

# **baby lock** *Campus*



*„Sampler Cushion“*



USING OVERLOCK AND COVER STITCH



## Instructions for Sampler Cushion

A simple cushion cover, utilizing some of the interesting decorative stitches of overlocker and cover stitch machines. A great chance to practice some of those varied stitches! Sewing machine required; albeit briefly!

### Material used:

100% Cotton:

1 Fat Quarter in Main colour, 1 in contrast.

Decorative thread: I used Madeira Decora No 6 in 2 different shades

38mm wide toning ribbon, 1m

Overlock threads

1 x 48cm zip

40cm Cushion inner

2m Piping Cord

### Tools used:

Piping Foot 5mm

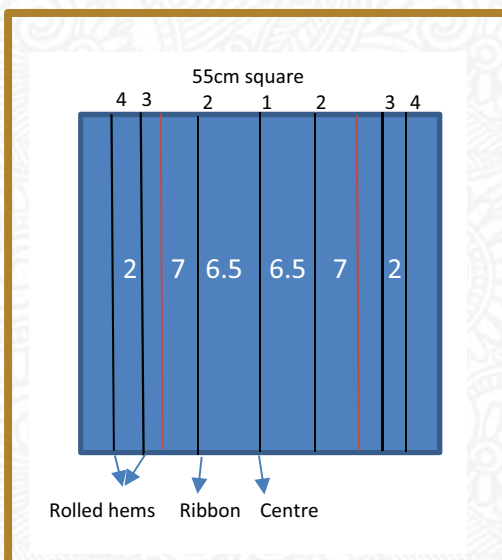
Scissors

Combination Overlock/Cover Stitch machine

Lace Applicator foot would help with the flatlocked ribbon, but not essential.



For more creative ideas, refer to:  
[www.babylock/campus.co.uk](http://www.babylock/campus.co.uk)



Pic 2



### CUT THE FABRIC:

1. From the main colour, cut:

1 x 55 cms square (This is cut bigger to allow for the fabric shrinkage within the decorative seams)

2 pieces 26 x 45 cms for the back zipped side

2. From the Contrast fabric, cut:

Frill: 110 x 8 cms

Piped Edge: 5 x 190 cms (A join may be necessary) *I did not find it necessary to bias cut this strip, as the sides are all straight.*

### MARK THE FRONT

3. Find and mark the centre

4. Measure and mark 6.5cms from the centre on both sides. (For the ribbon placement)

5. Measure and mark 7cms from the previous lines. (For first line of rolled hem)

6. Measure and mark 2cms from the previous lines. (For second line of rolled hem)

7. Press these lines for a crisper edge to stitch. (Pic 2)

### LINES 3 & 4; ROLLED HEM

1. With Decorative thread in the Upper Loper, set your machine for a Rolled Hem. (Remember that, as you are using a fairly heavy thread, you should lengthen the stitch to avoid those stitches crowding) Always advisable to try a test piece first!

2. Stitch a Rolled Hem along lines 3 and 4 on both sides.

Pic 3



Pic 4



Pic 5



Pic 6



#### FRILL

1. Take the Frill piece of fabric, and with the same settings as above, sew a Rolled hem down each long side of the frill.

#### LINES 2; RIBBON

1. Lay the ribbon along the pressed fold at Line 2. Fold the fabric back, you're going to stitch along the fold. (Pic 3)
2. Set your machine for a Narrow Flatlock. I prefer to use a 2 thread Flatlock, as I find it easier to balance the threads. With the Madeira Decora, I used a stitch length of 3 and Stitch width 6.
3. Stitch down one side of the ribbon. Repeat on the other half of the front.
4. Fold the fabric back on the other side of the ribbon, pin and press (Pic 4)
5. Flatlock stitch the other side of the ribbons.
6. Gently pull the seam open and press from the wrong side.

#### LINE 1; FRILL

1. From the wrong side, draw a line down the centre of the frill.
2. Set your machine for a Triple Cover Stitch, using a decorative thread in the Loper. Then set for Gather, with the Differential Feed at 2 and Stitch Length at 4.
3. With wrong side uppermost, stitch along the centre line. (Pic 5)
4. Lay the frill, with centre on the centre line of the cushion cover and pin in place. Using a straight stitch, join the frill to the cover. (Pic 6)



Pic 7



#### ZIPPED SIDE

1. Make sure that the zipper pull is off the fabric. I used an endless zip, so placed a pin across the zip to prevent accidentally pulling off the pull! (*Pic 7*)
2. Set your machine up for a 4 thread overlock, with Stitch Length around 3.5mm and Stitch width maximum. Use the 5mm Piping (Cording) Foot.
3. With right sides facing, pin the zip to the fabric.
4. Raise the foot and slide the zip and fabric under, taking care to ensure that the zip teeth slide down the groove under the foot.
5. Stitch the zip to the fabric.
6. Lay the fabric and joined zip with right sides upwards. Lay the other side of the zip flat and place the other piece of fabric, right side down, onto it. Pin and stitch as before. (*Pic 8*)
7. Trim off the excess zip length, after bringing the pull into the cushion area. Press.

Pic 8



Pic 9



#### PIPING

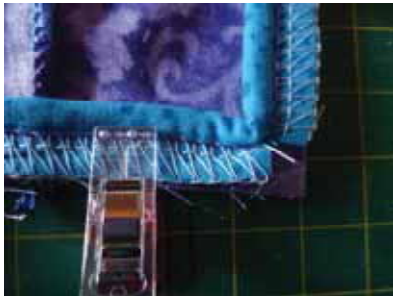
1. Fold the strip of fabric over the piping cord. Machine settings as before.
2. Slide the piping cord and fabric under the slot beneath the foot, with the raw edge towards the blade. Make your piping tape. (*Pic 9*)
3. Pin the piping tape to the right side of the cushion cover. Start at the frill end and take the tape out of the seam to give a neat join. (*Pic 10*)

Pic 10





Pic 11



### PIPING (CONTD)

1. When you reach the corners, snip into the tape without cutting the left needle thread line. This will give a good clean corner. (Pic 11)
2. Lay the back cushion piece onto the front, right sides facing and with the zip at right angles to the decorative stitching. (Pic 12)
3. Ensure that the zip is half open, so you can turn the cover the right side out when stitched(!)
4. Using a 4 thread overlock stitch, and with the Piping Foot still in use, stitch around all four sides. Frankly, I have never yet found a way of turning a 90degree angle when working with 2 needles, so I stitch off at the corner, then place it back under the foot for the next side. Take care to check that the piping cord is freely passing under the groove in the foot.
5. Trim all ends, turn to the right side and press.

Pic 12

