

Color Ball Pillow Tutorial

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Step 1 - cut out 12 of the pattern - just free hand the shape below



I used a cute black and white fat quarter in my stash!



Step 2 - cut out 12 circles - it doesn't matter if they're not perfect. I think mine were about 8" in diameter



Step 3 - take 3 of your triangle shaped pattern pieces and with right sides together, sew down the sides but not in the circle indent





After you've sewn 2 together, place the 3rd piece right sides with the center triangle

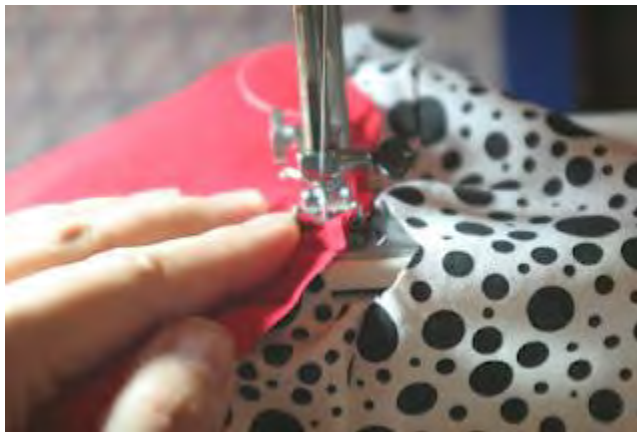


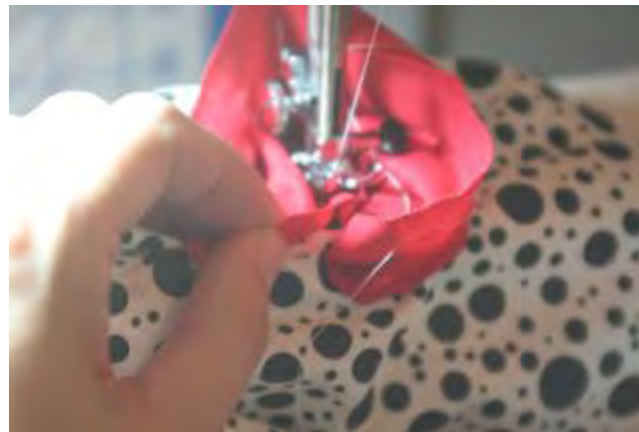
Here you can see what the wrong side looks like all sewn together. Also notice that the hole is open in the side seam.

Repeat these steps with each set of 3 triangles!



Step 4 - take one of the circles and with right sides together, you're going to slowly bunch together the circle to the circular hole in the side seam





You'll end up with it looking all bunched up like this



Push it through to the wrong side



With the raw edges lined up, sew the rest of the circle closed.

Repeat these steps with all the circles!!!!





Step 5 - Now, take one group of 3 triangles and place them right sides together with another. This is going to make one half of your ball! You'll need to sew 2 more circles into this half of the ball. Repeat with the other sets of 3 triangles





OK, so now you have both halves!



Step 6 - put your halves right sides together and sew all along the edge but leave a 4" opening to stuff!!!



Step 7 - Stuff your ball! Sew the opening closed after you fill it to your liking! Stuff in some jingle bells, cellophane paper, squeaker toys, etc. to make it even more exciting!



Now I'll have to get some pictures of Eva Mae playing with it! She's going to love pulling on each little "spike" and as she grows we can talk about colors and patterns too!!!!

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