

## Rowley project list: **Octagon Floor Pillow with Handles**

This pillow is a fun shape and has side handles that make it easy to carry across the room. The buttons add a custom touch that doesn't interfere with the overall sitting comfort.



### **OCTAGON FLOOR PILLOW WITH HANDLES: STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS**

Our project pillow finished at 36" x 36" in an uneven octagon, with a 5" boxing. This project guide covers the steps to fabricate the handled pillow casing as well as the custom insert. Steps for inserting a zipper into the boxing will be shown but this pillow could also be hand closed.

#### **Cutting the Pattern:**

- 1** Start with a 39" square piece of pattern paper. You want the pattern slightly larger than the cut size.
- 2** Fold pattern paper into quarters, folding on the bias.
- 3** Unfold so that the pattern paper is just folded in half on the bias.
- 4** Place a ruler along the pointed side so that the ruler rests at 13" across.
- 5** Mark a cut line across the corner, at the ruler.

#### **MATERIALS & SUPPLIES**

##### **Rowley Products**

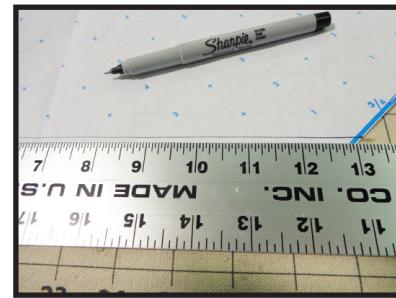
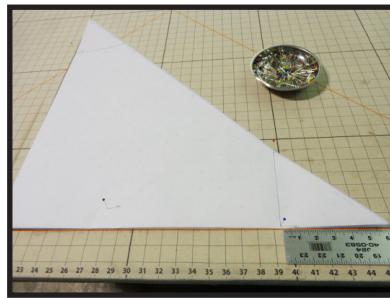
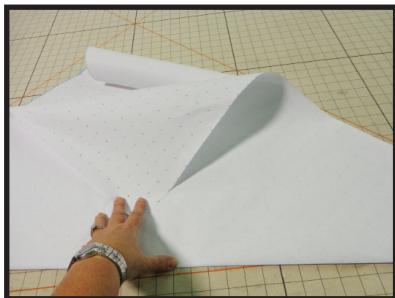
Fusible Stabilizer	<a href="#">FB11</a>
Iron-On Batting	<a href="#">PA20/</a>
5/32" Polyester Welt Cord	<a href="#">WCPO/</a>
Fringe Adhesive	<a href="#">FA10</a>
#5 Molded Tooth Zipper	<a href="#">ETR52/</a>
#5 Molded Tooth Zipper Slide	<a href="#">ETP5/</a>
2 1/2" Snap-Together Buttons	<a href="#">FCB100</a>
0.9mm Polyester Cord	<a href="#">LC9C/</a>
8" Double-Point Needle	<a href="#">TP84</a>
Classic Sateen Lining	<a href="#">LN44</a>
Polyester Pillow Stuffing Fiber	<a href="#">PF91</a>

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**6** Measure and mark the other corners.

**7** You should end up with an eight-sided pattern where the flat sides measure 13" and the angled sides measure around 18".



## Prepping and Cutting the Fabric:

**1** Rough-cut two identical pieces of face fabric larger than needed, but with the desired pattern motif near the center.

**2** Stabilize the fabric by ironing on a layer of fusible stabilizer to the back of the face fabric (optional).

**3** Add further stability and strength to the fabric by ironing on a layer of iron-on batting to the back of the stabilized fabric.

**4** Table the prepared face fabric, face up, on the table.



**5** Place the folded pattern so the center of the pattern is at the chosen motif. Gently unfold the pattern.



**6** Cut the face fabric to the pattern. It already includes the seam allowances.



**7** Cut the pillow bottom piece from the top pillow piece so the patterns are the same.

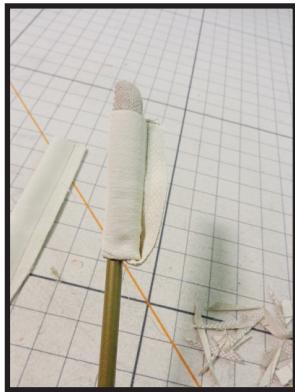
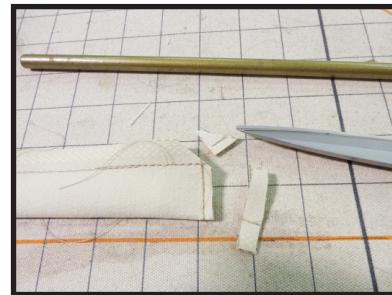
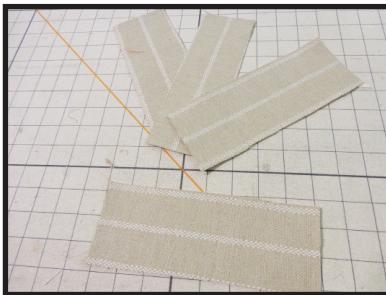
**8** Cut the strips for the boxing and join into one long piece.



**9** Cut and make enough bias welt cord to go around the top and bottom of the pillow.

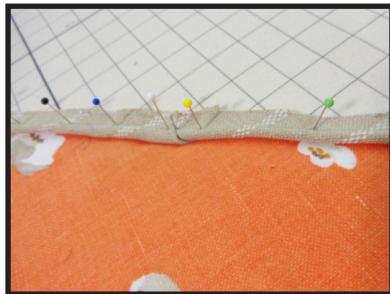


**10** Cut a 10" x 3" strip for each handle. Place right sides together, lengthwise, and sew along one short end and the long side. Clip seams. Turn right sides out and trim off sewn end. Press so the join seam is centered in the back. Set aside.



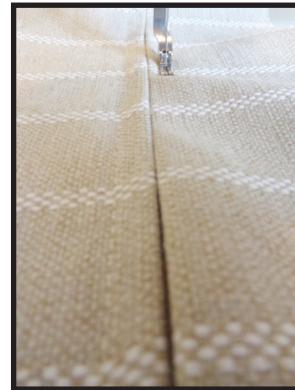
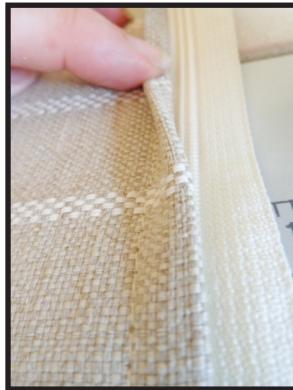
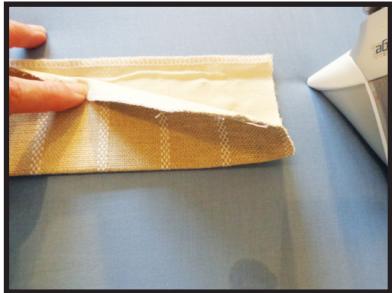
**11** Glue-baste covered welt cord to the circumference of the top and bottom, making the joins at the table.

**12** Sew the welt cord to the two pieces.



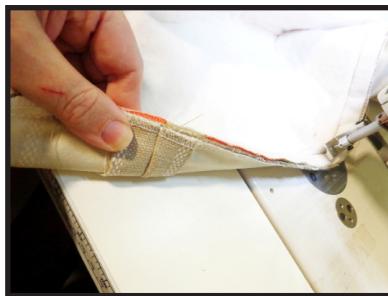
## Making the Boxing with a Zipper:

- 1** Cut two strips for the zipper. Cut as wide as the finished boxing plus seam allowance by length needed, plus seam allowance.
- 2** Fold in half, lengthwise with wrong sides together and iron to set a crease.
- 3** Cut the zipper chain slightly longer than needed and put on zipper pull.
- 4** Sew in a flap zipper.
- 5** Connect completed zipper to boxing, putting in a parking garage at the pull end.



## Finishing the Casing:

- 1** Sew the boxing/zipper strip to the pillow top, starting and stopping with a tail for joining.
- 2** At the join, walk the two ends together and mark for the join seam. Join the seam.
- 3** Finish sewing on the boxing.



- 4** Place the handles on the boxing along the angled sides, centering them side to side and top to bottom.
- 5** To sew on the handles, turn one side under by  $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Unpin the rest of the handle and flip it over out of the way. Sew across the end, double stitching. Lay the handle back over to the original placement. Manipulate the fabric so your foot can get inside to sew. Sew second side down.



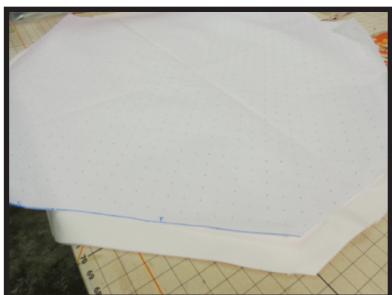


- 6** Align pillow bottom to boxing, matching short sides to short sides and aligning corners.
- 7** Open the zipper and sew bottom to boxing.
- 8** Turn right sides out.



## Cutting the Insert:

- 1** Cut insert pieces out of lining, using the original pattern but cut it 2" larger all the way around. Cut four pieces as you will be making two inserts and sewing them together for a baffled insert.
- 2** Cut enough boxing to go around both inserts.
- 3** Complete each insert separately, keeping a small, flat side open for stuffing.



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**4** Align both inserts, openings at the same side, and sew the two inserts together by sewing over the original stitch line, sewing all the way around.

- A. Place one insert on top of the other, align openings and sew around what has become the middle to join them into one insert.

**5** Stuff with fiber filling.

**6** Machine close openings.



## Completing the Pillow:

**1** Stuff filled insert into casing and zip closed.

**2** Cover eight 2 ½" buttons and load onto a 30" piece of button twine (or polyester cording).

**3** Mark for button placement.

**4** To add buttons to pillow, push the needle up from the back to the front mark, eye first. Load the cord into the eye and pull through to the back. Load the second button onto the cords. Slightly depress and tie off buttons. Both buttons will use the same cord.



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