

How to Make a Simple Pillowcase

Fabric (44-45" wide cotton):

- 3/4 yard for pillowcase body – cut 27" by WOF (width of fabric)
- 1/3 yard for cuff – cut 9 " by WOF
- 1/8 yard for trim (optional) – cut 2 ½" by WOF (Optional)

Layer 3 parts of fabric, folding WOF in half, and trim up all 3 pieces to be even in width. (Approximately 42" when not folded).

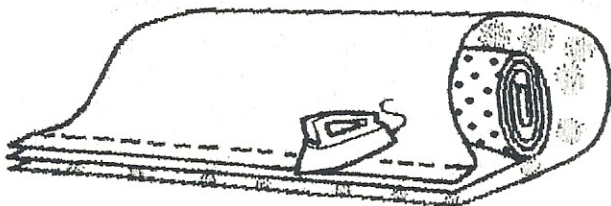
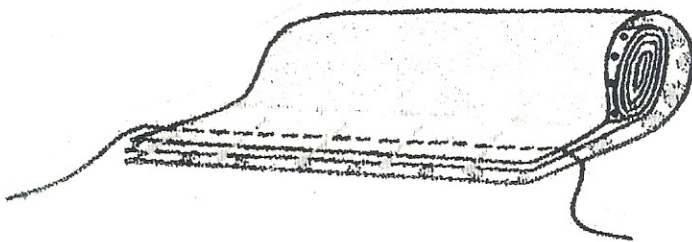
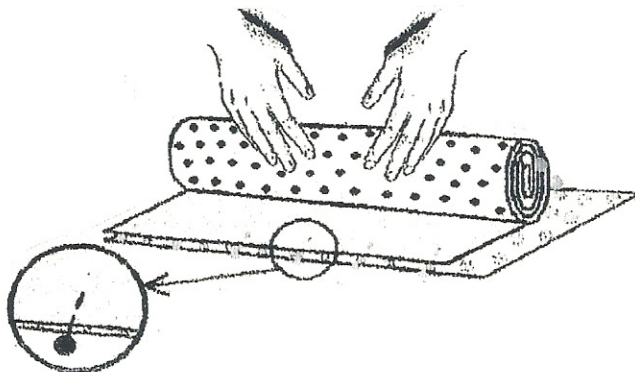
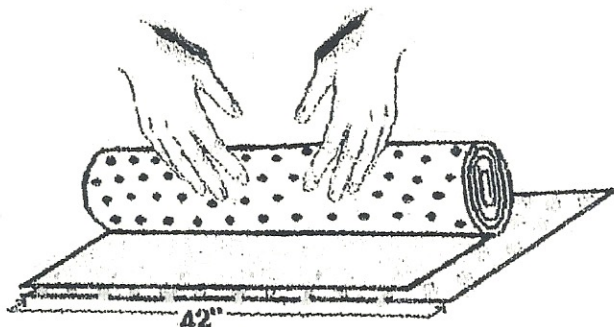
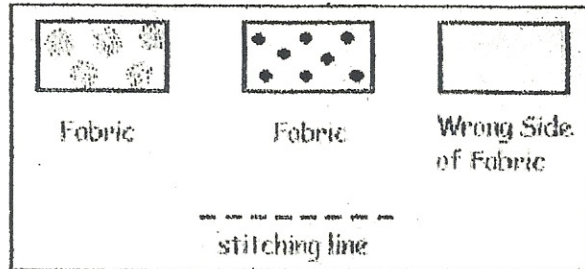
Follow attached instructions.

For Tutorial see:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrYWCma9wgM>

“French Seam” or “Rolled” Pillowcase

Diagram Key:



Fabric Preparation:

✂ Lay border horizontally in front of you on a flat surface with “right-side” up. Place the “right-side” of the pillowcase body on the “right-side” of the border edge matching raw edges. Pin edges together.

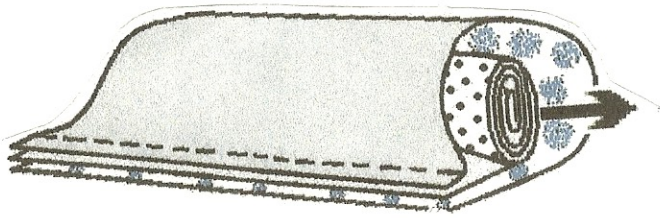
✂ Roll the width of the pillowcase body toward the pinned edge. Stop rolling when you reach the center of the border fabric.

Pinning tip – Place pins at a right angle to the cut edge of the fabric. The head of the pin should extend beyond the cut edge. This allows the pin to be easily removed just before the presser foot reaches the pin.

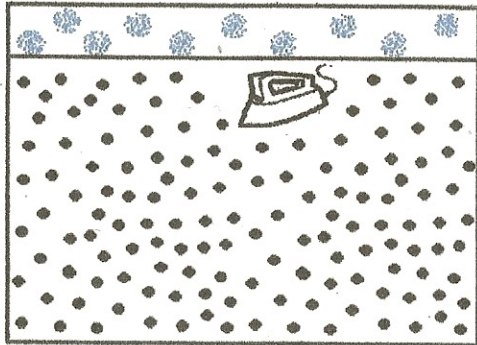
✂ Wrap coordinating border edge fabric around rolled pillowcase body. Match raw edge and re-pin. Sew a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance along the pinned edge. Back stitch three or four stitches at beginning and end.

Sewing tip – Take care not to sew the pillowcase roll into the seam. If needed pin along the roll, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in from the cut edge.

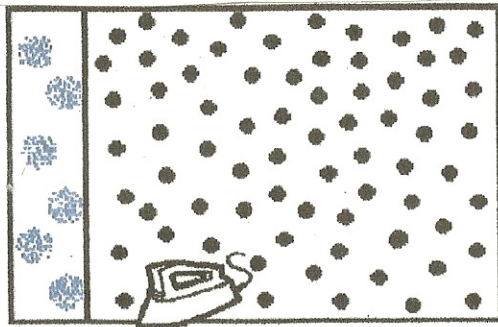
☞ **Press** seam flat. Press along the stitching line on both sides before pressing the seam open to set the stitches.



✂ Reach into the sewn tube and pull the pillowcase body out through the side opening. The pillowcase with border edge is now "right-side" out.

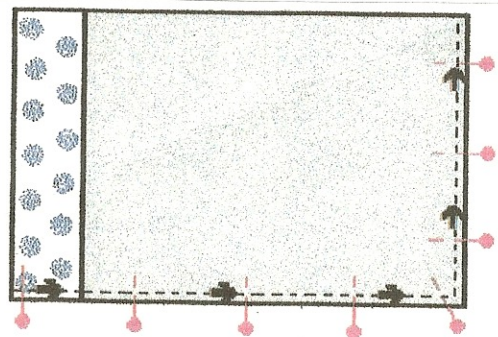


☑ Press both sides of the border seams flat eliminating wrinkles.



✂ With "wrong-sides" together fold the pillowcase in half - matching the raw edges. Pin edges. Sew the side seam with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance starting at the top of the border edge and backstitching three to four stitches. Sew to within $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the bottom of the pillowcase and put the needle in the down position through the fabric. Turn the corner by raising the presser foot and pivoting the fabric on the needle. Put the presser foot down and continue sewing across the bottom of the pillowcase. Back stitch at the end.

☑ Iron case carefully. Turn pillowcase wrong-side out. Make sure the seam is fully turned. *****Very Important** in order to be able to catch the fabric with the next seam.



✂ With pillowcase "right-sides" together sew the side seam with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance which will catch the $\frac{1}{4}$ " fabric inside. Start at the top of the border edge and back stitch three to four stitches. Sew to within $\frac{1}{2}$ " of the bottom of the pillowcase and turn. Sew bottom of the pillowcase backstitching at the end. Turn the case right-side out. Iron, fold and put in basket. Sign in Community Service book the length of time it took you. Thanks!