

Soccer Ball Pillow

Approximate Finished Size: 12" diameter

*The perfect pillow for all soccer fans—players and bleacher folk alike.
Appliqué patches make it easy to put together.*

Fabric Requirements (as shown)

- ½ yard Cuddle® 3 Snow, Pillow
- ¼ yard Cuddle® 3 Black, Hexagon* appliqués

Suggested Notions

- Batting, 2 (15" x 15") squares
- Polyester filling for stuffing, or a 14" circular pillow form
- 90/14 stretch machine needle
- Polyester thread, black and white
- Felt tip marker
- Ballpoint pen
- Silver felt tip marker
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Micro-serrated scissors
- Long, flower head pins
- Fabric clips
- Basting spray
- Walking foot

** The black shapes on soccer balls are actually pentagons, not hexagons.
It's the black pentagon/white hexagon combination that creates the sphere.
Hexagons are used here so the pillow will be flat.*



For more information on sewing with Cuddle®,
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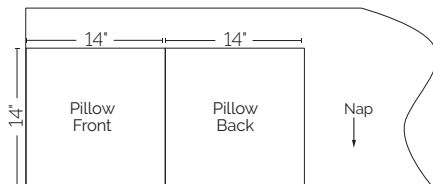
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DIRECTIONS

- Read *Cuddle® Basics* before beginning.

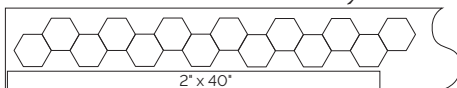
Cutting

- From Cuddle® 3 Snow, cut:
 - 2 (14" x 14") squares, *Pillow Front and Back*.



- From Cuddle® 3 Black, cut:
 - 1 (2" x 40") strip, *Band*.
 - 14 Hexagons*.

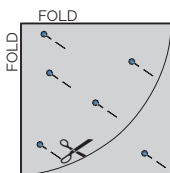
Tip: Use a silver marker to trace template on wrong side of the black. Cut with a scissors or rotary cutter.



Assembly

Cut the circles

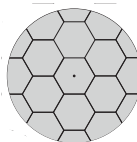
- For pillow Front and Back, fold a white (14") square into quarters, right sides together. Mark the center point.
- Cut out the Quarter Circle template. Pin to the folded square as shown.
- Trace the template arc onto the fabric. Cut on the traced line.



Note: Cut one layer at a time for greater accuracy.

Add the hexagon appliqués

- Center the Hexagon template on the wrong side of the pillow Front.
- Trace with a ballpoint pen. (*Black felt tips may bleed through the white Cuddle®.*)
- Continue to trace the hexagon outlines to the edge of the pillow.
- Using black thread in top and bobbin, stitch on marked lines.



Note: Lines indicate placement for the black appliqués and provide "seam lines".



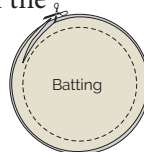
- Spray baste the back of the appliqués. Smooth into place as shown. Hexagons will extend beyond the pillow edge.

Note: Have the nap of the hexagons follow the nap of the pillow Front.

- Zigzag or blanket stitch hexagons to the pillow Front. Add extra stitching to make the "seam lines" thicker, if desired.
- Trim hexagons along pillow edge.
- In the same way, make the Back.

Add the batting

- Spray baste wrong side of the Front and Back. Smooth each circle onto a batting square. Trim batting to the circle edge.
- Baste around each pillow/batting piece with a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance. Trim batting from seam allowance.

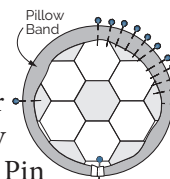


Assembly

- Following the nap, fold Front in half vertically, then into quarters. Mark fold marks at the edge.
- Trim the 2" Band to 38½".
- Sew short ends of Band together.
- Fold Band in half with the seam allowance at one end. Fold in half again. Mark the quarter points.



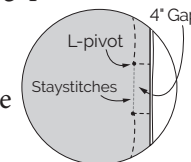
- With nap going away from the Front, match the seam line on Band to bottom mark on Front. Pin top mark of Band to the top mark of the Front.
- Pin at the quarter marks. Pin halfway between the quarter marks, then halfway between those pins. Pin frequently.



- Sew the Band to the Front.

Finishing

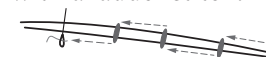
- Mark a 4" turning gap on Back. Staystitch between marks and on a corresponding 4" gap on Band.



- With nap going in the same direction as the Front, pin the Back to the Band.
- Sew Back to Band, leaving the 4" gap open for turning. Sew an L-pivot at the gap.

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

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



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

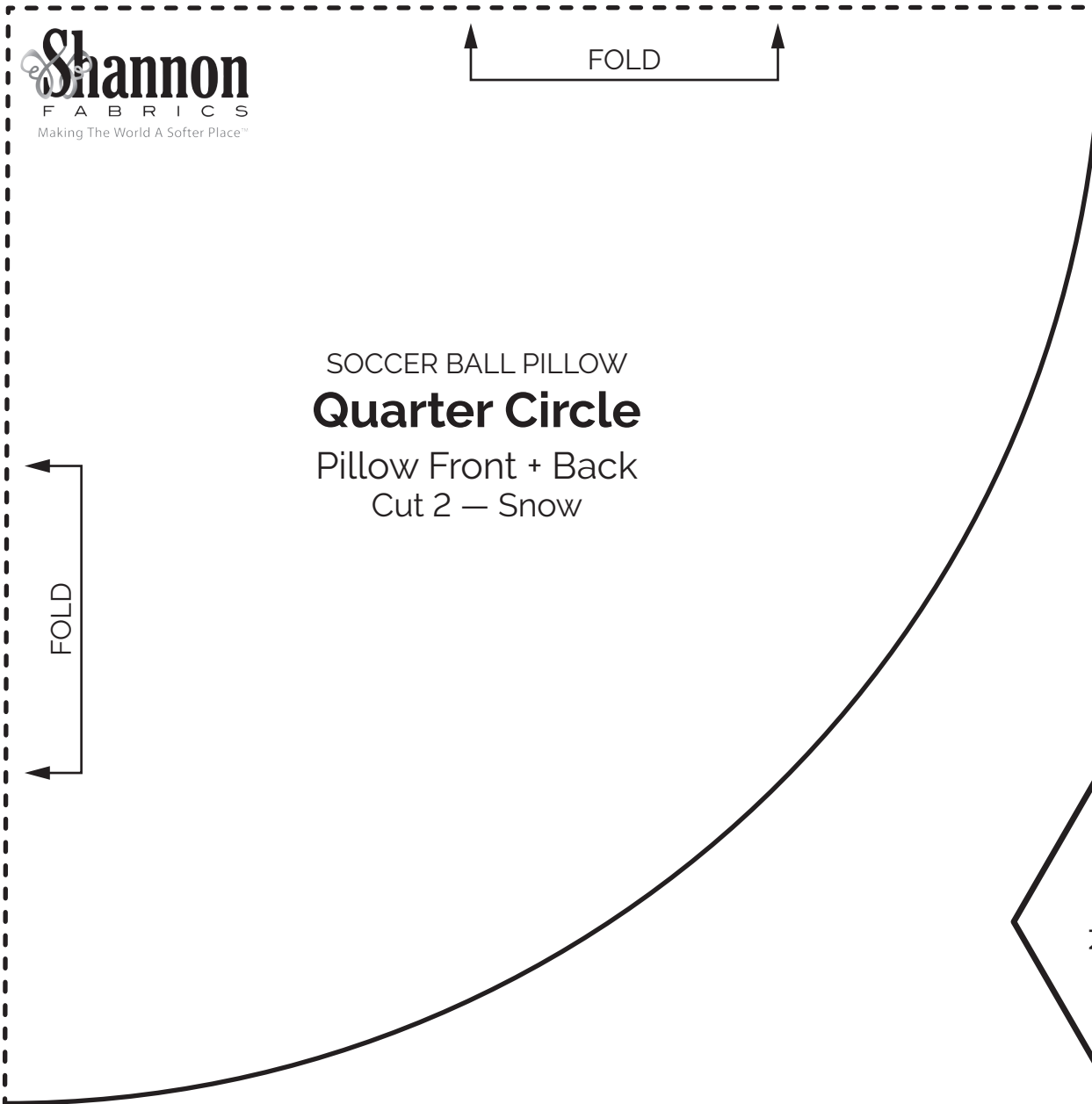
• Cuddle® Basics

- Use a felt tip marker or ballpoint pen to trace appliqués or mark measurements on reverse side of Cuddle®.
- 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!



* Use Template



SOCCER BALL PILLOW
Quarter Circle
Pillow Front + Back
Cut 2 — Snow



SOCCER BALL PILLOW
Hexagon
Cut 14 — Black