

PILLOW PIPING 101



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Learn the ins
and outs of
PILLOW PIPING!

SOFT SPOT

Piping is a great way to add professional-quality detail to your sewing projects! You can create dimensional edging that pops by sewing piping along each section of fabric.

P.S. What's on the inside of this ottoman? Stacked foam cot padding covered in batting.





ON A CLOUD ▲

You can highlight a pillow's shape by outlining it with piping. **Our tip:** If your pillow fabric is dark, use brightly colored piping, and vice versa! And before you add the stuffing, try personalizing the fabric with iron-on lettering.

COMFY CORNER ▼

Add dark-colored piping to give your pillows and other fabric projects a contemporary edge—literally! To create a daybed-inspired windowsill cushion, make the base shape out of foam cot padding. Just cut it to fit your space!



BACKUP PLAN

The piping around this handmade back cushion isn't just for style—it also gives the piece some structure! This way the cushion keeps its shape and the fabric stays taut.

Tip: Sew on side pockets for storing books and journals, and finish by adding tufted buttons.



On the Cover:

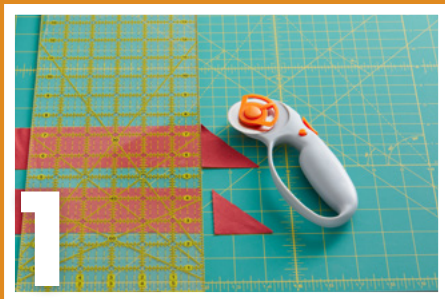
Cut strips of duck cloth, add piping to each strip, then sew the pieces together to form the front of the pillow.

PLEASE BE SEATED

Want to accentuate an accent chair? For a tailored look like this, measure the cushions, adding 1/2" seam allowances all around. Cut the fabric, add the piping, and sew the covers. Then slip them over the cushions, stapling on the undersides to secure.



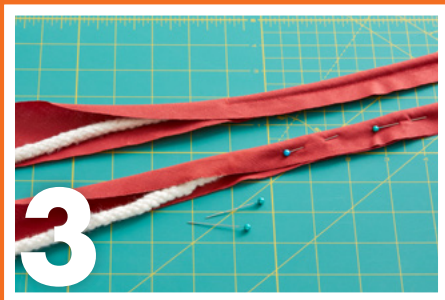
Step-By-Step: Pillow Piping



Cut 2-inch strips of fabric on the bias (at a 45-degree angle against the grain) so the pieces will have a bit of stretch. Then trim off pointed ends.



Pin ends of two strips perpendicular to each other with right sides together, and sew together at a 45-degree angle. Trim corner, then open and iron flat. Continue sewing strips together until fabric is long enough to go around pillow.



Wrap strips around quarter-inch cording, and pin fabric closed. With zipper foot, sew closely along cording, removing pins as you stitch.



Place piping over pillow fabric (right side up), with edges aligned. Sew closely along cording, all the way around pillow fabric. **Tip:** Ease piping around corners by making cuts in edge of piping.



Place other side of pillow fabric (right side down) over piping, with edges aligned. Pin pieces in place, and sew closely along cording. Leave an opening for turning.



Turn pieces right side out, and insert pillow form or stuffing. Hand stitch opening closed.