

COOL EMOJI PILLOW

Written Sewing Instructions by Colleen Bell

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- **Yellow Fleece** – ½ yard (58" - 60" wide)
- **Black Felt** – 10" by 5"
- **18 (or 16) inch Yellow Nylon Zipper**
- **Double-sided Fusible Interfacing** – #805 Pellon Wonder Under Fusible Web works great, but any double-sided will work
- **Pen** or anything to trace the pattern onto the stabilizer's paper (it will not be seen)
- **Yellow and Black Thread** – good quality polyester or cotton
- **Templates** from the website of *The Embroiderist*:
 - Cool Emoji Template - <http://bit.ly/2dFRS6I>
 - 16 Inch Round Pillow, Front Template - <http://bit.ly/2d4mr4Q>
 - 16 Inch Round Pillow, Back Template - <http://bit.ly/2dLtAoe>

CAUTION!

When pressing or fusing fleece, you may need to use a pressing cloth so the fleece does not melt.

PREPARATION STEPS:

1. Download the three templates.
2. Trace the cool emoji template onto cardstock or a manila folder.
3. Cut out the cool emoji template, making sure that the smile has points on the ends.
4. Following manufacturer's guidelines, fuse the double-sided interfacing to only the backside of the black felt. The paper should still be on the interfacing. You now have a sandwich of felt on the bottom, fused interfacing in the middle, and paper on the top.
5. Trace the cool emoji template onto the paper of the fused felt sandwich.
6. Cut the entire felt sandwich out around the template lines, making sure the paper stays in tact and the smile is pointed on the ends. Set aside until the pillow is cut out.
7. Print four (4) copies of the front pillow template.
8. Cut out the curve of all four (4) front pillow templates. It will be four quarters of a circle.
9. Tape the four (4) quarters together to form a circle. Because it is a circle it does not matter which side is connected to which side.
10. Print two (2) copies of the back pillow template.
11. Cut out the curve of both (2) back pillow templates. It will be two quarters of a half-circle.
12. Tape the two (2) quarters together to form a half-circle. Because it is a half-circle with an extra half inch for the zipper allowance, it does matter which side is connected to which side. Please see the template.
13. Cut one full circle from the yellow fleece using the circle template.
14. Cut two half circles from the yellow fleece using the half-circle template.



15. Following manufacturer's guidelines, remove the paper from the two pieces of fused felt and fuse them to front of the yellow fleece centering it as desired.

APPLIQUE STEP:

Using black thread, straight stitch on top of the black felt using about an 1/8" from the edge. Stitch completely around the outline of the glasses and the smile. Do not lock-stitch, merely stitch over the beginning stitches for a few stitches, then trim the threads.

ZIPPER STEPS:

1. Put the two half circle with the right sides together. Using yellow thread and a long/basting length of stitch, sew on the straight edge using a 1/2 " seam allowance.
2. Press the seam open using a pressing cloth to protect the fleece.
3. Lay the back of the pillow open with the right side down. You will now have the seam facing you. Open the zipper up and place the teeth with the zipper pull down and align the teeth of the zipper with the seam of the back of the pillow.
4. If you have a zipper foot, change to that foot. If not, place your foot as close to the teeth as possible.
5. Using the normal stitch length and width, sew the zipper to the back of the pillow along the opened seam allowance. When beginning, use a lock-stitch. When you reach the end of the zipper, lift the presser foot and close the zipper, i.e., zip it up. Now pivot and stitch across the bottom of the zipper and pivot one more time, which will bring you sewing up the other side of the zipper. Make sure that the zipper is smooth and does not have any puckers. Finish with a lock-stitch. Be careful when nearing the end, you may need to push the zipper pull out of the way so you do not hit it accidentally.
6. Carefully remove the original basting/long stitches from the seam using a seam ripper. Now you can zip and unzip the zipper.
7. IMPORTANT! Open the zipper half way.

ASSEMBLY STEPS:

1. Place the appliqued circle top and the zipper bottom together with right sides facing each other.
2. Pin in place, being careful that the zipper end that is open is overlapping on the edge only so there is no gap when it is sewn together.
3. Using yellow thread and the normal stitch length and width, sew a straight stitch around the outer edge of the pillow with a 1/2" seam allowance, being careful not to stitch over the metal zipper stops.
4. Turn pillow right side out.
5. Put a 16" pillow form inside the fleece pillow and zip up. Now cuddle up with your pillow.

