

Jack Dempsey Needle Art Quilt Squares can be made into a variety of different things. In this example, we've taken one 18" square and made it into a throw pillow.



Items needed to complete this project: hoop, needle, floss, fabric, batting and backing

- 1) Complete the embroidery of your chosen square as directed on the package.
- 2) You will want to quilt the square using quilt marks provided (if you have chosen a square that contains quilt marks. If there are no quilt marks skip ahead to step 3 where it says Start here). Place a 19" x 19" square piece of white fabric down first. Then place a piece of quilt batting, the same size on top of this. Then place the embroidered square on top. Pin these 3 layers together. If you will be hand quilting, you need to place these 3 layers in your quilting hoop. The quilt square shown above was quilted on a regular home sewing machine. When quilting, always start at the center and work your way outward.
- 3) After quilting, trim up the bottom 2 layers to meet the quilt square edges so you have an 18" x 18" square. (**Start** here if not quilting the square.) Cut 1 18" x 18" square of any fabric you would like to use for the back of the pillow. Place it right side down up against the embroidered side of the pillow. Pin the edges all the way around, leaving a 4-5" opening at the bottom to be able to turn the pillow right side out after sewing. Sew around as just described. Remove the pins. Clip off pointy corners carefully so when you turn it right side out they will not be bulky or rounded. Turn pillow right side out.
- 4) Soak pillow in cold water to remove ink. Let it hang to dry completely before going to step 5.
- 5) Stuff with batting to desired level.
- 6) Pin bottom opening closed with fabric edges folded in. Use a needle and thread with a knot at the bottom of the thread, start on one edge with the needle going through each piece of fabric to close the hole. Keep moving across the bottom until closed.