

# STENCILED PILLOW COVERS

The Artful Stencil project by Joni Prittie



We love stenciling pillow covers! After hours of searching the net for blank pillow covers in the right fabric, we decided to make our own. Our pillow covers are sturdy and just that perfect natural color and texture. You can purchase these blank covers on our website.

This project features our new Fruit Tile Stencils.  
And our lovely blank pillow covers.

## FRUIT SQUARES PILLOW COVER

### MATERIALS

- 1 - 16 x 16 blank pillow/cushion cover - (ours is from our Artful Stencil store)!
- 1 each pear, raspberry, strawberry and lemon stencils
- piece of cardboard to fit inside pillow
- Acrylic paint - bluish green, light purple, cherry red, golden yellow  
Note: choose colors of your choice that coordinate with one another.

### Tools:

Blue painter's tape, medium size stencil brush,  
paper towels, small paint plate.

### Step 1

Place cardboard inside pillow.

It is best to place pillow cover on a hard surface covered with plastic or paper to allow for better paint coverage and protect the back of your pillow cover.

You may also choose to tape your pillow cover around the outer edges to the table surface. This secures the project while stenciling.

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## Step 2

Position stencils on pillow cover with their outer margins overlapping. This will create the blank border between squares.



## Step 3

Using blue tape, secure outer edges of the four stencils. As you will only be stenciling one section at a time, add pieces of blue tape on the other open fruit shapes to help secure the stencils while stenciling.



## Step 4

Using a "pouncing" motion, with a small amount of paint on your stencil brush, stencil one fruit in one color. It is best to stencil the outer edge of a shape and then fill in the center area. To make sure you have even coverage of an area, allow paint to dry slightly and check for areas that may need better paint coverage. Stencil additional paint on these areas. Allow one stenciled fruit section to dry completely before beginning another fruit.



As one fruit section is dry, move tape to allow for painting the next section.

## Step 5

After paint is entirely dry, remove tape and stencils from pillow front.

Using a light cloth placed over your pillow cover, stenciled side up, iron cover using a medium heat setting.

Ironing your cover will both set the paint and make the painted areas softer by bonding the paint to the fabric.

Cover is machine washable on permanent press cycle and can be dried on a gentle cycle.



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Here are more ideas to use our Fruit Tile Stencils.

We love the single fruits scattered on a pillow cover.

The technique for this is very simple. Just stencil the cherry stencil one at a time, beginning in the center of your pillow cover. When the stencil is to "run" off the edge, place the stencil as wished and cover the stencil shapes along the pillow's outer edge. The results will be a "print" looking pillow.

## Stencil Idea

This collection of stencils has a "fresh" look and works wonderfully on walls and furniture as well.

Here is an idea for a great DIY kitchen make over.



Happy Stenciling!

