

Kaleidoscope Kreator 3 Ring Bearer Pillow



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What you'll need for a 12" square pillow:

- [Kaleidoscope Kreator 3](#) software loaded onto your computer
- Dritz® Printed Treasures Printer Fabric Sheets
- ½ to ⅔ yard solid-colored fabric
- Havel's® Sewing rotary cutter and mat
- Omnigrip Non-Slip Quilter's Ruler
- Dritz® ½" Ruched Elastic in color to match/compliment fabric
- Coats® Dual Duty XP™ thread to match fabric
- ¼" and ⅛" satin ribbon in colors of your choice
- 12" square pillow form
- Hook and loop tape or dots
- Optional: 1½ yards trim for around the edge of the pillow
- Sewing machine
- Iron
- Dritz® Pressing Cloth
- Fray-Chek®

Preparing the photo:

1. Load the photo into [Kaleidoscope Kreator 3](#) software.

2. Select a template and create the design. For a square pillow, you can use a square template. Try other shape templates and pinwheel features to create other shapes and effects.
3. Once you have the image in the size and shape you want, save it to your computer. For the 12" pillow, we used the 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " square image.
4. Load a printer fabric sheet into the printer and follow package instructions to print out the image.

Cutting and preparing the fabric:

1. Trim the printed fabric to an 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Carefully remove the paper backing from the fabric.
2. From the solid-colored fabric, cut the following:
 - a. 2 pieces 10" x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for envelope back
 - b. 2 strips 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
 - c. 2 strips 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
3. Cut two 6" lengths of rucked elastic.
4. From the hook and loop tape, cut a $\frac{1}{2}$ " a 1" piece or use one dot set.

Sewing the pillow front:

1. Use a 70/10 Universal sewing machine needle.
2. Thread the machine on top and in the bobbin with thread to match fabric.
3. Set the machine for 2.0 length straight stitch.
4. Pin one 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to the side of the photo fabric, matching raw edges.
5. Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew the strip to one side of the printed image
6. Pin the second 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to the opposite side of the printed image and sew.
7. With a warm, not hot, iron, press the seam toward the printed image. Use a pressing cloth over the image to protect it.
8. Across the top and bottom of the image, sew the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips.
9. Press the seam allowance toward the image, using the pressing cloth.
10. In the center of the pillow, layer the ribbons and center them. Pin in place. Tack the ribbons in place by sewing a very short row of stitching across the center of the ribbons.
11. Trim ribbons to desired length and seal ends with Fray-Chek and let it dry. Be very careful not to get the seam sealant on the photo fabric or on the solid-colored fabric.

Sewing the envelope pillow back:

1. Along one 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " side of each of the 10" x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", fold under $\frac{1}{4}$ " toward the wrong side to form a small hem. Press. Fold under another $\frac{1}{4}$ " to form a double hem. Press and pin in place.
2. Using a 2.0 length straight stitch, sew the hem in place. Press.
3. Lay one piece on top of the other, with the hemmed edges overlapping in the center.
4. Mark the center of the 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " hemmed edges for placement of the hook and loop tape.

5. To keep the back pieces closed, add hook and loop tape.
6. On the top piece, center the hook side of the hook and loop tape on the wrong side of the hemmed edge. Sew in place.
7. Matching placement with the hook side of the tape you just sewed along the hemmed edge of the top piece, mark the bottom back piece for placement of the loop side of the hook and loop tape. Sew it into place.
8. Pin the two layers together to make it easier to work with as you sew the pillow together.

Add the ruched elastic to create a place for the ring bearer's hands:

1. On one pillow back piece, 1" from the hemmed edge, center one ruched elastic strip parallel with the hem and pin in place.
2. Sew the elastic in place by stitching each end with a zig zag stitch.
3. Attach the other elastic strip to the other side of the back, placing it 1" below the hemmed edge. Stitch in place using a zig zag stitch.

Assemble the pillow:

1. Evenly trim the edges of the front and the back pieces.
2. If using trim, pin trim in place around all four edges of the pillow front. You may want to baste stitch it to secure it.
3. With right sides together, pin the pillow back to the pillow front. Pin the ribbons out of the way to prevent them from getting caught in the seam allowance.
4. Using a ¼" seam allowance, stitch the front to the back.
5. Turn pillow right side out. Push out corners.
6. Insert pillow form and close back.

Best wishes to the bride and groom!