

Make the yo-yo pillows shown on page 86 of our "Live to Give" Dec-Jan 2009 issue.



Yo-Yo Pillows

YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 1/3 yards 36"-wide burlap
- 1/4 yard 72" felt
- scrap fabric for three yo-yo's
- 3/4 yard 16"-wide fusible webbing
- black cotton perle thread, Size 8
- 3 14"-square pillow forms

CUTTING:

Cut three 15 1/2" x 36" pieces of burlap

ASSEMBLING, STITCHING, AND FINISHING DETAILS

*Seam allowance: 1/2" unless otherwise noted.

Pillowcase

1. Fold each piece of burlap into a 14 1/2" square by folding each side into the center approximately 10 3/4" (the two sides will overlap over the center).
2. Stitch bottom and top edges closed, being sure to backstitch at beginning and end of seam. There is no need to finish the overlapping edges, as they already have a finished selvage.
3. Turn pillowcase right side out and press.

Letters

1. Using Microsoft Word, print the letters Y and O in French Script MT (font size 675 for the Y and font size 825 for the O). To save ink, print letters with the "outline" option (go into "font" and check the outline box).
2. Trace the letters onto the reverse side of the paper they are printed on. Following manufacturer's instructions for the fusible webbing, trace the reversed letters onto fusible webbing and apply to felt.
3. Cut out the letters.
4. Center the Y and O on pillowcase front and apply following manufacturer's instructions on the fusible webbing.
5. Sew long running stitches through the felt of the Y and O with the black thread.

Yo-Yo's

1. Trace and cut out three 4" circles from scrap fabric.
2. Turn raw edge of circle 1/4" to wrong side and take small running stitches around the edge.
3. Pull thread to gather circle with right side out. Make a knot to hold circle closed.
4. Hand stitch the yo-yo's to the pillowcases.
5. Gentle stuff the pillows into the pillowcases.