

Lewe the Ewe Chenille Pillow

Finished size is approximately 15" x 19"



Susybee – Chenille Instructions for Pillows

Supplies:

- 4 panels of the same Susybee design/colorway
- sewing machine; a walking foot is recommended
- a cotton thread that compliments the front and back fabric
- a 24" ruler to mark your initial bias lines across the fabric
- blue tape
- pins or spray basting supplies
- Olfa Chenille cutter

Steps:

- 1) cut 3 panels all round to be slightly smaller than your 4th panel, approx 3/8" will do; leave the 4th panel the original size
- 2) start layering the 1 Susybee panel you didn't trim down, face side up
- 3) then add the next 3 Susybee panels face side up. Be sure your panels are positioned one atop of the other with the design or character aligned one layer to the next; no need to be exact, but they should be close
- 5) pin or lightly spray baste all layers
- 6) with the ruler and blue tape, mark a diagonal line across the center of all these panels
- 7) sew through all layers along the tape edge, from one side to the other, using a default stitch length; you can then remove the tape
- 8) continue to stitch row after row, through all layers. Use your walking foot as your guide for distance between the stitch lines, approx 3/8" apart. Use this same width apart for the entire play mat
- 9) continue to stitch back and forth with consistent spacing; this part is time consuming but so worth it!
- 10) once the entire play mat is stitched, prepare your Olfa cutting tool, choosing the correct width foot to fit between your stitch lines; you'll want the widest foot that fits comfortably, so your cutting will fall exactly between your stitch lines, and not wander side to side. Then turn the dial on the Olfa cutting tool so the blade is positioned for the foot you've selected

11) now comes the fun part! Place the Olfa Chenille Cutter foot at the center stitch lines, the first 2 rows you stitched. You will want to cut just the top 3 panels, leaving the bottom panel untouched; this is why we suggested cutting the top 3 panels slightly smaller, so you can grip the bottom panel and the backing, as you slide the cutter from edge to edge through the top 3 layers.

12) repeat this step, cutting down the center of each row, through the top 3 layers, until the entire play mat is done.

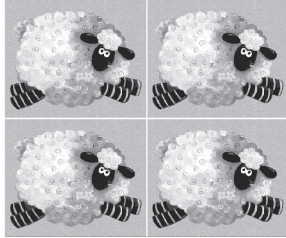
Tip: if you're having a little trouble getting each row started with the cutting tool, using a small pair of sharp scissors, snip into each row $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and it'll be easier for the blade of the tool to slide through those layers

13) square-up, as you would any quilt

Move on to instructions for constructing the pillow!

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Fabric Requirements



1 Yard pillow panel

½ Yard fabric for backing
Pillow form or poly fill



1. After pillow panels have been stacked, stitched, and cut with chenille cutter, square pillow top to 16" X 20".

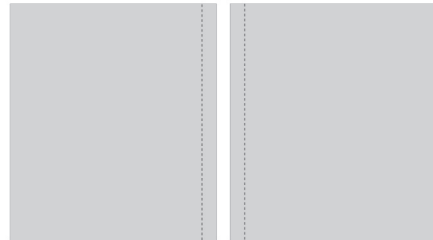
2. Prepare pillow back:

With backing fabric, cut (2) 16" X 16". Hem one side of each square by folding then pressing 1", fold over again and stitch to hem.

16"



20"



3. Assemble pillow:

- Place pillow top, face up, and arrange pillow back pieces, face down, aligning outside raw edges and letting pillow back pieces overlap along hemmed edges.

- Stitch all the way around with ½" seam.

4. Turn pillow right side out, wash and dry by machine.

