

# Julia the Jelly Fish Tutorial



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## Items Needed:

20" Pillow Form

2/3 yard fabric for back Ruffle

½ yard fabric for front Ruffle

21" square piece of fabric for pillow front

2 – 21" x 13" pieces of fabric for pillow back

1 – 8.5" x 11" piece of fabric for jellyfish

Small piece (apprx. 5" square) of white fabric for eyes

1 – 8.5" x 11" piece of fusible interfacing for jellyfish and eyes

2 – 1" buttons for eyes

Small piece of double-sided fusible adhesive (such as Heat'n Bond) for eyes

4 - 18" lengths of 6 or more different colors 3/8" grosgrain ribbon

Wooden dowels or metal knitting needles measuring about 1/8" – 3/8" in diameter

Clothespins or metal clips for holding the ribbon in place on the dowels

Fabric stiffener

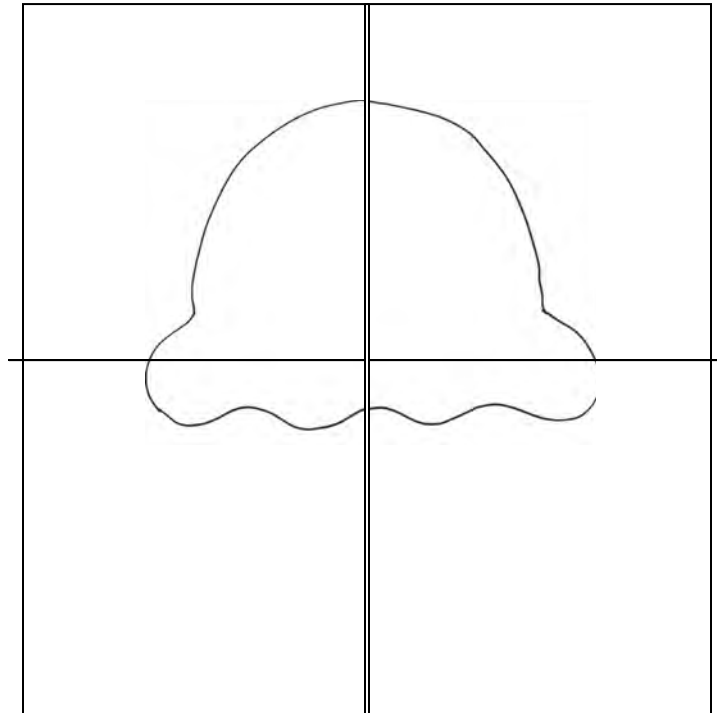
## To Curl the Ribbon

1. Preheat oven to 275 degrees
2. Cut desired amount of ribbon into 18" lengths. It is recommended to cut more than you think you will need. We curled 4 lengths of 6 different colored ribbons for a total of 24 ribbons.
3. Soak the ribbon and wooden clothespins in a bowl of water for a few minutes.
4. Starting at the top of the dowel, wrap ribbon around dowel in single layer, spiraling downward.
5. Clip the top and bottom of ribbon onto the dowel using the clothespins.
6. Brush fabric stiffener over ribbon.
7. Place on a foil-lined cookie sheet.
8. Layer all of the ribbon-wrapped dowels onto the cookie sheet and place in the preheated oven for 15-20 minutes or until ribbon is completely dry and curled.

## Making the Ruffles

1. Cut 4 strips of fabric, 5" wide, for back ruffle.
2. Sew the short ends right sides together, forming one long strip.
3. Fold in half, lengthwise, and press.
4. Using your ruffle foot set a 6 stitches per inch, creating one long ruffle.
5. Cut 4 strips of fabric, 4" wide, for front ruffle.
6. Repeat steps 2-4.
7. Set aside.

### **Assemble the Front Panel**



1. Using template cut out the jellyfish shape from fabric and fusible interfacing. Avoid cutting the upper corners of the fusible interfacing, as you will use the small corner pieces for the eyes.
2. Press fusible interfacing to wrong side of jellyfish fabric.
3. Using the template, cut out 2 eyes from fabric , fusible interfacing and double-sided fusible adhesive.
4. Press fusible interfacing to wrong side of fabric.
5. Press glue side of fusible adhesive to the interfacing side of the eyes.
6. Peel off paper backing and position on Jellyfish.
7. Press in place.
8. Stitch around eye with narrow zig-zag stitch.
9. Position buttons on white eye background. Sew in place.
10. Position jellyfish in upper half of pillow front as shown above. Pin in place.
11. Begin arranging curled ribbon at base of Jellyfish, tucking ribbon under the base and pinning in place as you go.

12. After ribbons are pinned in place, begin stitching around Jellyfish edge with a narrow zig-zag stitch.

### **Assembling Pillow**

1. Taking a 21"x13" piece, press one of the long edges under  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press under again  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and stitch in place, creating a hemmed edge.
2. Repeat the same step for 2<sup>nd</sup> 21"x13" piece.
3. Beginning at base of pillow, begin pinning front ruffle into place, matching raw edges, making sure the short end goes past the raw edge about 1". The folded edge of the ruffle will face toward the center of the pillow.
4. After the front ruffle is completely pinned in place around the entire pillow edge, repeat the same steps for the back ruffle.
5. Take one of the 21"x13" pieces of fabric and matching raw edges and right side facing right side of pillow front, pin in place along top and sides of pillow. The hemmed edge will be in the center of the pillow.
6. Pin the additional 21"x13" piece of fabric in the same fashion along bottom edge and sides of pillow, overlapping the top piece on each side, creating your envelope back.
7. You have now pinned through the pillow front, 2 layers of ruffles, and pillow back pieces.
8. Stitch through all layers using a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.
9. Clip corners. Turn right side out.

