

## Honorary Gilmore Girl Pillow

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Skill Level: Intermediate  
Sewing Time: 5-6 hours  
Finished Size: 18" Square

### Janome Supplies Required:

- Janome MC15000
- Ipad with AcuSetter Installed
- SQ23 Hoop with magnets
- Blue tip Janome Needle
- Jenny Haskins template magic
- 2 prewound bobbins

\*Designer Tip: Prewound bobbins are all I use for embroidery because they are evenly wound and hold so much more thread than if you wind it yourself. Also, I take off the first 10 yards so that the bobbin spins more smoothly in my bobbin case.

### Other Project Supplies:

- Medium Weight Fusible Tearaway Stabilizer
- 30"x30" fabric for pillow top
- 30"x30" batting for pillow top
- 20"x18" fabric for backing
- 20"x5" fabric for backing
- Fat quarter of quilting fabric for binding
- 22" zipper
- 18" pillow form
- Rotary cutter/ruler/mat
- Embroidery thread for design
- All-purpose thread to match pillow fabric
- Embroidery positioning tape (optional)

Fun Fact: Template Magic can be used more than one time per design. Just re-stick in the next placement, and voila!

### Embroidery Designs Required:

- Doodles ABloom collection from Janome-embroidery.com
- Wording with frame (Download from the Project page on Janome.com)
- Templates for designs

Fun Fact: You can print templates for your embroidery placement by selection "Emb Link Tool" in Horizon Link software, which comes with the 15000. Then, select "Editing Embroidery Designs" and then "design". Pull up the design you want to use, and then select the round button in the top left corner of your screen. That will allow you to print your template. The template has crosshairs on it to align with the plastic template which fits inside your hoop. Don't stitch on it though - it's just for placement.

## Embroidery Instructions

1. Set up the MC15000 for Embroidery, threading with a prewound bobbin, embroidery thread, and a blue tip needle.
2. Place pillow top fabric and batting together, right side up.
3. Hoop using the AcuFill hoop with the magnets to hold in place.
4. Stitch the text design centered in the hoop. The text design is included in this project.
5. Print your templates in Embroidery Edit in Horizon Link software. Choose whichever designs from the Doodles Abloom collection that you like. I used 5 different designs. Use as many or as few as you like for your pillow top.
6. Position the templates on the fabric where you want them stitched.
7. Make sure that however you want them placed, the arrow of the crosshair is pointing towards the top of the pillow.
8. Hoop the pillow top so that the template's crosshairs are aligned with the crosshairs on the plastic insert in the hoop. Then take the plastic insert out, remove the printed template, and attach hoop to the embroidery arm.
9. Select the design on your embroidery machine, and stitch with desired color of embroidery thread.
10. Repeat steps 8-9 until you have done all the embroidery your pillow needs..

Fun Fact: If you have the Janome 15000 or Skyline S9 no need to print templates! Use the AcuSetter app to easily layout the floral designs.

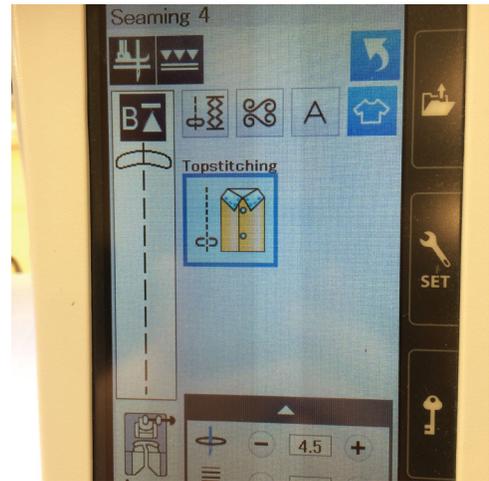
## Pillow Construction

1. Square up the front of the pillow to 19x19 inches.
2. The right side of the zipper is the side with the zipper pull. With the zipper foot (or your A-foot), sew the zipper right sides together to each of the backing pieces, with the long zipper hanging off each edge. *The reason we are using a long zipper is so that the metal parts won't get in the way, causing you to break a needle.* To put your needle in the correct position, select "Sewing Applications," "Zipper," and then "lapped zipper." You will toggle back and forth between left and right side of the zipper depending on which sides you are sewing.



## Pillow Construction Cont.

3. Flip the fabric over and topstitch as shown in the picture, exposing the right side of the zipper. To topstitch, select “Sewing Applications” and then “Seaming,” and then “Topstitching.” You can use your A-foot or your zipper foot for this step.



4. On a flat surface, place your pillow top and zippered pillow backing (unzipped halfway) right sides up with the backing on top. The backing is a little larger than the front side of the pillow, but that is so that you can position the zipper exactly where you want. Pin the layers together (pinning the zipper closed, but not zipping it, as shown in the following pic), and then trim the excess.



5. Stitch around the pillow on all four sides using utility stitch one, your AcuFeed foot, and a half-inch seam allowance.

6. Turn the pillow right side out, and bind the edge.

7. Stuff the pillow case with an 18-inch pillow form, and then cuddle up with your pillow, and watch some Gilmore Girls!

