**Book Buddy Pillow Instructions
Finished Size 16”x16” (16” pillow form)**

**Fabric Requirements/Cutting Instructions:
 From Main (pillow body) fabric, cut the following:** One 16” square  **(D)**
 Two 11-1/2”x16-1/2” rectangles  **(F)**
 One 2-1/2”x16-1/2” strip **(B)**

**From Pocket Fabric, cut the following:** One 8-1/2”x16-1/2” rectangle **(A)** One 3”x10” strip for handle **(E)**

**From Lining Fabric, cut the following:**

One 10-1/2”x16-1/2” rectangle **(C)**

**From Batting, cut one rectangle 12”x18-1/2”**

**Sewing Instructions: (Seams are ¼”):**

1. Sew the B strip to the bottom of the pocket fabric A rectangle, press seam open. (Figure 1)
2. Center the A/B rectangle on the G batting rectangle. Baste to secure. (Figure 2)
3. Applique front of pocket if desired. Quilt the pocket and trim batting even with pocket front.
4. Pin the C lining rectangle to the pocket front RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER and stitch across the top. Press seam toward lining, flip lining to the back and topstitch ¼” from the edge to complete the pocket. (Figure 4)
5. Fold and press ¼” hem to the wrong side of handle E strip along both long edges. Fold the strip in half lengthwise, press, and topstitch close to the edge on both sides.
6. Place the pocket RIGHT SIDE UP on the bottom of the D square; baste to secure. Center and pin handles, placing each end 5-/14” from the side and the raw edges even with the top. Baste handles to secure. (Figure 5)
7. Fold and press and double ¼” hem to the wrong side on the long edge of each F backing rectangle. Stitch hem with matching thread.
8. Place one F rectangle on the pillow front, RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER,

matching raw edges at the top and sides. Position the second F rectangle, RIGHT SIDE DOWN, matching bottom raw edges and sides, with hemmed edges overlapping in the center. (Figure 6)

1. Stitch all around the outer edges of the pillow cover (be sure handle is down in the sandwich.) Trim corners and turn right side out through the opening between the back rectangles. Push the corners out and pull the handle out.

Insert the pillow form into the cover. Insert 1-2 books into the pillow. Give to the little person of your choice.

**GREAT JOB!!**

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