

PILLOWCASES

Makes one large standard size pillowcase.

Instructions are for 44/45 inch fabric. All seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ inch unless specified otherwise.

Cut 1----27" x WOF strip for body of pillowcase

Cut 1----2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strip for accent

Cut 1----9" x WOF strip for border

The Re-Pinning Method:

Fold the accent strip wrong sides together and press.

Pin to pillowcase body (WOF—width of fabric) right sides together. Don't have to use many pins. Turn fabric over after pinning.

Pin the **RIGHT** side of the border strip to the **WRONG** side of the body of the pillowcase. Re-pin with the pins you have already used.

Turn the whole unit over.

Scrunch up the body of the pillowcase. Bring the border strip to the accent strip right side to right side of fabric. Using the pins you have placed in the back of the border strip, re-pin border strip to accent strip.

You have created a tube.

Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Now pull out the pillowcase body and press the border so it lays flat. Trim the edges even and trim away the selveges.

Fold the stitched fabric in half wrong sides together. (Yes, wrong sides together.)

Be careful to match the accent strip, border and the edge of the pillowcase to each other.

Stitch along the side and bottom edge using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

Turn the pillowcase so right sides are together and press well.

Stitch along the edges (bottom and side) using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam.

Turn right sides out and press again.

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