

friends & flowers pillow

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Materials

- **DecoArt**
 - Americana Acrylics in Antique Gold, Burnt Umber, Celery Green, French Mauve, Moon Yellow, Rookwood Red
- **Loew-Cornell** Paintbrushes in No. 2 Liner and No. 8 Shader
- Fabrics of choice (See instructions for sizes; you will need a light color fabric to paint on, fabric for strips, and another fabric for backing.)
- Blue painter's tape (optional), clothes washer and dryer, detergent (without fabric softener), iron and ironing surface, light box or well-lit window (optional), pants hanger, pencil, plastic piece (or old plastic bag), pillow stuffing, pins, ruler, scissors, sewing machine and thread, sewing needle

Instructions

For pattern, see pattern pull-out.

Note: Size of finished piece is approximately 12" x 16". Unless otherwise indicated, use paintbrush best suited to area being painted.

Prep

1. Wash and dry fabrics, then press. Cut pieces to size (omitting back piece): cut center section (light fabric) to 8-1/2" x 12", cut two strips 2-3/4" x 18" and two more 2-3/4" x 10", and cut four 2" circles (light fabric) for yo-yos.

2. To make yo-yos, loosely sew 1/8" from edge and pull thread to gather into a circle.

3. Pin strips to front section; sew and press. Cut off excess fabric. Measure finished top piece and cut back to size. **Note:** Do not sew back piece on yet.

4. Tape pattern to either light board or well-lit window, then *lightly* trace pattern onto fabric.

5. Cut a section of plastic or an old plastic bag (plain side) and place under pillow top.

Painting

1. Paint lettering using No. 2 Liner and Burnt Umber.

2. Base flower centers using No. 8 Shader and Antique Gold, then highlight with Moon Yellow. Use No. 2 Liner and Burnt Umber to make dash lines.

3. Base pink flowers using No. 8 Shader and French Mauve.

4. Base red flowers using No. 8 Shader and Rookwood Red.

5. Paint flower stems using No. 2 Liner and Celery Green.

6. Using No. 8 Shader, base leaves Celery Green.

Finishing

1. Carefully pull off plastic and hang painted piece using pants hanger until completely dry.

2. With right sides together, sew back to front, then turn right-side out. Stuff, then sew opening shut. Sew yo-yos onto corners.

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