

Pillowcase Pattern

This information is for making trimmed pillowcases. Included in the instructions are the measurements for a single or a pair of cases. You can use a serger or sewing machine to complete the cases.

Fabric requirements: based on 45" wide fabric.

Standard size 20" x 30" finished (add an inch width for wider pillows and 1 ½ " for directional fabrics). If using flannel add 10% to the yardage to allow for shrinkage if you don't prewash the fabric.

	1 case	2 cases
Body	¾ yd	1 ½ yds
Cuff	¼ yd	½ yd
Trim	1/8 yd	¼ yd

Queen Size: 20" x 36" finished

	1 case	2 cases
Body	1 yd	2 yds
Cuff	¼ yd	½ yd
Trim	1/8 yd	¼ yd

King Size: 20" x 36" finished

	1 case	2 cases
Body	1 1/8 yd	2 1/8 yds
Cuff	¼ yd	½ yd
Trim	1/8 yd	¼ yd

If possible, measure a pillowcase you know fits the way you like. Do not use selvages in the final case project. Decide on seam allowance needed before cutting.

Directions

Cut the fabric to the desired size. All edges must be straight. The fabric width will vary. Do not trim at this time. On all pillowcases the width is the same. The length of the body is what changes the measurement.

Standard body fabric	43" x 27"
Queen body fabric	43" x 31"
King body fabric	43" x 33"

The trim and the cuff do not change size.

Press each piece in half lengthwise with a crisp crease. At this point the wrong sides are together. Pin or press a crease in the center of the trip and the cuff sections. The fold of the pillowcase body is the center you will need.

Layout:

1. Take the cuff and unfold flat with the RIGHT SIDE UP. The center should be marked.
2. Lay out the trip piece (folded in half lengthwise) matching the marked center to the marked center of the cuff.
3. Unfold the body piece and lay out on top of the trim and cuff marking the center. Pin all edges in several places making sure all edges are even. RIGHT SIDE OF FABRIC DOWN. Note that the ends will likely not be even.
4. Now the fun starts. Roll the body fabric of the unpinned end up to the pinned area (about 2"). Then take the cuff fabric up and over the rolled body fabric and pin to the top edge area where you pinned the layers in step #3.
5. Sew ¼ inch along this edge catching all fabric edges in the seam and do not sew over the pins. When done pull the body fabric gently out of the center of the sewn roll. Ta Da....see the hidden seam.
6. Now see if there is a need to press again – press with the right side out. Use the ruler and trim the cuff, trim and body fabrics even with each other.
7. Sew about ¼ inch around the raw edges, taking care at the cuff edges due to the bulk of fabric at that point. Now turn the case inside out and press the edges. Sew again on the edge just under ½ inch taking care not to sew the seam allowance inside the case you sewed in step #5. This is termed a French seam.
8. Turn right side out and see the new case. To finish, sew the seam allowance down with topstitching.