



**Decorative Pillow Covers**  
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I'm the kind of girl who can never have enough pillows and I love to shop for them! Recently though, I thought it would be cool to try to make them, so I turned to Fiskars for help. Not only does this company have tools that help you make straight and precise cuts...but also tools like Shape Templates that help in designing as well. Whether you're a beginner sewer or a novice, you'll find each of these pillows simple enough to create in an afternoon or less. Now the only limit to your sewing creations is your imagination.

# Easy Bandana Pillow Sham



This project shows you how simple it is to make a pillow covering that you can interchange or remove for washing.

## **Supply List:**

Fiskars Brands: 12-97937097 45mm Comfort Grip Rotary Cutter

Fiskars Brands: 87647097 3x18 inches Acrylic Ruler w/ 2-color grid

Fiskars Brands: 12-83727097 24x36 inches cutting Mat

Fiskars Brands: 48507097 Shape Templates - Circles

Fiskars Brands: 12-92977097 Forged No.4 Scissors

Other: bandana square, fleece, needle, thread, throw pillow or pillow form, sewing machine.

## **Instructions:**

1. Top Bandana Panel: First, measure the pillow you want to cover. Then add 1 inch to the length and 1 inch to the width of your pillow measurements. You will cut the bandana to this size. (for example: my throw pillow was 16"x16", therefore my bandana panel measured 17"x17")



2. Bottom Fleece Panel: Cut 2 panels that measure 12" x 17". With right sides of fabric together, place bottom panels on top of top panel (the 2 fleece panels will overlap about 5")

3. With edges matched, machine stitch a ½" seam allowance around entire pillow panel.

4. Before turning pillow case to right side, cut corners diagonally. This allows the pillow to have a nice point when turned.

5. Use circle template and scissors to trace and cut out a small circle from felt. Use a needle and embroidery thread to hand stitch circle to middle of front panel\*. (I used a blanket stitch, however a simple straight stitch could be used as well)

\* fabric glue could also be used.

6. Stuff pillow sham with throw pillow or pillow form.



## *Tooth Fairy Pillow*

Note: the inside pocket is large enough to hold a small note to tooth fairy and of course that infamous tooth.



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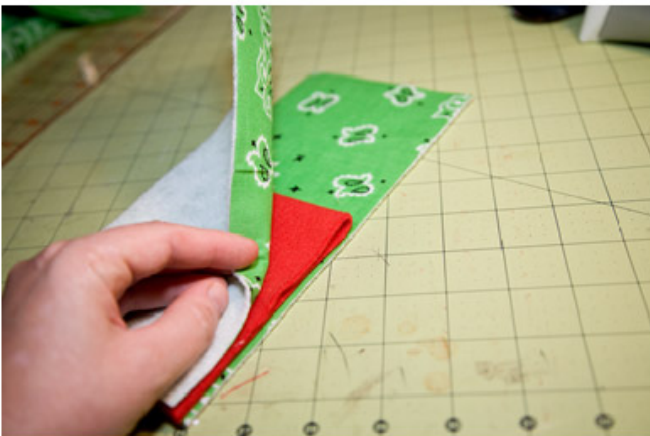
Fiskars Brands: 12-92977097 Forged No.4 Scissors

Other: bandana square, fusible interfacing, fleece, fiberfill, needle, thread, button, pencil, sewing machine.

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**Instructions:**

1. Use Acrylic Ruler and Rotary Tool to cut 2 – 4 ¼ x 9” pieces of Bandana fabric. Cut 1- 4 ¼ x 9” of fleece. Use iron to adhere fusible interfacing to wrong side of bandana fabrics. Sandwich folded fleece in between bandana pieces with wrong sides facing out.
2. Machine stitch 3 sides...leave bottom edge (where red fleece is sandwiched) open. Clip corners and turn right side out.
3. Stuff pocket from bottom with a small amount of fiberfill stuffing. Machine stitch bottom opening closed. Place fingers inside top of pocket and turn inside out again, which will give the pillow a finished bottom seam.



4. Sandwich folded fleece in between bandana pieces with wrong sides facing out.
5. Machine stitch three sides, leaving bottom edge open.

6. Clip corners and turn inside out.

7. Stuff pocket with fiberfill (very small amount) and machine stitch the opening closed. Turn inside out again.



8. Use Template to draw a small circle on to felt. Using contrasting thread and a needle, hand stitch a blanket stitch around circle. Add a Rick Rack loop and button to fasten flap.



9. Personalize with the child's initial, then add Rick Rack closure and button to fasten flap.

# Rainbow Bandana Pillow



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Fiskars Brands: 87647097 3x18 inches Acrylic Ruler w/ 2-color grid

Fiskars Brands: 12-83727097 24x36 inches cutting Mat

Fiskars Brands: 48617097 Shape Template - Shapes

Fiskars Brands: 12-92977097 Forged No.4 Scissors

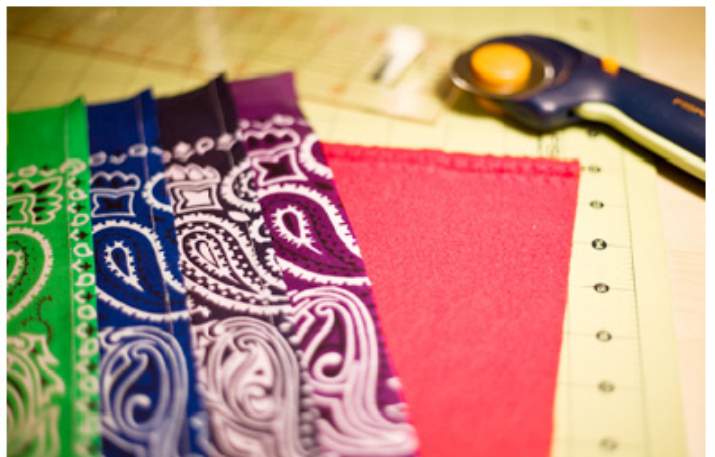
Other: 7 Bandana squares (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet), Red fleece fabric, thread (hand & machine), sewing machine, fiber fill or existing pillow, needle, steam iron, 4 black pom-poms (medium).

## Instructions:

1. Start by creating the front of the pillow cover. Using Rotary Cutter, Acrylic Ruler and Cutting Mat, cut 1-3" wide strip from each bandana color. (bandana's can vary in size, but my strips were approx. 21" long). Stitch long sides of fabric strips together ( $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance) in this order: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet. Turn fabric to wrong side, and press seams in one direction.

2. Machine sew fabric strips together lengthwise in this order: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet.

3. Turn fabric to wrong side, and press seams to one side.



4. Next, create the pillow cover back. With right sides together, place pillow front on top of fleece. Use this as a 'pattern' to cut out fleece fabric. Pin wrong sides together and machine sew 3 sides using a 1/4" seam allowance. Turn fabric to right side...press flat.

5. Stuff pillow with fiberfill (handsew open end with a blind stitch) or with a ready-made pillow insert.



6. Place template on top of white fleece. Trace lightly with pencil. Remove template and cut star shape using Rotary Cutter or scissors. Using a blanket stitch, hand sew star to pillow front with needle and thread.

7. Attach one pom pom to each corner of pillow using a needle and thread.

