironing board. Place the back fabric (snowmen) face down on top of the front fabric. (Right sides together).

14. Using pins or quilting clips (clips work great on thicker fabrics like burlap), pin all the way around all four edges securing the two fabrics together.



15. Along the bottom edge in the middle leave a 6 inch gap that you do not sew. Mark this gap with an extra pin or clip so you know not to sew across this space.

16. Place your fabric under the presser foot lining the edge of the fabric up with the right edge of the presser foot as your guide as you sew.

- o Start sewing at the left side of your marked opening and go all around the fabric until you get back to the other end of the opening that you marked. Leaving a 6” gap that is not sewn shut.
- o Be sure to do a couple back stitches at the beginning and end when stitching around the tree.
- o Take out pins or clips before you sew over them!



17. Using that 6” opening, turn your project right side out.

- o Use a corner tool to push out your corners for sharper points that makes the project look more polished.
- o You can also run the edge of the corner tool along the seams on the inside to help press them out evenly.
- o **PRO-TIP:** Before turning right side out, trim the corners (without cutting your stitching) to reduce bulky fabric to make sharper corners when you turn it.



18. Gently iron out your project once you have it turned right side out making sure your seams are pressed and corners are crisp.
19. To close the 6” opening you can use a simple slip stitch with a needle and thread to hand sew it shut OR you can top stitch all the way around the edge of the entire piece as a decorative stitch which will also close that opening.
20. To attach the finished pillow wrap to the pillow you will simply top stitch both sides of your velcro pieces to the overlapping sides of your pillow wrap.
  - o **PRO-TIP:** Before attaching your velcro, wrap the pillow wrap around your pillow as tight or loosely as you prefer and use a quilting clip or office clip to hold it in place. Then use a pin to mark where you need your velcro strips to be sewn on for the best preferred fit around your pillow of choice.



Now you have a reversible pillow wrap that can take you from one holiday to the next season with a simple flip!

This is such an easy way to spruce up your home decor in a flash. You could repeat this project with different shapes, colors and prints for any holiday or season. The creativity is endless and we hope this project has inspired you to try something new.



