

## **#1012 – PILLOW POWER**

Six popular pillow designs from five shapes. Great projects for any skill level. **TOP TIP #12: Fiberfill Fun-damentals** shows how to successfully stuff pillow, animals, dolls or any project with fiberfill.

**EXPERIENCE LEVEL:** Suitable for all levels working with or without supervision. Great introductory projects for beginner level. Can be decorated by intermediate and advanced level wishing to apply new embellishment techniques.

### **SKILLS COVERED:**

- Cutting patterns double and on the fold
- Transferring pattern markings
- Sewing around curves
- Pivoting around corners
- Clipping and notching seam allowances
- Pressing
- Stuffing projects with fiberfill
- Slipstitching openings closed

### **IN-CLASS DEMONSTRATIONS:**

Stuff projects with fiberfill as shown in Top Tip #12 on back cover.

Transfer pattern markings onto cut fabric pieces. Show different methods using disappearing pencil or marker, tracing wheel and tracing paper, thread marking, etc.

Demonstrate slipstitching and various other hand stitches (e.g. hemstitch, cross stitch, bar tack, etc.) Explain proper application for each stitch.

### **ADDITIONAL PROJECT APPLICATIONS:**

1. Embellished pillow – Use the self-styled pillow to learn different types of embellishment. Decorate with hand or machine embroidery, decorative quilting or appliqué. Design original fiber art and turn it into something useful. Form meets function.
2. Teddy bears – Use a simple pattern to learn other uses for fiberfill. Note the difference between stuffing a large area such as a pillow, or narrow areas such as a bear's leg, with fiberfill. Experiment with fuzzy felt, fake fur or other textures.
3. Bleacher seat pad – Mount squares cut from square pillow pattern onto hi-loft polyester batting. Stitch, turn right sides out and close opening just like a pillow. Omit stuffing with fiberfill. Stitch through all layers to flatten or tuft with flat button in the center.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT:

Make heart shaped pillows to donate to children in homeless or domestic abuse shelters.