



MIDNIGHT BLUE SULTAN'S PILLOW/CUSHION

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The free embroidery designs to go with the *Midnight Blue* Sultan's pillow/cushion (found on the accompanying design CD) file names are: *ctrFlr1* and *PAPAV2Sq*. For the instructions to make *Midnight Blue* Sultan's Pillow/Cushion go to the Pfaff USA web site: www.pfaffusa.com

Materials:

- ❑ PFAFF creative 2140/2144/2170 with Grand Hoop with table
- ❑ 225x140 large hoop
- ❑ Designs – Ctrflr1.vp3 and PAPA2sq.vp3 (see: Special issue of Creative Expressions Magazine - Simon's Folly with free Design CD)
- ❑ Embroidery foot and Microtex 80 needle
- ❑ Robison Anton GOLD metallic thread & a Pre-wound bobbin
- ❑ ¼" foot with guide, Zipper foot
- ❑ 1 pc. 14" (36 cm) square of Blue Velvet
- ❑ 2 pc. 3 ¼ " (8.2 cm) by 12 ½ " (31.7 cm) Blue metallic denim
- ❑ 2 pc. 3 ¼ " (8.2 cm) by 17 ½" (44.5 cm) Blue metallic denim
- ❑ Backing 2 pc. 9 ¾" (24.8 cm) by 18" (45.7 cm) Blue metallic denim
- ❑ 1 pc.15" by 15" (38.1 x 38.1 cm) Tear-Away-Stabilizer
- ❑ 1 pc.15" by 9" (38.1 x 22.8 cm) Tear-Away-Stabilizer
- ❑ 18" (45.7 cm) Blue zipper to match
- ❑ 18 Hot Fix crystals & Lorna Tool
- ❑ 22 Hot Fix gold hearts
- ❑ 1 large Hot Fix crystal for the center, or a decorative button
- ❑ 4 each 2" (5.1 cm) Gold tassels
- ❑ 1 ½ yards (137.2 cm) ½" (1.3 cm) wide Gold trim
- ❑ 18" (45.7 cm) Pillow form
- ❑ Quilt Basting Spray
- ❑ Dark blue sewing thread for construction

Embroidery:

Open 3D File Assistant and transfer the 2 designs Ctrflr1.vp3 and PAPA2sq.vp3 to the Pfaff creative 2170.

Hoop the stabilizer in the Grand Hoop, spray with Quilt Basting Spray. Carefully place the center of the velvet over the stabilizer and gently press in place.

Select design PAPA... 118x214mm

Touch OK and press the Reverse button to recognize the hoop

Touch the copy icon and a second PAPA... will appear on the screen.

Touch More Options. Touch Mirror.

Touch OK.

Select the Move Icon. Use the left-arrow and the up-arrow to move the design to the coordinates minus -118.0/0.0

Turn the move icon off and then touch OK.

Touch the Baste icon. Baste the A side of the Grand Hoop and when prompted, rotate the hoop and baste the B-side of the design.

Rotate the hoop again and embroider the A side of the design. When prompted, rotate the hoop and embroider the B-side of the design.

Remove the hoop from the Pfaff and the fabric from the hoop. Remove the basting and the stabilizer from the back.

Hoop the stabilizer in the large 225x140 Hoop, spray with Quilt Basting Spray. Carefully place the center of the velvet over the stabilizer and gently press in place.

At the Finished message on screen, touch Main Menu and then OK.
Select Embroidery, and then the mini main menu.
Select Card/machine and then Machine
Select the design CtrFlr1 99x97mm
Touch OK, then baste icon, baste the velvet in place and embroider the center medallion design.

At the finished message, remove the hoop from the Pfaff and the fabric from the hoop. Remove the basting and the stabilizer from the back.

Attaching the borders:

The 14" (36 cm) square of embroidered Blue Velvet is to be trimmed to 12 ½" (31.8 cm) square.

Change the Pfaff into sewing with blue thread to match top and bobbin, a straight stitch #1 with the ¼" foot with guide. Attach the two short strips {3 ¼" (8.2 cm) by 12 ½" (31.7 cm) Blue metallic denim} to opposite sides of the velvet block with ¼" seams. Then attach the longer strips {3 ¼" (8.2 cm) by 17 ½" (44.5 cm) Blue metallic denim} to the remaining opposite sides.

Making the backing:

Seam the two back pieces together to form an 18" square with a basting length stitch. Insert the zipper in this seam. Remove the basting.

Re-thread the top in gold metallic thread and top stitch the gold trim over the seams of the velvet and blue denim with a straight stitch #1. Use Zigzag #3 in a width of 3mm to attach the tassels at the corners. Use immediate tie-off to secure it in place.

Open the zipper of the backing about 2" (5 cm) Place the backing with zipper right sides together with the velvet top. Carefully pin the backing to the top and stitch together on all four sides with a ¼" seam.

Finishing:

Turn right sides out. Press seams.

Heat up the Lorna tool with the proper size tip and apply the 'jewels' as shown in the photograph or design it your way. Insert Pillow form.

This elaborately embroidered cushion makes a wonderfully thoughtful gift for you (we all need pretty things too) or for a friend. Change the colors to compliment your home décor or use whites and ivory threads and fabrics to create a beautiful Ring Bearer's Pillow for a very special wedding and gift.