

Pintucked and Wave Stitched Serger Pillows



Serger pin-tucks and serger wave tucks add interesting surface texture to a plain fabric, allowing for exciting home-decorator projects!

Skill Level: Beginner

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Sewing Machine

Baby Lock Serger

1 1/8 yards of printed decorator fabric (allows for two pillows)

5/8 yard of solid colored decorator fabric

All purpose thread

Serger thread for decorative stitching in colors to contrast against the plain fabric, and that will complement the printed fabric

Monofilament thread

Ruler
Scissors
Water soluble marker
18" pillow form (pin-tuck pillow)
18" x 12" pillow form (wave tucked pillow)



Instructions for Pin-tuck Pillow:

1. From the solid fabric, cut a panel measuring 18" x 20".
2. Draw stitching lines on the right side of the fabric panel using the water soluble marker. The lines should follow the lengthwise grain (18") and be marked parallel every $\frac{3}{4}$ ".
3. Prepare the serger for a 3-thread rolled edge. Use the same colored thread in the loopers and needle.
4. Fold the fabric along the first line, right side of the fabric showing. Place the folded edge under the presser foot and stitch the entire length along the folded edge. Use the knife as a guide to keep the fold straight, making sure not to nip the fold with the knife. First pin-tuck complete!
5. Continue this process of folding a line and stitching until each line is stitched.
6. Press the pin-tucks in one direction.
7. From the pin-tucked panel cut four squares, each one measuring $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{1}{2}$ ".
8. Lay two squares together so that the pin-tucks in one square lay perpendicular to the pin-tucks in the second square, right sides together. At the sewing machine, stitch a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam. Repeat this process for the remaining two squares.
9. Next, stitch the four squares together to make the center panel for the pillow.
10. From the printed decorator fabric, cut two 19" x 19" squares. Set one square aside to be used later for the back of the pillow.
11. On the other square (the pillow front), draw a $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square in the center of the fabric. Stay-stitch around the marked square.

12. Cut the fabric away from inside the center of the square, leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ " of fabric on all sides for seams. Press the seams of the square under, to the wrong side, along the stitched line.
13. Center the pin-tucked block under the opening of the pillow front. Pin the two layers together.
14. Top-stitch around the opening of the square, securing the pin-tucked block to the pillow front.
15. Lay the pillow front and the pillow back together, right sides facing. Pin the edges together. Stitch $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam around all sides, leaving an 8"-10" opening on one side to allow for pillow form insertion.
16. Turn pillow right sides out. Insert pillow form. Stitch the opening closed.



Instructions for Serger Wave Pillow:

1. From the solid fabric, cut one piece measuring 15" x 22".
2. Draw stitching lines on the right side of the fabric panel using the water soluble marker. The lines should follow the lengthwise grain (15") and be marked parallel every $\frac{3}{4}$ ".
3. Prepare the serger for a 3-thread overlock – narrow width. Thread the same colored thread in the upper looper and the needle. Thread the lower looper with a contrast thread.
4. Fold the fabric along the first line, right side of the fabric showing. Place the folded edge under the presser foot, lining it up with the cutting blade's edge and stitch the entire length of the edge fold. Be careful not to nip the folded edge. First tucked row complete!
5. Continue this process of folding a line and stitching until each tuck is stitched.
6. To make the waves, draw lines every $\frac{1}{2}$ " perpendicular to the stitched tucks.
7. Prepare the sewing machine for a straight stitch with thread that matches the fabric. Begin stitching along these lines, first in one direction, making sure the tucks fold the same direction. Now sew the next row, making sure the tucks fold the opposite direction. Continue this process until all of the rows are stitched.

8. Cut the tucked fabric into a 12 ½" x 13 ½" block.
9. From the printed fabric cut two pieces measuring 4" x 13 ½". Stitch one piece to each end of the tucked fabric block, using ½" seams.
10. Cut the pillow back from the printed fabric, 18.5" x 13 ½".
11. Lay the pillow front and the pillow back together, right sides facing. Pin the edges together. Stitch ½" seam around all sides, leaving an 8" opening on one short side to allow for pillow form insertion.
12. Turn pillow right sides out. Insert pillow form. Stitch the opening closed.

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