

UNBELIEVABLY EASY PILLOWCASE – Revised

These instructions have been revised to easily sew down the accent strip, keeping it from folding up later.

You need: $\frac{3}{4}$ yard main fabric (27 inches)
 10 inch bottom band
 3 inch accent strip

Cutting: Pillowcase Body: 27" x by WOF
 Bottom Band: 10" x by WOF
 Accent Strip: 3" x by WOF

Construction:

1. Press accent piece in half lengthwise raw edges together. Fold again lengthwise and press. Open up the accent piece and lay the raw edges on top of the right side of the main piece.
2. Sew along the fold of the accent piece. Refold back up.
3. Lay the 10" border piece (bottom band) face up on table.
4. Lay main fabric with the folded accent piece attached face up on top of the border piece, aligning the raw edges along the WOF.
5. Roll the main fabric up from the bottom (out of your way) and then fold the border piece up to the top and pin all the edges together.
6. Stitch a 1/2" seam along the edge. You now have a tube of fabric. Turn the tube right side out and magically your pillowcase is nearly finished with a completed edge on both front and back and the accent piece attached on both top and bottom.
7. Cut to 41" wide. Finish the side and bottom seams with a French Seam to eliminate all raw edges. For a French Seam, fold the pillowcase wrong sides together and stitch a scant 1/4" seam. Turn right sides together and sew a 1/2" seam enclosing the raw edges of the first seam.

You have a beautifully finished pillowcase! No need to sew down the accent piece!