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## *“STADIUM CUSHION”*



Be comfortable as you cheer on your favorite team! Make a stadium cushion with an appliqué of your school's initials.


**Skill Level: Beginner**

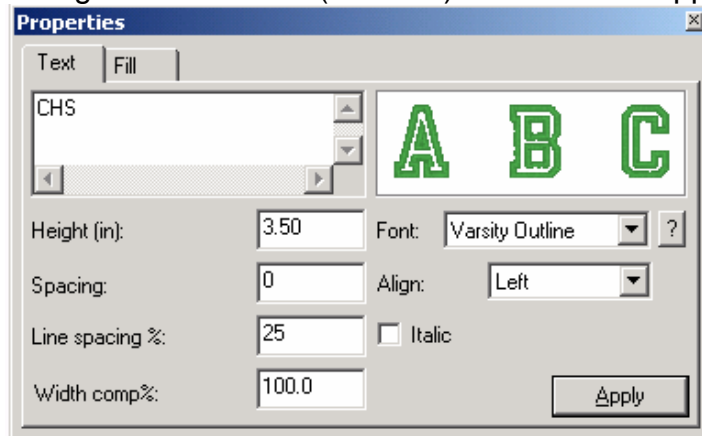
### **Supplies:**



Baby Lock sewing and embroidery machine  
Designer's Gallery Studio Plus™  
Designer's Gallery LetterWorks™  
5/8 yard of outdoor canvas  
5/8 yard of a contrasting color of outdoor canvas  
18" x 18" x 4" inch piece of foam  
16" zipper  
Spool of embroidery thread  
All-purpose thread to match fabric  
Super Stable cut away stabilizer (BLC205)  
Appliqué scissors

### **Instructions:**

1. Open Designer's Gallery Studio Plus and go to "tools" choose "Gallery Tools" and select "LetterWorks".

- Using LetterWorks, select the text icon  to create the lettering. In the properties box, add your school letters, and using the Varsity Outline font. Change the height to 3.5 inches (88.9mm) and click on "Apply".



- Save  the design and then exit  LetterWorks.
- Transfer the design to your embroidery machine.  
*Note:* You may have to reduce the size or rotate the design 90 degrees depending on the model of embroidery machine you own.
- From the canvas, cut two squares-one 22" x 22" and one 19" x 19"-for the top and bottom of the cushion.
- Mark the center of the 22" x 22" piece of fabric. Hoop the fabric with the Super Stable stabilizer underneath, centered in the hoop.  
*Note:* If your fabric has a directional print, make sure the print on the fabric and the embroidery design are both facing the same way to prevent your embroidery design from being upside down.
- Thread the embroidery machine and place the hoop on the machine.
- Cut a piece of fabric 4.5" x 7.5" for the appliqué from the same fabric that will be used for the sides of the cushion. Lay the piece of fabric in the hoop with the 4.5" side horizontally.
- Start the machine. Watch it carefully, and after it finishes the outline of the first letter, stop the machine and take off the hoop. Trim away the 4.5" x 7.5" piece of fabric close to the stitching.
- Replace hoop and continue the embroidery. After the letter finishes, put the fabric that was cut off back on top and repeat the appliqué process for the next letter. Finish the embroidery using the same procedure for the last letter.
- After the embroidery is completed, press the fabric from the back. Cut the 22" x 22" fabric piece down into a 19" x 19" square centering the embroidery.
- For the handles, cut a piece of fabric 4" x 27". Press fabric in half so it's 2" x 27". Open the fabric, fold both 27" edges toward the center and press. Press in half one more time so the piece is now 1" x 27".
- Thread the sewing machine with thread to match the fabric. Stitch 1/8" from both long sides of the handle piece with a regular stitch length. Cut the strip in two so there are now two 1" x 13 1/2" pieces.

14. Place a mark at the center bottom side of both of the 19" x 19" pieces of fabric. Place a mark 2" on each side of the center mark. Pin one end of handle at one of the 2" marks and pin the other end at the other 2" mark. Baste the ends in place.
15. For the zipper, cut 2 pieces 18" x 3" and baste together along the 18" length. Starting 1" from the end, insert zipper according to the instructions on the package. Zigzag across the seam 1" from each end. Remove basting.
16. Cut two 5" strips for the sides and piece together so it will be a 5" x 66" strip. On the ends of the strip, fold over 1" twice and stitch. With the seam at each end of the zipper, stitch it to the zipper piece. It will form a circle with each end of the zipper covered by one inch of the strip.
17. Fold the zipper in half and mark the center. Match the center of the zipper piece with the center of the top (the mark between the handle).
18. Using a ½" seam, start at the center mark and sew to ½" before the end. Clip side fabric to stitching. With the needle down in the fabric, pivot the fabric. Sew down to the next corner and repeat. Finish sewing all sides.
19. Open zipper. Apply the bottom the same as the top, matching corners.
20. Turn. Stuff with the piece of foam.
21. Sit and watch the game in comfort. Have Fun!

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