

Slam Dunk Basketball Pillow

Approximate Finished Size: 14" diameter

The perfect gift for your favorite basketball fan! This easy-to-make pillow will be a hit with players and spectators of all ages.

Fabric Requirements (as shown)

- 5/8 yard Luxe Cuddle® Marble Rust, Pillow
- 1/8 yard (or 6" x 20" rectangle) Solid Cuddle® 3 Black, Stripe Appliqués

Suggested Notions

- Batting, 2 (18" x 18") squares
- Polyester filling for stuffing, or a 16" circular pillow form
- 90/14 stretch machine needle
- Polyester thread
- Felt tip marker or ballpoint pen
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Micro-serrated scissors
- Craft knife
- Long, flower head pins
- Fabric clips
- Point turner
- Basting spray
- Walking foot



For more information on sewing with Cuddle®, scan the QR code or go to:
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DIRECTIONS

- Read *Cuddle® Basics* before beginning.



Cutting

- From Marble Rust, cut:
 - 2 (16" x 16") squares, for pillow Front and Back.
 - 1 (3" x wof*) strip, for Band.

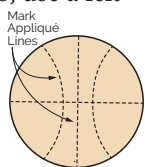


- From Black, cut:
 - 8 (½" x 18") strips.

Assembly

Cut the Pillow Front and Back

- For the pillow Front, fold 1 of the 18" batting squares into quarters.
- Pin the Quarter Circle template to the folded square with dotted lines on folds. Cut on the solid line.
- Use the batting circle as a template to cut the pillow Front and Back, and an additional batting circle.
- On both batting circles, use a felt tip marker to first draw horizontal and vertical lines along the fold marks. Then trace the Appliqué Lines as shown on the template.



Add the batting

- Spray baste the wrong side of Front and Back circles. Smooth each onto the unmarked side of a batting circle, with the vertical marked line following the nap.

- Baste around each circle piece with a ⅜" seam allowance.

- Trim batting from the seam allowance.



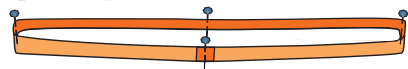
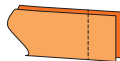
Add the appliqué strips

Note: Change top and bobbin threads to black.

- From the batting side, stitch along the marked lines to provide a guide for the strip placement.
- Spray baste the wrong side of 2 (18") black strips.
- Smooth strips on the vertical and horizontal stitches on pillow Front.
- Zigzag or straight stitch down both edges of each strip.
- Spray baste another 2 (18") strips.
- Using the stitched Appliqué Lines as a guide, smooth the 2 strips along the curves.
- Zigzag or straight stitch down both edges of each strip.
- Add the strips to the Pillow Back.
- Trim strips even with Pillow edge.

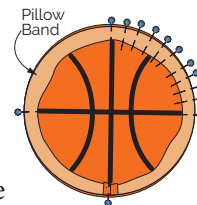
Assembly

- Trim the 3" Band to a 48" length.
- Sew the short ends of the Band together.
- Fold Band in half with the seam allowance at one end. Mark the fold. Fold in half again. Mark the quarter points.



- With nap going away from Front, match the seam line on the Band to bottom of the vertical strip on Front. Pin top mark to top of strip.

- Pin quarter marks and the other strip intersections to Band.



- Pin the Band to the Pillow Front.

Note: Pin approximately halfway between initial pins, then halfway between those pins. Pin frequently.

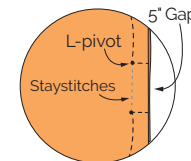
- Sew the Band to the Front.

Sew the Band to the Pillow Back

- Mark a 5" turning gap on Back. Staystitch between marks.
- Staystitch the 5" section of the Band that aligns with the Back.
- In the same matter as the Front, pin the Pillow Back to the Band with the nap running down.

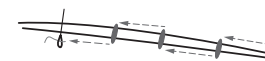
- Sew Back to the Band, leaving the 5" gap open for turning. Sew an L-pivot at the gap.

Note: The L-pivot secures seam ends as the pillow is turned and also helps the seam allowance turn in at the gap.



Finishing

- Turn pillow right side out. Stuff as desired or insert pillow form.
- Pin the turning gap closed. Hand sew with a ladder stitch. Use the staystitches as a stitching guide.

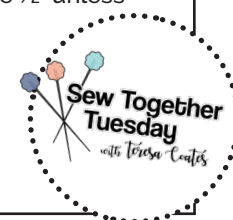


Ladder Stitch: Use polyester thread and a hand sewing needle to catch one side of the opening, then the other. Tighten every few stitches.

• Cuddle® Basics

- Mark measurements on reverse side of Cuddle® with a felt tip marker or ballpoint pen.
- Cut Cuddle® with a rotary cutter, craft knife, or scissors.
- Shake cut pieces or put in a no-heat dryer with a damp washcloth for a few minutes to remove loose fibers.
- Sew with polyester thread in the top and the bobbin.
- Reduce presser foot pressure when sewing multiple layers.

- Increase stitch length to 3–4 mm.
- Double pin by using 2 rows of pins—the first row every 1½" along the seam line and a second row 1" to the left and parallel to the cut edge.
- Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam.
- Seam allowances are ½" unless otherwise noted.
- Use an even-feed or walking foot, if possible. It makes a difference!



FOLD

SLAM DUNK BASKETBALL PILLOW

Quarter Circle

Pillow Front + Back

Cut 1 of Batting on Folds to
Use as Template for Cuddle®

APPLIQUE LINE

FOLD