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Tapering Stitches Pillow



The Altair 2 and Meridian 2 includes 40 New Tapering Stitches. Use these stitches to create unique decorative motif stitching with any of your sewing or quilting projects. This pillow takes a creative approach to applique with the addition of tapering stitches.

Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate

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Fabric and Supplies:

- Baby Lock® Altair 2, Meridian 2 or Altair/Meridian with Upgrade 1 sewing and embroidery machine





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- Shapes Pattern for Pillow Cover (PDF Template)
- Fabric Cutting Required.
 - ONE 10" X 22" FOR DECORATIVE PANEL-navy as shown in photo
 - TWO STRIPS ACCENT FABRIC 1.5" X 22"-tan as shown in photo
 - TWO PIECES DENIM 6.5" X 22"-recycled jeans
 - ONE 22" X 22" FABRIC FOR BACK
 - ONE 5" X 22" FABRIC FOR BACK
 - TWO BATTING OR ACRYLIC FELT 22" X 22"
 - ONE BATTING OR ACRYLIC FELT 5" X 22"
- ONE 16" X 7" FOR TRIANGLES-orange as shown in photo
- ONE 16" X 7" HOTFIX ADHESIVE FOR APPLIQUE
- ONE 12" X 7" FOR DIAMONDS-fussy cut print in diamonds as shown in photo
- ONE 12" X 7" HOTFIX ADHESIVE FOR APPLIQUE
- 22" Zipper or larger
- 20" pillow form
- 90/14 Microtek Sharps
- N+ Foot
- Madeira® Cotona and Rayon/Polyester embroidery thread to match fabric
- Temporary Adhesive Spray
- Starch, Iron, Press Cloth
- Fabric Pen or Tailors Chalk
- Rotary cutter, mat and ruler

Instructions:

1. Adhere the Hotfix to the wrong side of the 16" x 7" piece and the 12" x 7" piece
2. Use the included triangle and diamond shape pattern to cut out the applique pieces. There will be 8 triangles and 3 diamonds. Accuracy counts here!! Use a cutting machine if available.





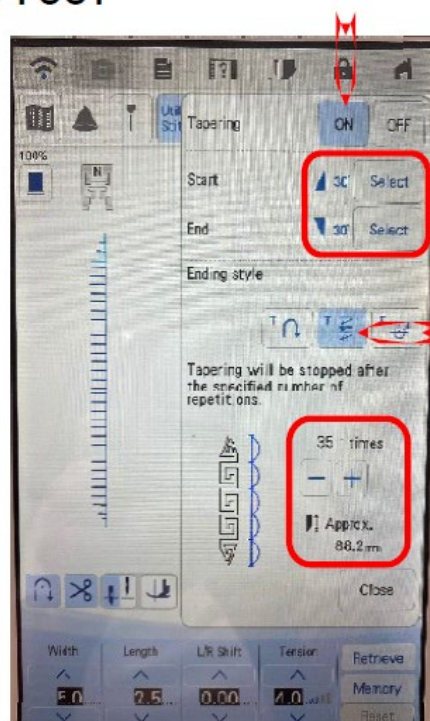
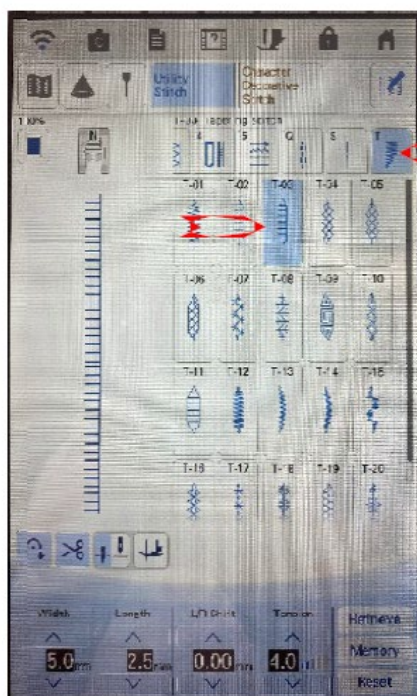
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3. Starch the 10" X 22" fabric panel. Mark with a fabric pen or tailors chalk as illustrated on the "Layout for Decorative Panel" page. (Final page in these instructions) Position the applique pieces as shown. Remove the paper backing and press the applique pieces in place.
4. Set up machine for the triangle applique pieces as follows

MACHINE SETTING FOR TRIANGLES USE THE N+ FOOT



5. Use the included practice lines to make sure the settings above are stitching the correct size. Make sure the practice lines are printed at 100%. Do not hold or push fabric while stitching.





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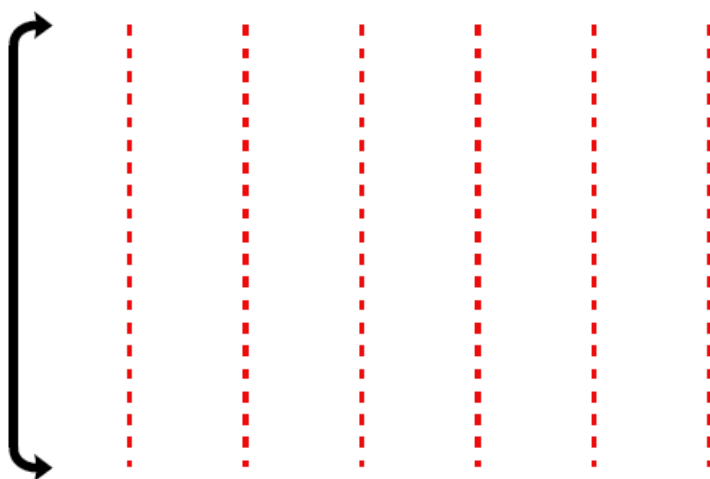


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Practice lines for DIAMOND= 68mm



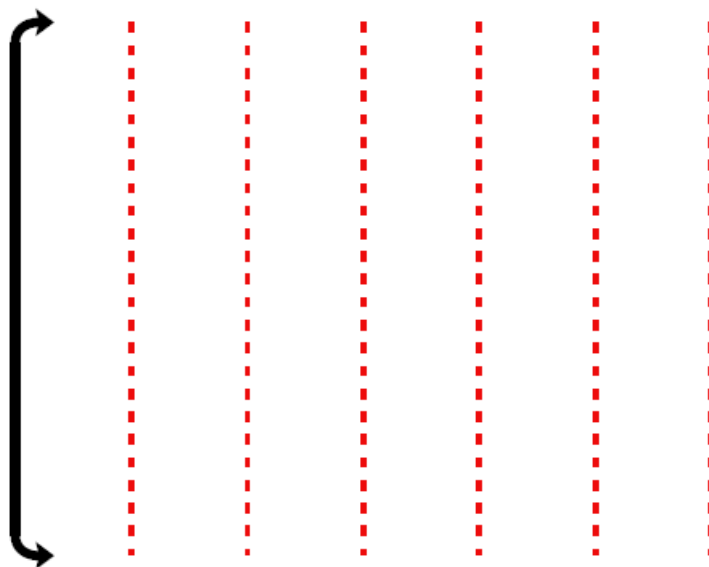


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Practice lines for EQUILATERAL TRIANGLE = 82mm





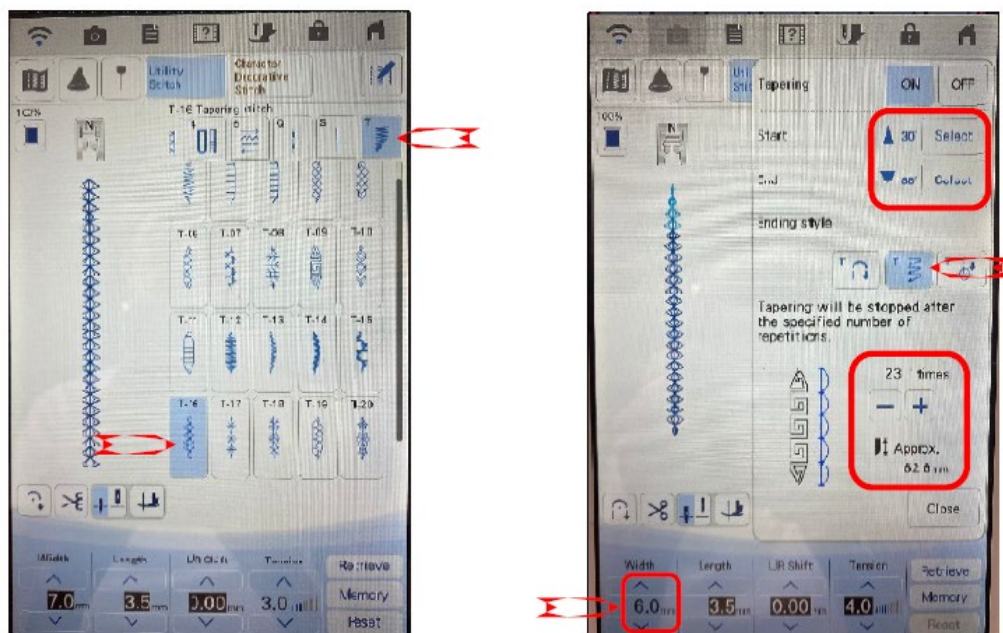
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- Set up machine for the diamond applique pieces as follows.

MACHINE SETTING FOR DIAMONDS USE THE N+ FOOT



- Again, Use the included practice lines to make sure the settings above are stitching the correct size. Make sure the practice lines are printed at 100%. Do not hold or push fabric while stitching.



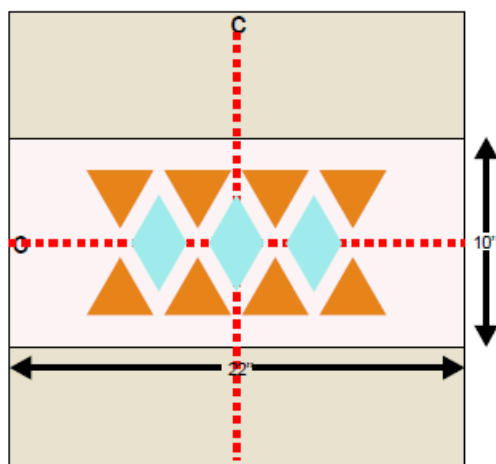


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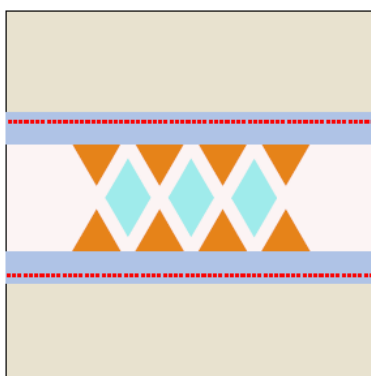
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8. Completing the front of the pillow cover is next. Center the applied panel on top of the 22" x 22" felt piece. Secure with temporary adhesive spray.



9. Place a 1.5" x 22" accent fabric piece along one long raw edge of the center panel. Stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance through all thicknesses. Repeat for remaining long raw edge of the center panel. Press accent strips away from the center panel.



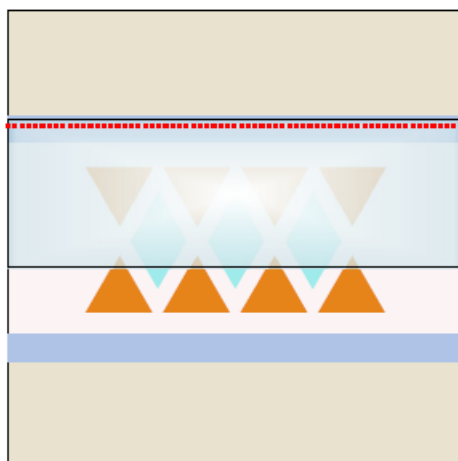


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10. Place a 6.5" x 22" denim fabric piece along one long raw edge of an accent strip. Stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance through all thicknesses. Repeat for second accent strip. Press denim away from the accent strips.



11. Baste through all layers $\frac{1}{4}$ " from raw edges.





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12. Use temporary adhesive spray to secure the 22" x 22" fabric piece to the matching felt piece. Repeat for the 5" x 22" Fabric and felt pieces. Install the zipper along one raw edge of the 22" x 22" and the 5" x 22" units. Use your favorite zip installation method.
13. Trim the completed pillow cover back unit to 20" x 20". Place the pillow front and back units right sides together. Partially unzip the zipper and then sew the perimeter of the pillow cover with a ½ " seam allowance.
14. Box each of the four corners if desired.
15. Turn the pillow cover right side out and insert the pillow form.

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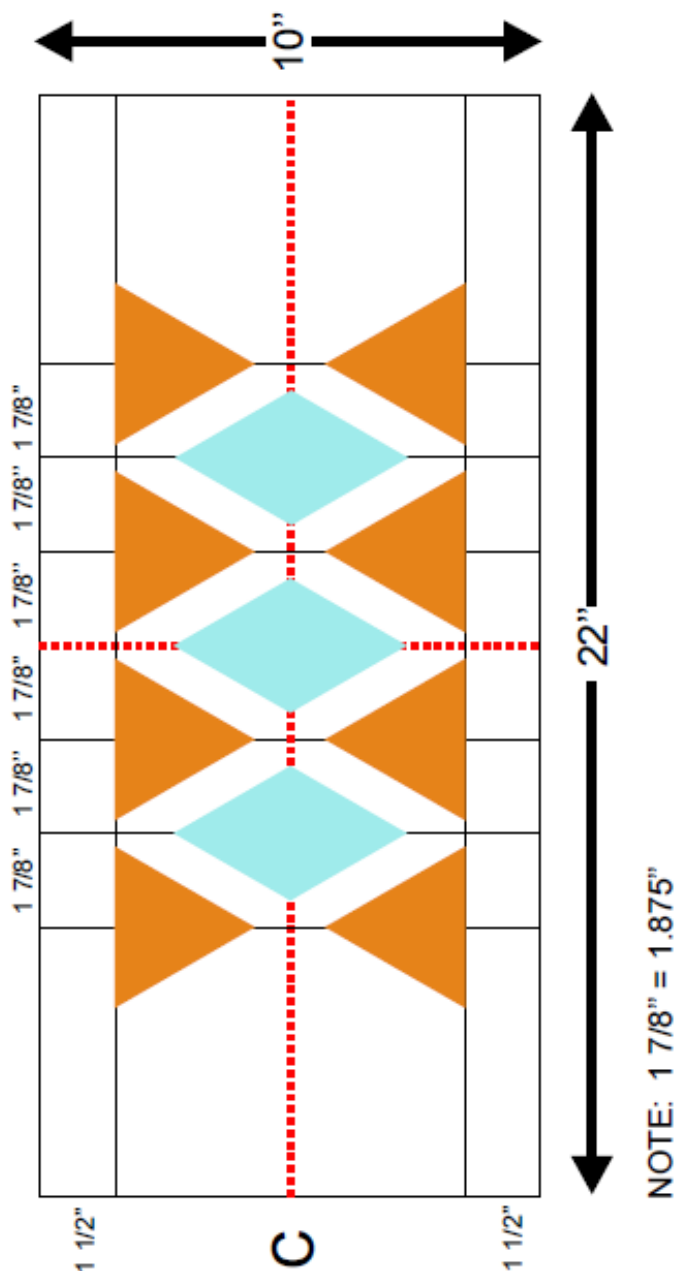
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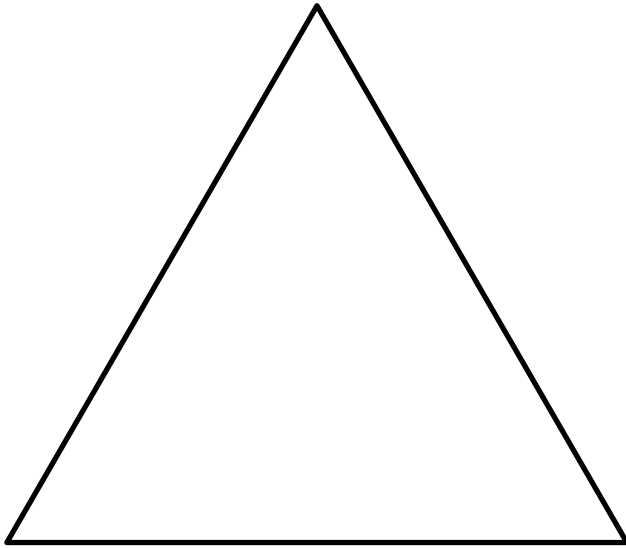


LAYOUT FOR DECORATIVE PANEL

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Shapes for Pillow Cover

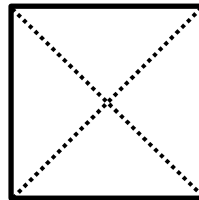


EQUILATERAL TRIANGLE

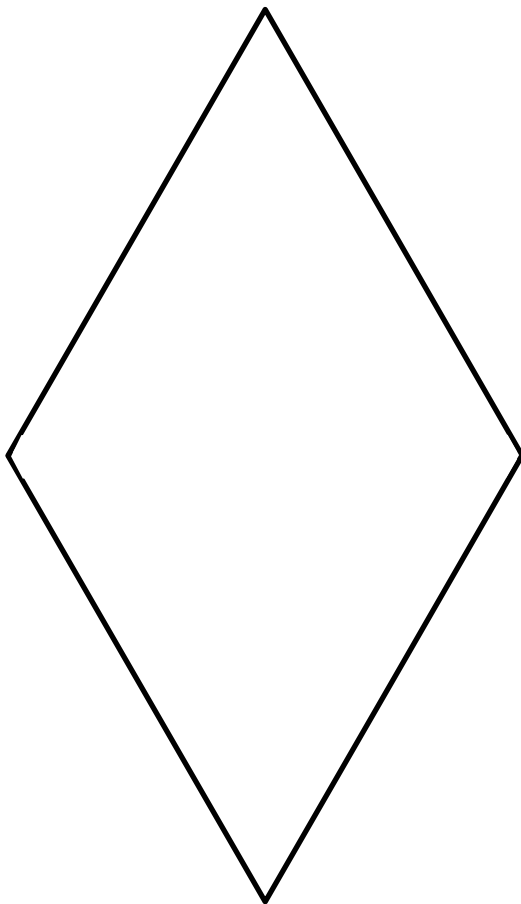
each side = 82mm

Height = 71mm

Cut 8 for pillow cover



this square = 1"
Print at 100%



DIAMOND

Height = 118mm

Width = 68mm

Cut 3 for pillow cover