

# Valentine's Day Pillows

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Confetti Heart Pillow  
Finished Size: 14" x 14"

## Supplies Needed:

- Janome Memory Craft 8900QCP Special Edition
- 9mm Ultra Glide Foot

## Fabric and Notions Required:

- 12 wt cotton perle thread
- Two coordinating fat quarters cut into the following:
  - Pillow front: One 15" x 15" square
  - Pillow back: Two 15" x 11" rectangles
- Coordinating cotton thread
- Three 1" x 18" strips of solid fabric for "confetti"
- One 10" square of clear vinyl
- One 10" square of a white fabric



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## Instructions

### *Step 1: Make Fabric Confetti*

Take your three 1" strips and a rotary cutter. On a cutting mat, start cutting using a back and forth motion to cut the strips into small confetti-like pieces and set aside.

### *Step 2: Make Heart Pocket*

From the vinyl, cut a heart shape that's approximately 7 1/2" wide and 7 1/2" high. Place this on top of the 10" white fabric square and cut out another heart, about a 1/4" larger around the edge. Find the center of the 15" square pillow front. Place the white fabric heart in the center and pin around the edges to hold in place. Now center the clear heart shape on top of the white heart shape. Use some washi tape to hold in place if needed. Switch to the Ultra Glide Presser Foot. Thread the machine with the 12wt cotton perle thread and a slightly larger needle. Use a straight stitch set to a 2.8 length. Stitch about 1/8" inside the clear vinyl heart edge. Leave an opening a couple inches wide, along one edge. Remove from the machine, carefully add the fabric confetti pieces and then complete the stitching. Use a tool or fingernail to fray the raw edge of the white heart.

### *Step 3: Make Envelope Back*

To make the envelope back, use both of the 15" x 11" rectangles. Stitch a 1/2" double fold hem down one 15" edge on each piece. (Fold 1/2" and 1/2" again, then edge stitch to secure in place.)

### *Step 4: Complete Pillow*

Place the pillow front, right side up, on the table. Place one back piece, right side down, aligning up raw top, bottom and side edge with one raw edge of the pillow front. Place the other back piece, with the hemmed side overlapping the other hemmed side, and align the raw edges with the bottom, top and side. Make sure to pin well.



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Stitch a 1/2" seam around the entire edge. Turn right side out through the envelope opening in the back. Press seams well and stuff with a pillow form. You're finished!

Reverse Applique Love Pillow  
Finished Size: 14" x 17 1/2"

## Supplies Needed:

- Janome Memory Craft 8900QCP Special Edition
- Open Toe AcuFeed Foot
- Terial Magic
- Artistic Edge 15 Digital Cutter
- Yellow Fabric Blade
- 13" x 30" High Tack Cutting Mat

## Fabric and Notions Required:

- Two coordinating fat quarters cut into the following:
  - Pillow Front: Leave as is until Step 2
  - Pillow Back: Two 15" x 10 3/4" rectangles
- One 8" x 12" fabric rectangle

### *Step 1: Prepare Fabric for Cutting*

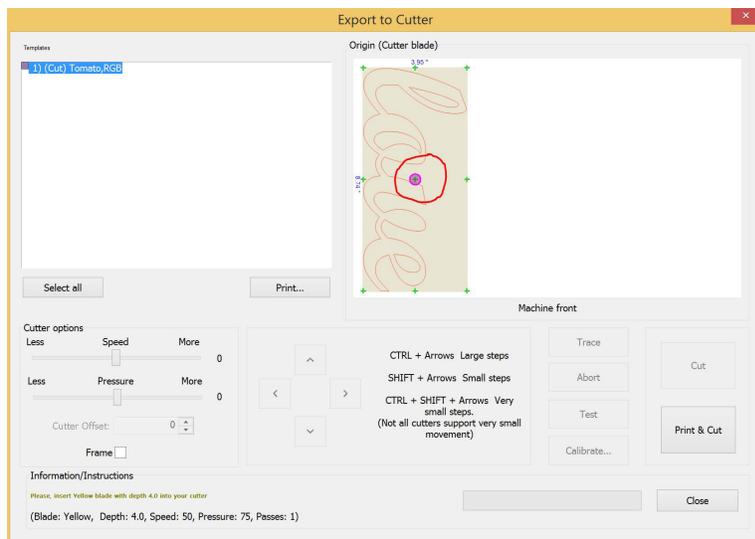
Spray one fat quarter for the pillow front with enough Terial Magic to soak. It's best to do this in a sink or large bowl to contain the mess. Let it dry for a bit until damp. Iron dry the rest of the way.

### *Step 2: Cut Wording*

Trim the fabric piece treated with Terial Magic down to a 15" x 18 1/2" rectangle. Using a removable fabric marking pen, mark the center of this rectangle. Place this on your High Tack Cutting Mat. Place the yellow fabric blade into the blade housing and set the depth to a 4. Open the love.draw file in Artistic SimpleCut.

Load the cutting mat into the Edge cutter. Go to File>Export to Cutter. Choose the Artistic Edge and select connect. On the Cut screen, select the center crosshairs. Move the laser light until it's on top of the center mark you made earlier.

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Select Cut and the word “love” will be cut from the center of your pillow front. Remove the cutting mat and the larger rectangle.

### *Step 3: Complete Front*

Layer the smaller 8” x 12” rectangle on the back of the larger rectangle, making sure the entire Cut design is covered. Pin well and use a 12wt cotton perle thread and the Open Toe AcuFeed Foot to stitch around the Cut design and secure the fabric underneath in place. Draw a small heart in the center of the “o”. Stitch this outline with the thicker thread as well.



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## *Step 4: Make Envelope Back*

To make the envelope back, use both of the 15" x 10 3/4" rectangles. Stitch a 1/2" double fold hem down one 15" edge on each piece. (Fold 1/2" and 1/2" again, then edge stitch to secure in place.)

## *Step 5: Complete the Pillow*

Place the pillow front, right side up, on the table. Place one back piece, right side down, aligning up the raw top, bottom and side edge with one raw edge of the pillow front. Place the other back piece, with the hemmed side overlapping the other hemmed side and align the raw edges with the bottom, top and side. Make sure to pin well.



Stitch a 1/2" seam around the entire edge. Turn right side out through the envelope opening in the back. Press seams well and stuff with a pillow form. You're finished! Set on the porch or a favorite chair and enjoy.