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Get ready for the holidays with this festive chenille Christmas tree!

Materials and Supplies

- [Brother Embroidery Machine](#)
- [Brother Memory Card No. 57](#)
- [Brother Embroidery Thread](#) (339, 323, 808)
- [Brother Pearls and Sequins Foot](#)
- Embroidery designs
- Brother iron-on stabilizer
- Sewing thread to match fabric (ivory)
- 4 Pieces of green homespun fabrics 9" X 9"
- 1 Piece of cotton fabric 9" X 9"
- Fabric for pillow front 18" X 18"
- Fabric for pillow back (2 pieces) 10 1/2" X 18"
- "J" foot
- Piping
- 3" piece of Velcro
- Tailor's chalk
- Chenille brush
- Scissors
- Decorative buttons for trim (optional)
- Slash cutter (optional)
- Pillow form (optional)



Creating Chenille for the Appliqué Fabric

1. Mark the fabric that will be the top piece with water-soluble marker or tailor's chalk on a 45-degree angle to the straight grain.
2. Stack the layers of fabric. Layer the base fabric on the bottom and the marked fabric on the top. All other fabrics will be in-between the base fabric and the top fabric.
3. Straight stitch directly on top of the marked lines from one end of the fabric to the other.
4. After all lines are stitched use the slash cutter or a pair of scissors to carefully cut between each row of stitching. Use caution *not to cut the base fabric*.
5. Brush the fabric after cutting it open with the chenille brush or launder to make it fluff. This chenille piece of fabric will be the Appliqué fabric for the Christmas tree.



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Embroidering the Appliqué Design

1. Place Brother memory card No.57 into the embroidery machine. Open the card on screen and select the Appliqué Christmas tree.
2. Stabilize the fabric that will be used for the pillow with iron on stabilizer.
3. Center the fabric in the large hoop.
4. Thread the machine with thread No.808 (green).
5. Stitch out the Appliqué material color frame on the pillow fabric. Place the chenille fabric on top of the tree area that was just stitched and stitch the Appliqué position.
6. Remove the hoop from the embroidery machine and carefully trim excess fabric from around the tree.
7. Place the hoop back on the embroidery machine and stitch out the Appliqué frame. *(This design will stitch around the tree three times. The first time is a straight stitch, the second is like a hem stitch and the third time around the tree is a satin stitch.)* Only stitch out the straight stitch and the hem stitch. Stop the machine before the satin stitch begins to stitch. With the chenille as the Appliqué fabric we want the edges to be fluffy also.
8. Frame forward to the clay brown color (No.339) Change the thread to No.339 and continue to embroider the design.
9. When the design is finished remove the fabric from the hoop.

Constructing the Pillow

1. To construct the pillow back. Press under a 1/4" seam allowance on the long side of the 10 1/2" X 18" piece of fabric for the back. Then take the 1/4" seam allowance and press it under again 3/4". Edge stitch in place. Repeat this process with the other 10 1/2" x 18" piece for back.
2. Center the 3" piece of Velcro (hook side) on the wrong side along the hem and stitch in place.

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3. Center the 3" piece of Velcro (loop side) on the right side along the hem and stitch in place.
4. Overlap the back pieces and press Velcro together. Pin the rest of the back opening.
5. Place the back of the pillow on the front, right sides together and pin in place. Stitch all the way around the pillow using a 1/2" seam.
6. Turn pillow cover to the right side and insert pillow form.