

## SINGER® FUTURA™ XL-400 Sewing and Embroidery Machine Embroidered Pillows



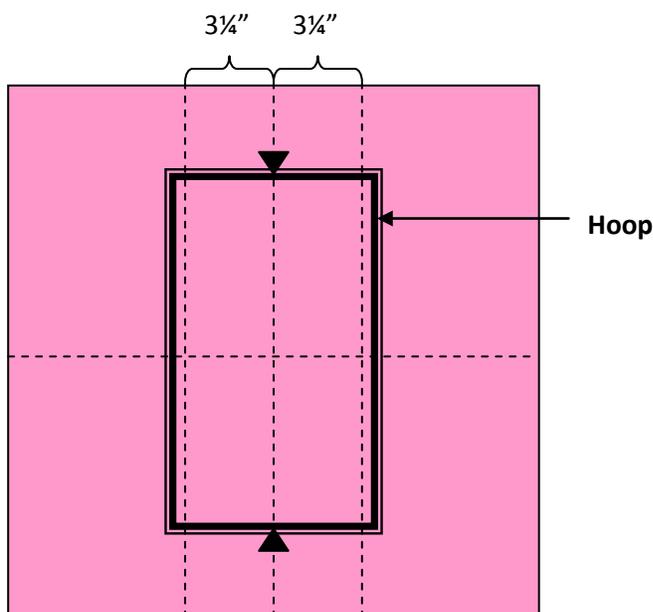
Add pizzazz to your home décor with this easy and fun-to-make pillow. Learn some of the basic embroidery and sewing capabilities of the SINGER® FUTURA™ Sewing & Embroidery machine, including some great features such as Repeat Design and Change Stitch Color.

### Shopping List:

- ¾ yard fabric
- All-purpose thread to match fabric
- Machine embroidery threads (dark grey and light grey)
- Bobbinfil
- Tear-away stabilizer
- 20" pillow form
- Water soluble fabric marker or chalk
- Rotary cutter, mat & ruler
- Hand sewing needle

## Fabric Preparation:

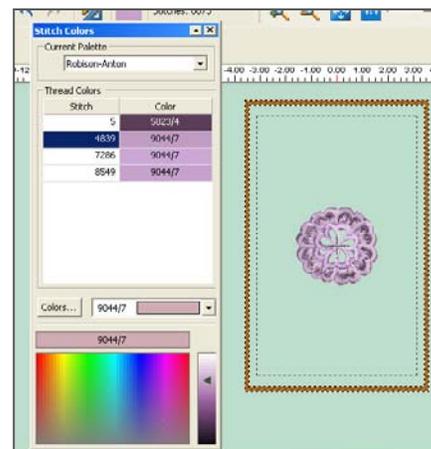
1. Cut Fabric as follows:
  - One 22" x 22" square (pillow front)
  - One 20" square (pillow back)
2. Marking the pillow front for embroidery
  - Using a water soluble marker or chalk, mark a line both vertically and horizontally at the center of the fabric.
  - Mark another line 3¼" on each side of vertical center line. (These lines will be used for the second and third hoopings).



3. Place a piece of tear away stabilizer underneath the fabric where the fabric is to be hooped. Place the fabric in the hoop so that the center lines are aligned with the center markings on the inner hoop.

## At the Computer:

4. Open the Futura Software and Select Design
  - Click on **Create** from the horizontal menu bar
  - Select the **Design Library**
  - Select the **Futura\_special** category
  - Select **sp\_020**



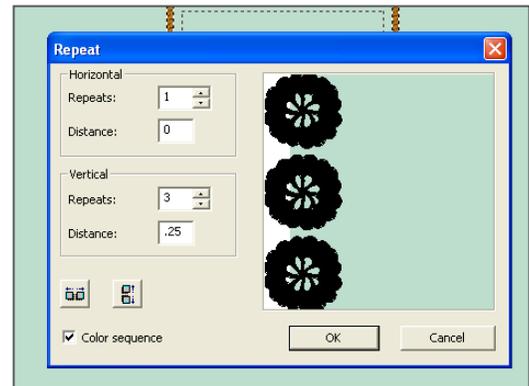
## 5. Change Colors

- This design is a four color design, but actually is sewn in only two colors in this application. If desired, you may change the design on the screen to look like the finished sew out.
- From the **Tools** menu, select *Stitch Colors*.
- When the dialogue box opens, click on the #1 Color box.
- Bring the cursor to the box at the bottom that looks like a rainbow. Click in the "purple-grey" area, if the desired color is to be purple grey.
- To be more specific with the color, bring cursor over to the color bar on the right and select the desired shade.
- Colors may also be changed by selecting the brand of thread and the specific color number from the list.

*Tip: To keep the Stitch Colors dialogue box open, click on the arrow next to the X in the upper right corner.*

## 6. Repeat Design

- Click on **Design**.
- Select **Repeat Design**.
- In the Vertical Section, type **3** in the Repeat box and **.25** in the Distance box.
- Select **Color Sequence**.
- Click on **OK**.



## 7. Center Design.

- Click on **Design**.
- Select **Center Design**.

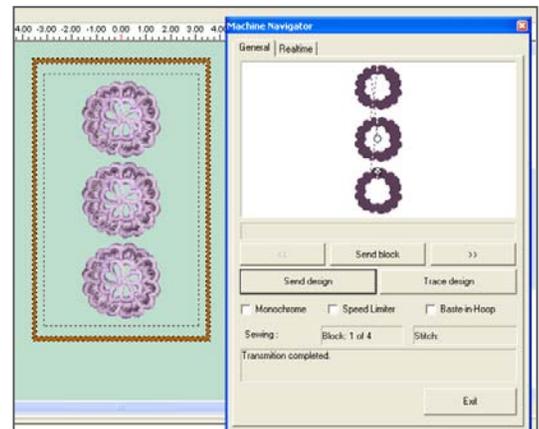
## 8. Send the Design

- Attach the embroidery hoop to the embroidery arm.
- Click on the **Send Design** tool from the Horizontal menu bar.
- Click on **Send Design**.
- Embroider the design as follows:

- Color #1 – dark grey
- Color #2 – light grey
- Color #3 – light grey
- Color #4 – light grey

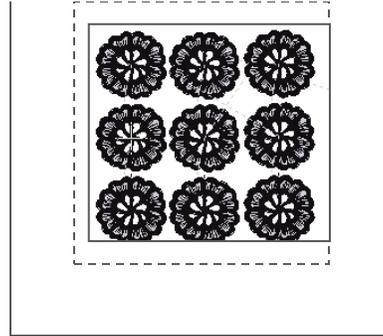


- 9. In order to create the overall total design of nine flowers, this three flower combination must be sewn two more times. To sew out the remaining two hoopings, re-hoop the fabric, using the remaining lines that were marked on the fabric in the beginning. Align the marks on the fabric with the markings on the inner hoop.



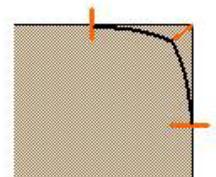
## At the Machine:

10. Satin-stitched Borders
  - Remove the embroidery unit and set the machine for regular sewing mode. Attach the Satin Stitch Foot.
  - The borders that surround the embroidered flowers are created by sewing two rows of satin stitching, one slightly narrower than the other. Select the zigzag stitch, decrease the length and width as desired to form satin stitch.
  - Using a ruler and water soluble marker, mark a box around the embroidered flowers, centering the flowers. The box should be about 1" from the flowers. Sew the satin stitch on the line.
  - Slightly change the width of the stitch and sew another row of satin stitching next to the first.
  - Carefully remove the stabilizer when finished, press.
  
11. Pillow Construction
  - Using a rotary cutter and ruler, trim the pillow front to make a 20½" square, centering the embroidery.
  - Thread the machine with the all-purpose thread.
  - Pin the pillow back to the pillow front, right sides together.
  - Sew together using a ½" seam and leaving an opening along one side for turning.
  - Turn right side out. Press.
  - Insert the pillow form.
  - Slipstitch opening closed.



*Tip: Sew in a clockwise direction. To turn the corner, stop at the corner with the needle in the fabric and in the right swing of the stitch, raise the presser foot, and rotate the fabric 90°. Lower the presser foot and continue sewing. Use the side of the foot as a guide to sew the second row of satin stitching.*

*Tip: To eliminate "dog-ears" (overly-pointed corners) at the pillow corners, make a mark ¾" from each corner, as shown below. At each corner, using a fabric marking tool, mark a point ½" from the raw edge. Draw a line from points marked. Trim on these lines.*



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