

# Moore's

## Picture Pocket Pillow



This picture pocket pillow is easy to make and really, you can do just about anything you want to create your background - do some strip piecing as shown, or crazy piecing, or even just choose a solid you love!

Showcase some of your favorite pictures, but easily change them up when you get new favorites! We used some fabrics from the stash with a few new ones for a cheerful spring look. But think beyond that - you're the designer - you could change it up and make it -

- School colors
- Team fabric with coordinating colors
- Wedding themed - wedding colors or monotonal with various fabric types in the color of the wedding dress
- Match your home decor
- Colorize it to coordinate with the pictures you want to showcase

**Here's what you'll need:** (This is based on creating a 16"pillow as we did. All items with \* available at Moore's!)

- Six (6) 3-1/4" x 17" fabric strips (you can vary size as long as your pillow will be covered - use an even #) \*
- 1/2 yd. fabric for back \*
- Three (3) buttons for back closure (if desired)
- Light to midweight clear craft vinyl - 1/4 yd. should be plenty
- Thread for construction \*
- Additional thread colors for decorative stitching to match pillow \*
- Tape to hold vinyl pockets in place \*
- Non-stick or teflon or roller foot for your machine (recommended) \*
- 1/4" foot for your machine \*
- Rotary cutter \*
- Cutting mat \*
- 16" pillow form (or make your own!)
- Sewing machine with some decorative stitches \*

**Here's what to do :**

**Front:**

-- Arrange strips as desired



-- Sew together with 1/4" seam allowances, press



-- Cut in opposite direction sewn, varying widths, to create new strips



-- Rotate every other strip



-- Sew these together! Now you have your pillow front - without piecing all those little pieces!





-- Cut vinyl into desired sizes - this is personal taste based on pictures you'd like to use. We liked different sizes and trimmed pictures to fit. Cut some extra strips of vinyl for test sewing

-- Tape vinyl pieces in place on pieced pillow front, placed as you like! We taped with RNK (Floriani) Embroidery Perfection Tape - you can see the pink pieces of tape in picture -



-- Use smaller vinyl pieces on scrap fabric to test decorative stitching. Avoid using a heavy, dense satin stitch such as scallops as it can perforate the vinyl and it can tear away. More open decorative stitching works well.

-- Stitch each piece of vinyl to pillow on three sides - leave opening at top to insert picture!



Here's a closer look - we put a spool of thread in so you can see the pocket better --



### **Back:**

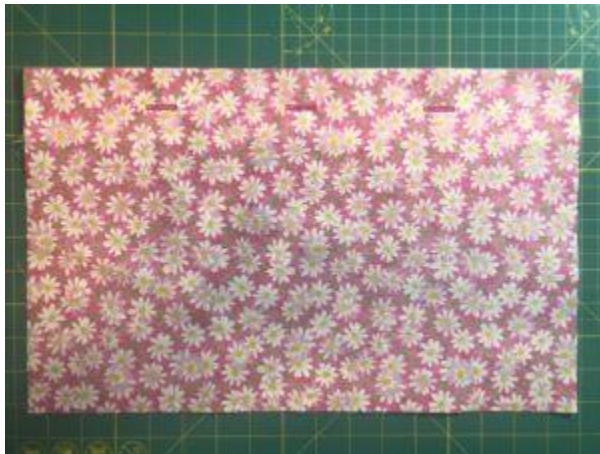
-- Use your backing fabric to create two 19-1/2" x 17" pieces (it's ok if the 19-1/2" starts larger, you can cut it down later)

-- Fold and press over 1-1/2" of each piece along 17" width. This will create the button/buttonhole facing for your pillow (or a clean opening edge if you don't want button closure)

-- Serge or fold over 1/4" and edge stitch) the edge you just pressed for a neat finish (don't have a serger or don't know how to use it? Come see us!)

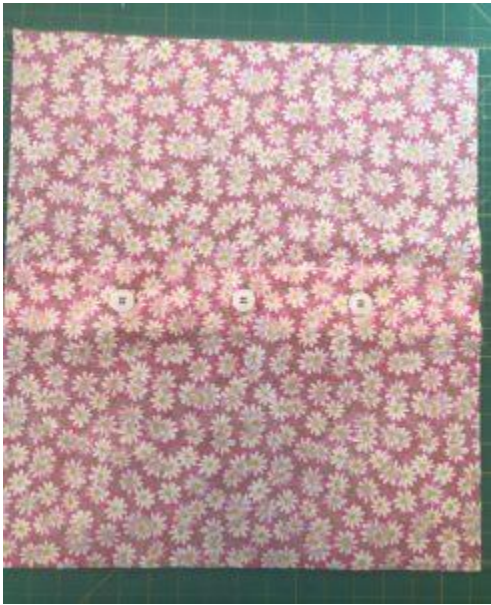


-- If desired, create your button closure now. Always make test buttonholes first to check size! On one of these folded pieces, mark buttonhole placement centering buttonholes - one in center and two others placed evenly between the center buttonhole and fabric edge. We slide a scrap of tearaway stabilizer under the fabric before stitching buttonhole for good results. Open buttonhole (Tip: placing pins just inside stitching of each buttonhole helps to prevent cutting through the buttonhole! A buttonhole chisel and mini mat are excellent tools for this too!)



-- Overlap the buttonhole panel with the corresponding panel on second piece of back, mark button placement. Sew on buttons - this can be done by hand or machine depending on button selected. Button it up, then baste the edges of the button/buttonhole panels together. Unbutton.





**Finish:**

- Place front and back right sides together, sew all four sides with 1/2" seam.
- Turn right side out through opening in back
- Button the back
- Insert your pictures into pockets

Now show it off!