

# HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

## Embossed Velvet Pillow “A Handmade Holiday Gift Idea”

(NAPSA)—Nothing is more special than receiving a personalized holiday gift handmade especially for you. The following embossed velvet pillow project is easy and can be tailor-made for each recipient on your gift list depending on his/her interests.

### You Will Need:

- Your favorite pillow pattern
- Rowenta iron
- Hard surface for pressing
- Teflon pressing sheet
- Fabric: velvet-acetate/rayon gives very good results (do not use nylon, polyester or washable velvets)
- Hot potato rubber stamps
- Spray starch or water bottle with fine mist sprayer

### Instructions:

1. Spray the velvet with a fine mist of starch or water on the wrong side of the fabric. It is important to have a very light, fine mist.

2. Place the rubber stamp on the ironing surface, with the rubber side facing up. Place the fabric right side down on top of the rubber surface of the stamp.\*

3. Press with a DRY iron. Count to 20 slowly, then lift the iron. Do not move the iron around when pressing the velvet. To avoid any problems with the steam holes showing, or if your design has smaller, detailed or pointed areas, you may want to use a Teflon pressing sheet. If you do not have a Teflon sheet and want to use a detailed design, you can still use



this technique, just move the iron slowly with even pressure.

4. Marvel at the results—a beautiful, embossed piece of velvet!

5. Finish assembling your pillow according to your pattern directions.

### Other Embossed Velvet Ideas:

- A velvet bag with a single embossed motif can be gathered with a metallic rope trim and tassels for elegant evening use.

- A Christmas tree skirt with holiday themed stamps adds pizzazz under the tree.

- Embossed velvet drapes create dramatic décor.

- \* An all-over embossed design gives a velvet pillow creativity and uniqueness. Randomly placed stamps versus perfect symmetry or using a theme of different stamps will make your pillow special.

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