Macaron Pillow

Approximate Finished Size: 14" diameter

All the love of a perfect macaron cookie—with none of the calories. Make one in your favorite "flavor" today.

Fabric Requirements (as shown, for pink pillow)

- ½ yard Cuddle® 3 Shell
- 1/8 yard Luxe Cuddle® Hide Shell
- 1/8 yard Cuddle® 3 Snow

Suggested Notions

- \bullet Polyester filling for stuffing —or— 18" circular pillow
- 90/14 stretch machine needle
- Polyester thread
- Felt tip marker or ballpoint pen
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Craft knife
- Micro-serrated scissors
- Long, flower head pins
- Fabric clips
- Point turner or chopstick
- Walking foot

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For more information on sewing with Cuddle*, scan the QR code or go to: offers.shannonfabrics.com/beginner



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DIRECTIONS

Read Cuddle® Basics before beginning.



Wrong Side

Cutting

- From Cuddle^o 3 Shell (*pink*), cut:
 2 (16" x 16") squares, *Pillow*.
- 2. From Luxe Cuddle® Hide Shell, cut:
 - 2 $(2\frac{1}{4}$ " x 42") strips, *Side*.
- 3. From Cuddle® 3 Snow (white), cut:
 - 1 (1½" x 42") strip, *Icing*.

Assembly

Cut the Pillow Top and Base

- 1. For Pillow Top, fold a Cuddle® 3 Shell square into quarters.
- 2. Mark the center point on wrong side. Place pins on the edges at the folds. Open the square.
- 3. Cut out Quarter Circle template. Place with dotted lines on the folds. Rotate and trace the curved edge. Cut out the Pillow

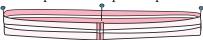


- Cut out the Pillow Top.
- 4. Using Pillow Top as a template, mark and cut the Pillow Base.
- 5. Mark horizontal and vertical folds on the edges of both circles.
- 6. Sew a long basting stitch around both circles, ½" from the edge. Leave long tails at beginning and end.

Make the Band

- 1. Sew a Cuddle® Hide Side strip to bottom and top of the white Icing strip.

 Note: Trim the strip to even the ends, if necessary.
- 2. Sew the short ends together.
- 3. Fold Band in half with the seam allowance at one end. Mark the fold with pins. Fold in half again. Place pins at the quarter points.



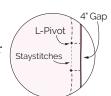
- 4. With the nap going away from the Top, match the seam line on the Band to the lower triangle mark. Pin the opposite side of the Band to the upper triangle.
 - Note: The lower triangle is at the point where the nap runs down.
- 5. Pin the quarter marks on the Band to the quarter marks on the sides of the Top.
- 6. Gently pull the basting stitches to ease the Top to fit the Band. Continue to pin the Band to the Top by pinning halfway between the initial pins. Gather as necessary.

Note: The Pillow Top has a longer perimeter than the Band. The gathers give it the classic macaron "puff".

7. Sew the Band to the Pillow Top.

Sew the Band to the Pillow Base

- 1. Mark a 4" turning gap on the Pillow Base. Staystitch between the marks.
 - Note: Leave a 5" gap if using a pillow form.
- 2. Staystitch the 4" section of Band that aligns with the Pillow Base.
- 3. In the same manner as the Top, pin the Pillow Base to the Band with the Base and Top naps running in the same direction.
- 4. Sew the Base to the 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 also helps the seam allowance turn in at the gap.

Finishing

- 1. Turn the pillow right side out through the turning gap.
- 2. Use a point turner or chopstick to gently round out the edges. Stuff as desired.
- 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

- 1. Seam allowances are ½" unless otherwise noted.
- 2. Mark measurements on wrong side of Cuddle® with a felt tip marker or ballpoint pen.
- Cut with a rotary cutter, craft knife, or micro-serrated scissors.
- 4. Shake cut pieces or put in a no-heat dryer with a damp washcloth for a few minutes to remove loose fibers.
- 5. Sew with polyester thread in the top and the bobbin.

- 6. Reduce presser foot pressure when sewing multiple layers.
- 7. Increase stitch length to 3-4 mm.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam.
- 10. Use an even-feed or walking foot, if possible. It makes a difference!



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Quarter Circle

Pillow Top + Base

