



Spiral Serger Pillow

By Sara Snuggerud

This rich-looking, luxurious pillow starts with a ruffle easily gathered using a serger, then stitched in a spiral with a sewing machine. A great project that looks more complicated than it is!

Supplies

- $\frac{5}{8}$ yard for pillow base and back – 100% cotton
- $\frac{3}{4}$ yard for ruffled spiral - fabric shown is an Ombre Crushed Taffeta that comes pre-crinkled
- $\frac{5}{8}$ yard fusible batting
- BERNINA® serger
- BERNINA® serger gathering attachment or foot
- Reverse Pattern Foot #1/1C & quilting/seam guide
- Edgestitch Foot #10/10C
- 4 spools of serger thread
- 3 spools of coordinating or contrasting Isacord thread for rolled hem
- 18" Round pillow form
- Cut A Round Ruler (Size 6"-19") by Cheryl Phillips
- $1\frac{5}{8}$ " Button to cover



GATHERING THE STRIP

Using a 4-thread balanced stitch, join all strips right sides together, to form one long strip.

Set serger for a 3-thread rolled hem with decorative thread in the upper looper. Begin roll hemming at the top left corner of the spiral strip, gently curving towards the right edge; hem the entire length of the spiral strip.

Set the serger to a 4-thread balanced stitch and attach the BERNINA® Serger Gathering foot or Gathering attachment. Set the differential feed to 2.0 and the stitch length to 4. Gather the entire length of the spiral strip's raw edge.



Cutting

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| Back | Two - 11½" x 19" rectangles |
| Front | One - 20" x 20" square |
| Fusible Batting | One - 20" x 20" square |
| Ruffle | Eight 3" strips across the fabric width (includes extra length to accommodate different gathering ratios of different fabrics and serger settings) |



ATTACHING THE RUFFLE

Fuse the 20" batting square to the wrong side of the pillow front. Using the Cut A Round ruler and a rotary cutter, cut a 19" circle for the pillow front.



Attach Reverse Pattern Foot #1/1C to the sewing machine and insert the seam guide to the back, setting it 1" to the right of the foot.

The spiral ruffle starts from the outer edge and is sewn toward the center. Measure in 2" from the edge of the fused pillow front. Position the curved rolled hem on the pillow front and begin sewing around the perimeter of the pillow. Stitch with a straight stitch placed within the 4-thread stitch of the serged ruffle. After completing one round, gently curve the ruffle to begin stitching a spiral 1" away from the previous ruffle (seam guide should follow the previously stitched edge).

As the spiral tightens near the center, extra ruffle will need to be hand-placed before stitching to help the ruffle lay flat. If needed, remove the pillow from the machine and pin extra fabric in place before stitching. Once enough fabric has been stitched, trim the excess ruffle, leaving 2" extra. Fold under this extra fabric to hide the ruffle's raw end.

PILLOW ASSEMBLY

Pillow back: Serge one 19" edge on each rectangle with a 3-thread balanced overlock stitch. Fold the serged edge to the wrong side and edgestitch in place using Edgestitch Foot #10/10C. Overlap the pillow back rectangles about 5"; pin.

Pin the spiral ruffle's outer edge toward the center to avoid stitching it into the pillow edge.

Center the pillow front circle on the pillow back rectangles, right sides together.

Using a 1/2" seam allowance, sew around the pillow with the front circle on top. Trim excess pillow back fabric even with the pillow front. Using a 4-thread balanced stitch, serge around the pillow edge. Turn pillow right side out and insert pillow form.

Following package directions, cover a button with ruffle fabric. Hand-stitch in place in the center of the pillow front.

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