

Emoji Pillows

Week 1

THIS MONTH'S OBJECTIVES

- Understand the purpose of a sewing pattern
- Learn how to hand sew and turn a seam
- create a structurally-sound pillow friend

THIS MONTH'S PROJECT

small emoji pillow (yellow circle) designed by the artist

PROJECT BENCHMARKS

- Week 1: Design and learn stitching
- Week 2: Stitch around the pillow friend
- Week 3: Decorating the flat surface
- Week 4: Stuff and close with hand-stitching; fiber art creative stations

CLASS OUTLINE

- :00 Arrival Activity - Drawing on scrap fabric
Cut small scraps of muslin. Provide sharpies to decorate.
- :05 Looking at the art of Clare Burchell (follow powerpoint)
- :10 Designing our Pillow Friend
Follow the Powerpoint to learn what we're doing this month
Each artist will need his/her journal and a pencil/eraser
Encourage note taking and doodling if an idea pops up!
- :20 Designing
Today we're going to design our stuffed emoji pillow
INSIDE the sewn circle, you can add details using markers, paint, and buttons.
Spend some time sketching designs using markers.
- :40 Learning How to Sew
Review how to thread the needle to get started. Tie the two ends of the tail together.
Use worksheets to practice the different kinds of stitches
Artists can take their sewing practice home or glue in their journal.
- :50 Share if time allows
- :55 Wrapping up
Next week, we will sew our pillows
- :00 Dismiss
Say goodbye at the door to students and parents!

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:00 Arrival Activity - Challenge

Find a needle and thread; try to thread it!

:05 Review how to hand-stitch fabric

Use powerpoint to show good stitching and bad stitching

Speed is not your friend.

Show how to pull the thread all the way through tightly, but not too tight!

:20 Sewing the pillows

Each artist gets two yellow circles already stuck together with basting spray

Turn on "quiet" music. Explain that this is quiet worktime.

Students should sew tight, neats stitches along the black line of their fabric

Raise your hand if you need help.

:45 Sharing time - share in-progress collages others to see/comment.

Help the students KNOT their thread before leaving. Collect the needles.

:55 Wrapping Up

Keep all pillow friends in the cubbies

Clean off tables and floors

:00 Dismiss

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CLASS OUTLINE

- :00 Quiet work time - Find your pillow friend and design. Continue working on stitching
Explain to the artists and the decorating will happen today but ONLY after they finish sewing.
- :20 Decorating Lesson
Lay deflated pillow flat on table. Place a piece of paper inside to prevent bleeding
Use markers to decorate the front and back.
Use fabric paints and add googly eyes with special fabric glue (one side only)
Set to dry in a safe area
Share if time allows
- :50 Clean up all art stuff
Sweep the tables and the floors from all our pieces. Make sure names are on pillows somewhere
- :00 Dismiss
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CLASS OUTLINE

- :00 NO Arrival Activity - Find your pillow
- :05 Show to to CAREFULLY stuff the pillows
Pick the amount of stuffing for the right shape
Have all the students stuff their pillows
- :20 Demonstrate how to stitch the pillow CLOSED using a whip stitch
Help the students to stitch everything closed
- :40 Stations if time allows
Free sewing - fabric scraps, needles, thread, scissors
Embroidery - hoops, burlap, embroidery thread
- :50 Wrapping Up
PHOTOGRAPH ALL FINISHED WORK (with artist and by itself)
Clean stations, tables, floors
Share if time allows
- :00 Dismiss
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