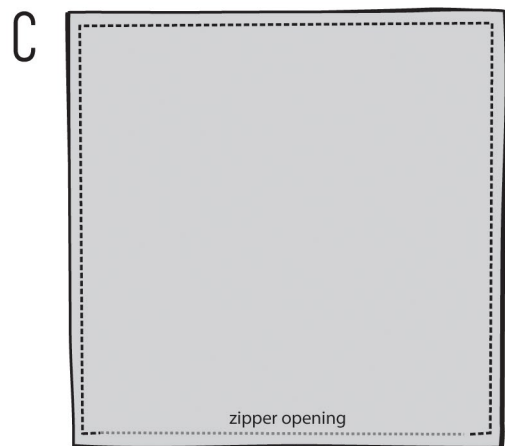
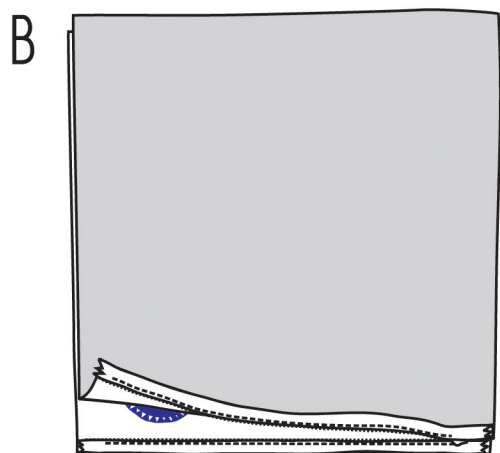
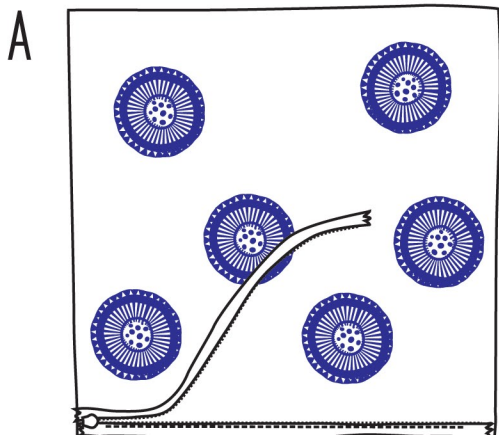


PAINTED PILLOWS

Turn your fabric experiments into works of art for the couch. These pillow covers are simple to make. If you've never sewn a zipper before, don't be afraid; just grab your seam ripper and try it! Pillows can be made from any durable materials like linen or canvas fabric, but if you're using a thinner cotton, you can add quilt batting to the back of the fabric for extra weight.



Supplies

- 16" pillow form
- Half-yard fabric, cut into two 17" squares
- Matching invisible zipper, at least 14"
- Matching thread

1. Press zipper. Unzip the zipper. Press the back side of the zipper tape so that the teeth unroll and flatten. This will allow you to sew right up to the edge of the zipper teeth, then once you zip it up, it will revert to being invisible once again.

2. Sew one side of the zipper. With the pillow front fabric, center and pin one side of the zipper tape right sides facing to the bottom edge of the fabric. With the zipper presser foot attachment, start at the beginning of the zipper teeth and stitch along as close to the zipper teeth as possible. Make sure to leave at least 1" - 2" at either end of the zipper tape to sew the corner. See fig. A.

3. Sew the other side. Next, pin the other side of the zipper tape to the right side of the back pillow fabric. Make sure that the zipper tape is centered and not twisted. Stitch along to the edge of the zipper teeth. See fig. B.

4. Sew pillow together. Unzip the zipper halfway, and place the pillow front and back right sides together. Pin in place and start sewing at the end of the zipper tape. Using a 1/2" seam allowance, sew around all three sides plus the corners of the zipper side. See fig. C. Turn right sides out, push the corners out and insert the pillow form.