

How to Make a Pillowcase with Cuff and Drawstring

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Fabric Requirements:

3/4 yard fabric 1 - main body of pillowcase, cut 27" x WOF

1/4 yard coordinating fabric 2 - cuff, cut 9" x WOF

1/4 yard coordinating fabric 3 - flange & ties, cut 3 strips @ 3" x WOF

Directions:

1. Set aside 2 strips of fabric 3 for the ties, use the remaining strip for the flange. Cut that strip into two 18" pieces. Hem the ends by folding them under about 1/4" twice and press, then stitch down with coordinating thread.



2. Fold the two flange pieces in half lengthwise and press down.



3. Lay out fabric 1 right side up with selvages on left & right. (Do not trim any selvages until instructed to do so.) Measure and mark the center of the fabric between the selvages. Then find and mark the center of the left and right sides of fabric 1. Also mark the center of the two flange pieces. Place the flange pieces with the raw edges along the top edge of fabric 1. Put the center of each flange on the center of that side of fabric 1, then move them each 1/2" toward the center. Pin in place temporarily.



4. Place cuff fabric right side down along the same edge of fabric 1. (If the cuff fabric is longer, do not cut it off yet. If the cuff fabric is shorter than the main body, add a piece of matching fabric on to make them the same length.) Pin all layers in place with flat head pins as shown, removing the pins you used for the flange.



5. Stitch the layers together using a 1/4" stitch width. Lay the pillowcase out on the table as shown.



6. Remove the pins. Flip back the cuff fabric onto the table. Tightly roll the main fabric up toward the cuff, all the way to the flange. Then wrap the cuff fabric around the roll until both raw edges of cuff fabric meet, they will be right sides together. Pin along that edge of this tube as shown. Stitch along the pinned side, just outside of your previous stitch line.



7. Remove pins and pull the pillowcase body out from inside the tube. Press your cuff and flange down well. If your cuff is longer than the body of the pillowcase, trim it even with the selvedge edge.



8. Fold your pillowcase in half, wrong sides together, as shown. Pin along the two raw edges with flat head pins. Stitch around these two edges, about 1/4" stitch width along the bottom and just inside the selvedge along the side. Make sure the tops of the cuff meet exactly.



9. Remove the pins and trim your seams to 1/8". Turn the pillowcase inside out and poke out the corners well. Press flat and pin along the edges. Top stitch the two stitched edges with a 1/4" to 3/8" stitch width.



10. Remove the pins and turn the pillowcase right sides out. Poke out the corners well and press flat. Your pillowcase is now complete, you just need to add the ties.



11. Make the ties using the two 3" strips of fabric 3 that you set aside earlier. Fold each strip in half lengthwise and press down to mark your center. Then open it back up and press each side down towards the center as shown. Then press both sides together to make a 1+'' width tie. Top stitch along the edges with coordinating thread.



12. Using a large safety pin thread each tie through a flange on either side of the pillow case. Tie the ends of the ties together in a knot, leaving the selvages on. Now step back and admire your beautiful, versatile pillowcase!



