

Serger Project

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Embroidery Project

# Ho-Ho-Ho Holiday Pillows and Sheets

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Complete your Ho-Ho-Ho Holiday ensemble with matching pillows and sheets. (Download Ho-Ho-Ho Holiday Bed Shawl instructions from [bernina.com/throughtheneedle](http://bernina.com/throughtheneedle), *Through the Needle ONLINE* Issue #20.)



## Supplies (Standard Pillowcase)

### Machine & Accessories

- Overlocker/serger

### Fabric & Notions

- Ho-Ho-Ho, Let It Snow fabric collection by Nancy Halvorson for Benartex:
  - ◇ 2/3 yard (27") x WOF rectangle of Drifting Snowflakes, Aqua, for the body of the pillowcase
  - ◇ 1/4 yard (9") x WOF rectangle of Frosted Window, Teal, for the cuff/border
  - ◇ 2 1/2" x WOF strip of Snow Dots, Red for the border accent
- Clover Wonder Clips
- Tapestry needle or bodkin (optional)
- Seam sealant such as June Tailor Fray-Block (optional)



### Threads

- 4 cones Aqua Maxi-Lock Serger Thread

## Standard Pillowcase Instructions

- Trim the selvages from all edges so all pieces are the same width (approximately 42").
- Fold the 2 1/2"-wide accent piece in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, to make a 1 1/4"-wide strip. Press well.
- Fold the 9"-wide contrast cuff piece in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, to make a 4 1/2"-wide strip. Press well.
- Place the folded accent strip along one long edge of the pillowcase main fabric piece. Place the folded cuff piece on top, aligning all edges.



- Seam the edges together using a 4-thread overlock stitch.



- Fold the border open; press well. Press the accent strip toward the main body of the pillowcase.



- Fold the rectangle in half, right sides together, aligning the raw edges.
- Overlock/serge together along the long raw edges.



- Overlock/serge the short end of the pillowcase.



- Secure the thread tails by threading them back through the stitching using a tapestry needle or bodkin. Alternatively, apply a seam sealant and clip the thread tails when dry.



*Ho-Ho-Ho, Let It Snow*  
by Nancy Halvorsen  
for Benartex



## Supplies (Flat Sheet)

### Machine & Accessories

- Overlocker/serger
- Sewing machine (for finishing border edges)
- Edgestitch foot (BERNINA Edgestitch Foot #10)

### Fabric & Notions

- Ho-Ho-Ho, Let It Snow fabric collection by Nancy Halvorson for Benartex:
  - ◇ 1 yard (27") x WOF rectangle of Drifting Snowflakes, Aqua, for contrasting cuff/border
  - ◇ ½ yard x WOF strip of Snow Dots, Red for the border accent
- Purchased flat sheet (full/double, queen, or king)\*
- Clover Wonder Clips

### Threads

- 4 cones Aqua Maxi-Lock Serger Thread

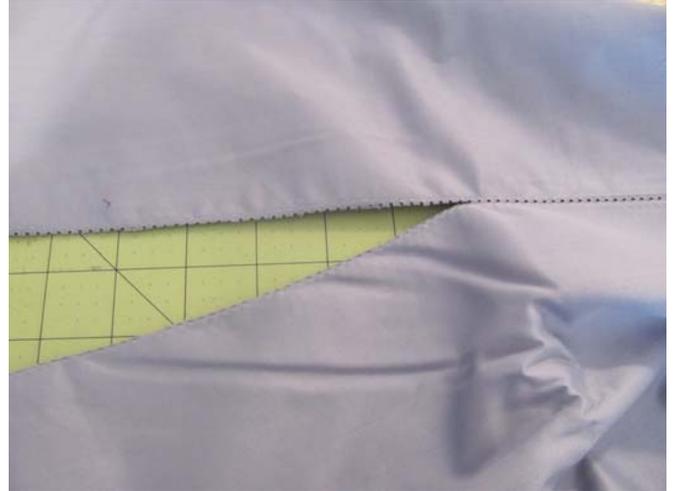
\*For a twin-size flat sheet, purchase ⅔ yard of border fabric and ¼ yard of accent fabric.

## Flat Sheet Instructions

- Trim the selvages from both fabric pieces.
- Cut the cuff fabric into three 12" x WOF strips. Overlock/serge the strips together at the short ends to form one long strip; press. (Twin: Cut two strips, then cut one strip in half. Place long strip between short strips.)
- Fold the strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together; press.
- Cut the accent fabric into three 2½" x WOF strips.

*Note: For a twin-size sheet, cut two 2½" x WOF strips of cuff/border fabric and two 2½" x WOF strips of accent fabric. Cut one cuff/border and one accent strip in half; the resulting strips will be about 21" long. Place the long strip between the short strips. (This offsets the seams so there isn't a seam at the center of the cuff/border.) Overlock/serge the strips together at the short ends to form one long strip; press.*

- Fold the strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together; press.
- Remove the border/cuff from the purchased top sheet.



- Center the folded accent strip and folded cuff/border along the upper edge of the sheet, matching the long raw edges, with the accent strip sandwiched between the cuff/border and the sheet. The ends of the cuff/border will extend beyond the side edges of the sheet at both ends. Overlock the pieces together along the raw edge.



- Trim the cuff to extend just 1" beyond both side edges of the sheet. Turn ends under ½" two times and secure in place with a sewing machine straight stitch.

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## Supplies (Travel Pillow)

### Machine & Accessories

- Overlocker/serger
- Sewing machine (for hemming pillow back)
- Embroidery machine
- Quarter-inch foot (BERNINA Patchwork Foot #37 or Patchwork Foot with Guide #57)

### Embroidery Design Collection

- BERNINA Exclusive "Ho-Ho-Ho, Let It Snow" Embroidery Collection #80038, design #82004-11 (Ornament Applique) available from your local Embroidery Design Studio dealer and at [embroideryonline.com](http://embroideryonline.com).

### Fabric & Notions

- Ho-Ho-Ho, Let It Snow fabric collection by Nancy Halvorsen for Benartex:
  - ◊ 13½" x 14½" rectangle of Frosted Window, Shadow, for embroidery background
  - ◊ 7½" x 14½" rectangle of Drifting Snowflakes, Aqua, for right side of pillow
  - ◊ Two 14½" x 20½" rectangles of Winter Winds, Multi, for the pillow back
  - ◊ 2½" x 14½" strip of Snow Dots, Red, for the border accent
  - ◊ Assorted fabric scraps for applique (Frosted Window, Winter Green; Frosted Window, Red; Ho-Ho-Ho, Multi White)
- OESD Fusible PolyMesh
- Travel-size pillow form (14" x 20")
- Tapestry needle or bodkin (optional)
- Seam sealant such as June Tailor Fray-Block (optional)

### Threads

- Isacord embroidery thread, colors 0811, 0824, 1902, 3650, and 5324
- 4 cones Aqua Maxi-Lock Serger Thread

## Travel Pillow Instructions

- Fuse OESD Fusible PolyMesh to the wrong side of the 13 1/2" x 14 1/2" fabric rectangle.
- Embroider design #80038\_11, Ornament Applique (or your favorite design) following the instructions included with the design collection.
- Fold the 2½"-wide accent piece in half lengthwise, wrong sides together; press.

- Sandwich the folded accent strip between the embroidered rectangle and the right front fabric rectangle, right sides together, aligning the 14½"-long edges. Overlock/serge together and press seam allowances away from the embroidered panel.
- Fold one pillow back rectangle in half to 10¼" x 14½"; press.
- Fold under 2½" along one 14½"-wide edge of the remaining pillow back piece; press. Secure the hem in place using a sewing machine straight stitch or decorative stitch.
- Place the pillow front right side up on a flat surface. Place the folded pillow back piece on top, folded edge to the right, aligning the raw edges. Place the hemmed pillow back piece on top, folded edge to the left, right side down, aligning the raw edges.
- Using an overlocker/serger 4-thread overlock or a sewing machine straight stitch, sew all four edges of the pillow using a ¼"-wide seam allowance.
- Turn the pillow cover right side out and insert a travel-size pillow form.



You'll find more projects featuring Ho-Ho-Ho, Let It Snow by Nancy Halvorsen at [diyembroidery.com](http://diyembroidery.com) as well as in her new book from Art to Heart, aptly titled Ho-Ho-Ho – Let It Snow.