

# Shabby Chic Faux Pintuck Pillow

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A lightweight sewing machine doesn't mean you have to be a lightweight when picking out your next sewing project. See how easy it is to mimic an advanced sewing technique and have impressive results while sewing this beautiful accent pillow for your home.

**Skill:** Beginner

**Time:** 1-1 1/2 hours

## Janome Supplies Required:

- Portable Sewing machine
- Power cord
- Foot control

## Fabrics/Notions required:

- 1 yd. medium weight 45" wide cotton fabric
- 1 yd. coordinating lace
- 1 yd. 3/8" satin contrasting ribbon
- 18" X 18" Pillow form or polyfil
- 20" Zipper
- Thread to match fabric
- Fabric marker
- Ruler
- Straight Pins
- Spray Starch or Sizing

## Let's Get Started:

1. Cut the fabric into two 22" wide X 36" lengths of fabric.
2. Take one piece of the fabric and sub cut it into one piece 18" x 22" long and one piece 4" x 22" long. These two pieces will be used as the back pieces of the pillow. The rest of the fabric from this piece will be used for testing and practice before we start sewing the pintucks.
3. Take a piece of the scrap fabric and draw a straight line on the right side of the fabric. Then measure 5/8" from that line and draw another line. Draw a couple of them to do the test.



4. Fold on the line and use a couple of pins to hold in place.



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5. Stitch as close to the fold as you can to form a “tuck”. Use Stitch A



6. If your fabric is too thin and being pulled down into the machine then spray fabric with spray starch or sizing. Iron according to manufacturer’s directions.
7. Sew another row of “tucks”. Sew a couple of rows on your practice fabric and then move to the main fabric.



8. On the 22” X 36” fabric, draw vertical lines 5/8” apart across the fabric. Draw enough lines until you have covered about 22” in length (the fabric will “shrink” up as you make the pin/tucks).
9. Start on one end and sew on the edge of the folded lines like you did on your practice piece.
10. Stop and measure the fabric every once in a while until you have about 10” of tucks made.

11. To insert the lace, fold on the line just like you are making the tucks but pin the lace onto the folded edge.



12. Insert the straight edge of the lace into one of the tuck folds, catching it unto the seam when sewing the tuck
13. Open up the fabric after sewing and see where the bottom of the lace ends and make the next tuck closest to the edge of the lace, but do not sew this edge of the lace down.



14. Continue making the tucks until your fabric measures 18” then you can stop.



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15. From where the lace stops, count 3 or 4 tucks down and stitch the ribbon in the center of the tucks.



16. Cut an 18" square from this and it will be the front of the pillow.
17. Take the two back pieces 18" and the 4" long pieces and insert zipper according to directions.
18. Pin the front and back pieces, right sides together, (note that the back piece will be larger than the front piece) make sure that the zipper is open at least 3/4 of the way for turning. Stitch with a 1/2" seam allowance from side of the pillow.
19. Trim excess fabric from the back pillow. Turn right side out, and insert pillow form or stuffing.