

Super Easy Pillowcase

(These directions differ from our original pattern, in that it allows for the 3" accent strip to be sewn down, rather than being a loose flange that bunches and wrinkles when washed)

Materials:

Standard-Main Piece $\frac{3}{4}$ yard
Queen/King-Main Piece 1 yard
Border Piece (either size) $\frac{1}{3}$ yard
Accent Strip (either size) $\frac{1}{8}$ yard

Cut pieces as follows:

Main fabric piece – 27 inches by 41 inches
Border piece – 9 inches by 41 inches
Accent piece – 3 inches by 41 inches

Assembly:

1. Press the 3-inch accent piece in half, lengthwise, wrong sides together.
2. Open the accent piece, and with wrong side up, lay on the edge of the main fabric matching raw edges of accent piece (one side) and the main fabric.
3. Using the fold as your guide, sew along the fold line ($1\frac{1}{2}$ " from raw edges), sewing the accent piece to the main fabric piece (the length of 41 inches). Press bottom half of accent piece up to match all 3 raw edges.
4. Lay 9-inch border fabric right side up on table.
5. Lay main pillowcase fabric right side up on top of border fabric. Line up the raw edges so they match at the top. The sewn accent piece will already be sewn on. Make sure the accent piece is folded up and all raw edges are folded up toward the top.
6. Take the bottom of the main fabric and roll the fabric up toward the top, leaving about 3 inches from the top.
7. Next take the bottom of the border piece and fold toward the top and pin all raw edges together.
8. Stitch $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam along the top edge. You now should have a tube which is open at both ends.
9. Turn tube inside out and like magic your pillowcase is almost finished with no raw edges showing.
10. Finish the side and bottom seams with a serger OR sew a French Seam to enclose all raw edges inside.

To sew a French Seam

- a. Place pillow case wrong sides together and stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam on all open sides, press.
- b. Trim any threads that may be present
- c. Turn pillowcase so right sides are together and sew $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam to enclose raw edges.

Congratulations! You now have a beautiful finished pillowcase. **Please wash and iron pillowcases before turning them into Community Service.** THANK YOU!