

## *QED Cushion Instructions* © 2007 Angie Spong

Finished Size - 30cm (12in)

### **MATERIALS**

- ✿ Sewing Machine with hoop embroidery capabilities
- ✿ QED embroidery designs © 2007 Angie Spong

#### **Fabric Requirements:**

Note: Fabric quantity is based on 110cm (44in) wide.

- ✿ 0.40m (½yd) main fabric
- ✿ 0.80m (7/8yd) patterned fabric
- ✿ 25cm (10in) zip
- ✿ 1x 30cm (12in) cushion insert
- ✿ Fusible batting - light weight
- ✿ Embroidery stabilizer
- ✿ A variety for Rayon embroidery threads
- ✿ Construction thread
- ✿ Water-soluble fabric marking pen and ruler
- ✿ Machine Needles: Embroidery 80/12, and Universal 80/12
- ✿ Fusible Bias Tape Maker 6mm (¼in)
- ✿ General sewing requirements

### **CUTTING**

From the main fabric ~

Cut 1 cushion front 40cm (16in) square (allows extra fabric for embroidery)

Cut 2 cushion back 32cm (12½in) x 19cm (7½in)

From patterned fabric ~

Cut 2 pieces for appliqué - 25cm (10in) x 12.5cm (5in)

Cut 3 strips for the frill - across the fabric 12.5cm (5in) wide

Cut 4 strips (along the grain of the fabric) for tape trim 13mm (½in) wide.

Apply light-weight fusible batting and/or embroidery stabilizer to the wrong side of the cushion front.

Apply light weight fusible stabilizer to the 2 appliqué pieces. This helps to prevent the cut edge from fraying.

Download the **QED Cushion Pattern PDF** file. Choose the correct paper size (A4 or Letter) for your printer and print in Adobe Acrobat with Page Scaling set to None. Using a water-soluble fabric marking pen, transfer the markings from the pattern onto the front cushion piece. Use the Place on Fold markings to repeat for all 4 sections.

Tip: Photocopy the pattern piece onto a transparency. Cut out the transparency pattern and use as a template.

## HOOP EMBROIDERY

Set up the machine for hoop embroidery.

Download the free Centre Design **CurliQ4** from my website [www.angies.co.nz](http://www.angies.co.nz)

Transfer designs QED27A and QED27B plus centre design CurliQ4 from computer to embroidery machine.

Note: For hoop sizes less than 200mm length, use designs QED26A, QED26B with QED21ap in the 4 corners.

Note: If using the PFAFF Creative Grand Hoop for 2100 series machine, send the 3 files PAQED27A.vp3, PAQED27B.vp3 and QED27.ESQ files to the machine via 3D or 4D File Assistant. Embroider from the ESQ file.

Embroider ~

1. QED27 in centre of front cushion:

Colour 1 – 3 rows candlewick stitches

Colour 2 – appliqué position

Colour 3 – insert appliqué fabric and stitch in place

Colour 4 – hatch stitching.

Carefully remove hoop from embroidery unit and trim excess appliqué fabric as close to the stitching as possible. Insert the hoop back into the embroidery unit.

Colour 5 – Satin stitch edge

Colour 6 – decorative stitch

2. CurliQ4 in the middle of finished QED27 design.

## MACHINE ROWS OF STITCHING

Make 4 strips of fabric tape. Follow the manufactures instructions, press 5mm Fusible Web to the fabric strips using a Fusible Bias Tape Maker size 6mm (¼in).

Peel off the paper backing and position the tape strips on the cushion front using the layout sheet as a guide. Press in place.

Set up the machine for decorative stitching and Rayon embroidery thread.

For other brands of machine, choose a similar stitch to those illustrated.

1. Point de Paris (hemstitch). 

This has 5 stitches along the base line for a heavier look than a blanket stitch.

PFAFF Creative Vision use stitch Category – Needle Art Stitches 3.2.2

PFAFF 2100 series machine use stitch 139


Set the stitch width to 1.5 and length to 3 and stitch either side of the fabric tape.

2. Candlewick stitches. 

PFAFF Creative Vision and 2100 series machine ~ Cwick40 is a free download stitch from [www.angies.co.nz](http://www.angies.co.nz) Follow the PDF notes that come with the stitches to transfer the file to your machine. Use the Candlewick foot.

Touch minus symbol on the Needle Position to change from 4.5 to 6.5.

Touch the sewing icon and stitch the 4 rows of Candlewick stitches with the right side of the foot butted up to the inner edge of the fabric tape.

3. Outer decorative stitch.  PFAFF Creative Vision and 2100 series machine ~ AS06 is a free download stitch from my website. Transfer to machine as above. Use an Open Toe foot. Change stitch Width to 7.0 and Length to 10. Stitch with the left side of the foot butted up to the outer edge of the fabric tape. Pivot at the corners.

### CONSTRUCTION

1. Remove the fabric marking pen lines and excess embroidery stabilizer.
2. Press the cushion.
3. Using the pattern as a guide, trim the front cushion to measure 32cm (12½in) square.
4. Join the frill strips to form a circle. Press seams open.
5. With wrong sides together, fold the frill strip on half with raw edges even and press.
6. Sew 2 rows of gathering stitches along the raw edges of the frill 6mm (¼in) apart. Use a 4mm stitch length and loosen the top tension.
7. Gather the frill evenly by pulling up the under thread. Apply frill to the front cushion with raw edges even. Stitch in place between the 2 rows of gathering.
8. Using a 3cm (1¼in) seam allowance, stitch either end of the two back cushion centre seam, leaving a 25cm (10in) opening for the zip. Insert the zip.
9. With the zip opened, place the front and back cushion pieces right sides together and pin. Stitch using a 1cm (¾in) seam allowance and being careful not to stitch the frill into the seam!
10. Turn the cushion right side out. Remove the outer row of gathering stitches from the frill and carefully press the seams.
11. Place the cushion insert inside the cover and close the zip.

ENJOY!

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