Suggested Instructions For Pillowcases

Presently our pillowcases are donated to the Hope Closet and Hope Pantry in West Allis. They serve homeless students in the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District. They receive their referrals directly from the WAWM system. This charity organization gives new clothing and food, but the new, colorful pillowcases our guild donates create big smiles on the students’ faces. The Hope Closet and Hope Pantry is located at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, 8633 W Becher St., West Allis.

Free kits are available at the monthly guild meetings, but you are welcome to make some from your own stash. All types of colors and themes for kids are welcome. Pillowcases for donation may be returned to Darlene Backman when completed. Thank you in advance for your time and effort.

Here are some instructions to help your construction process.

Body fabric: ¾ yard, width of fabric

Cuff fabric: ⅓ yard (10 to 12” will do), width of fabric

Contrast Band fabric: 2- 2 ½” strip, width of fabric

Make sure you start with a straight top edge for all your pieces. You may remove your salvage edges now, or before making your French Seam. If your fabric is directional, double check your alignment.

Fold your Contrast Band in half, lengthwise, wrong sides together, press.

Place your Cuff fabric right side up, flat on your table.

Pin the raw edges of your Contrast Band to the top raw edge of the Cuff fabric. Stitch with a ¼” seam allowance.

Place your Body fabric right side down. Pin the raw edge to the layered Contrast Band and Cuff fabric.

Roll the Body fabric up so it is smaller than the Cuff material width.

Fold the Cuff fabric over the rolled Body fabric and line up the raw edges together. Pin all five layers of material.

Stitch using a 3/8” seam allowance.

After removing all your pins, pull your Body fabric out one end of your tube. Iron flat. Make sure your pillow case is square and salvages are removed.

French Seam:

Fold your assembled piece in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Stitch side and bottom raw edges with a scant ¼” seam allowance.

Turn the pillowcase to right sides together. Pin or press as needed for a crisp fold.

Again, stitch the side and bottom edges making sure you fully encase the raw edge seam allowance.

Turn the pillowcase right side out, press as needed.