

Easiest Pillowcase Ever

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This makes a pillowcase about 32" X 21", to fit a standard size pillow.

Fabric Requirements

(Cut each piece from full width of fabric.)

Main part of pillowcase: 26" to 27" (about $\frac{3}{4}$ yd)

Decorative cuff: 14" (less than $\frac{1}{2}$ yd)

OPTIONAL Accent strip: 1½" to 2"-wide strip

Sewing the Pillowcase

1. If using optional accent strip, press in half along its length with wrong sides together.
2. Place cuff fabric on a table in front of you, length-wise with RIGHT SIDE UP. Place (optional) folded accent strip on top, so top raw edges are aligned. Machine baste the two pieces together, or use washable fabric glue to hold accent strip in place.
3. Place main pillowcase fabric on top, RIGHT SIDE DOWN, so top raw edge is aligned with cuff. Fold cuff fabric up so bottom raw edge comes up to meet top raw edge. To do this, just scrunch up the main fabric to get it out of the way. This makes a tube out of the cuff, with the main pillowcase fabric stuffed inside.
4. Pin all the layers together securely. Sew along top raw edges through all the layers using a **GENEROUS** quarter-inch seam. Be sure to catch all the layers!
5. Reach inside and pull out the main fabric, so the tube is turned right side out. The cuff and accent strip are all sewn and finished with one seam. (How about that!) Press cuff flat.
6. Square up raw edges on both sides. Fold in half with **WRONG** sides together. (This seems wrong, but do it anyway.) Sew down the side and across the bottom using a **SCANT** quarter inch seam. Turn pillowcase inside out so now the **RIGHT** sides are together and sew the seam again, this time using a wider seam allowance ($\frac{3}{8}$ "). When you turn your pillowcase right side out again, all the raw edges will be hidden for a professional finish, called a french seam.

