

Pillowcase Instructions

Materials needed for a standard size pillowcase:

1/4 yard for top of case (cuff) (Some groups like to use 10½" x 42"- 45" for the cuff.)

3/4 yard for main pillow case (or, approximately 25"-26" x 42"- 45")

Pins, thread, and sewing machine

Yardages are based on material 42"- 45" wide and are to be used as the full width of the material.

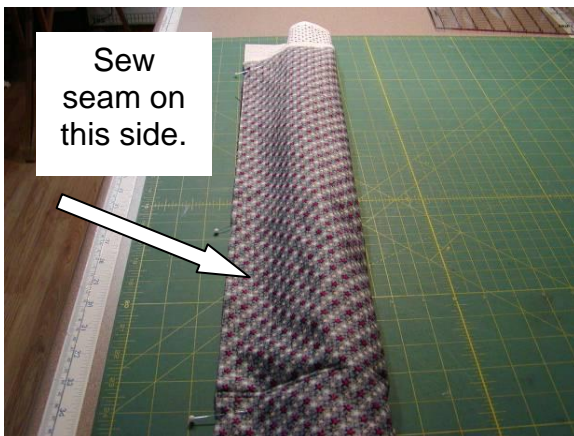
Directions:

Trim the pieces so they are straight on both edges along the width of the fabric. Just straightening these fabrics will still give you the approximate correct dimensions for a standard pillowcase.

Unfold and press the 1/4 yard piece of fabric. Place it on working surface with RIGHT side of fabric facing up.

Unfold and press the 3/4 yard piece of fabric. Place this fabric on top of the cuff piece, right sides together (WRONG side of main piece will be facing up toward you), lining up the raw edges on the top. I center this because you will cut off the selvages later. You can pin baste this edge. From the opposite end of the main fabric, roll up the fabric into a tube with the selvages along the outside edges.

Fold the bottom of the cuff fabric over the rolled fabric. There will now be 3 layers to pin in place, lining up with the top raw edges. (Note: the wrong side of the cuff fabric should be facing you.)

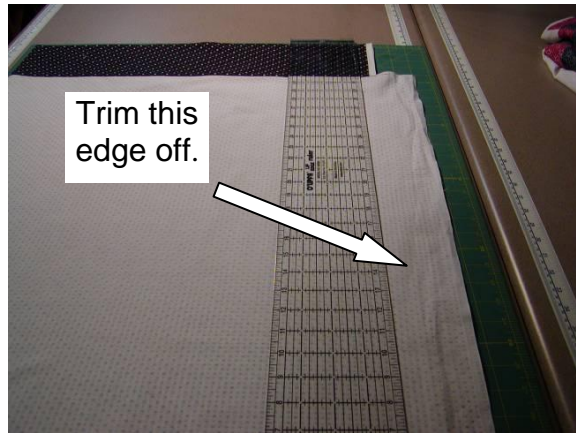


Machine stitch the 3 layers together along the top raw edges using a 1/4" seam allowance. Be sure to backstitch this seam.



Pull the main fabric out of one end of the cuff. You should now have the pillowcase cuff in place with no exposed seams. Press.

Fold the pillowcase in half lengthwise with WRONG sides together and trim off any excess fabric and selvages along the side, making sure the cut edge is perpendicular to the cuff seam.



With the wrong sides together, stitch along the side and bottom with a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. Be sure to back stitch at the beginning of the seams. You will be stitching on the right sides of the fabric. Trim corners and raw edges if necessary to eliminate stray threads.

Turn WRONG side out, press seams and sew a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam along the side and bottom, again backstitching at the beginning of the seams. You will be enclosing the raw edges of the seams you previously have sewn. This makes a nice clean finish.



Turn right side out, press and admire your handiwork!

Quilts of Valor Pillowcase with Trim

Some folks make their presentation case coordinator with the fabrics in their quilt. Others like to make them out of whimsical fabrics. And, some custom make theirs by doing cross stitch or machine or hand embroidery. It really is highly individual. These pillowcase instructions are almost identical to the other instructions except that they include a trim tab in the seam that joins the pillowcase cuff to the body.

Cutting:

Cuff: 10½ inches x 45 inches (or width of fabric)
Body: 26 inches x 45 inches (or width of fabric)
Trim: 3 inches x 45 inches (or width of fabric)

Press trim fabric, wrong sides together, in half lengthwise to make a piece 1½ inches x 45 inches.

Assembly:

Layer the three components as follows:

Cuff fabric – **RIGHT SIDE UP**

Folded Trim fabric **RIGHT SIDE OUT** with raw edges even with one of the cuff edges

Body fabric – **RIGHT SIDE DOWN** along same edge

Pin these fabrics together along that edge but don't sew yet.

Roll the remaining Body fabric up from the bottom (like a tube) until the remaining Cuff fabric is revealed. Bring that end of the Cuff fabric **OVER** the rolled up Body, **wrong side up**, along the raw edges of the other components. Sew all layers together with strong 1/4 inch seam removing the pins as you sew. When sewn, you will have a long tube. Pull the Body fabric out of the tube and press the seam well.

Fold the pillowcase in half lengthwise, **WRONG** sides together, and trim off any excess fabric and selvages along the side, making sure the cut edge is perpendicular to the cuff seam. Sew 1/4 inch along the side and bottom. Trim seam if necessary to eliminate stray threads. Turn pillowcase inside out and press. Stitch the seam again, enclosing the raw edges of the first seam. Backstitch at the beginning and end of the seam. It is best to make a ½ inch seam to be sure you enclose all the raw edges. Turn and press. Now wasn't that easy??