

This cool technique for a simple pillowcase stitches up in 20 minutes and hides all raw fabric edges to create a sleek, finished look.

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YOU'LL NEED

NOTE: Do not prewash fabric.

- 7/8 yard of a large print
- 1/8 yard of an accent print
- 3/8 yard of a coordinating print

CUTTING

From the large print:

- (1) 27" x 42" piece (don't trim selvages)

From the accent print:

- (1) 2" x 42" strip

From the coordinating print:

- (1) 11" x 42" strip

MAKING THE PILLOWCASE

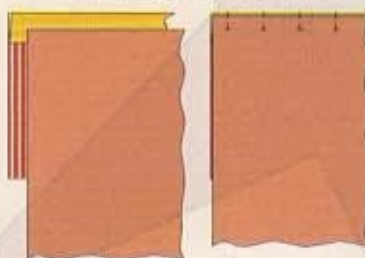
1. Fold the 2" x 42" accent strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press.
2. Position the folded accent strip on top of the 11" x 42" cuff strip (right side up), matching raw edges, and pin in place.

Aligning cuff and accent strip



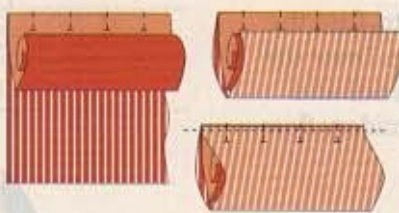
3. Lay the 27" x 42" large print pillowcase body piece on top, right side down, matching raw edges with the other pieces, and pin. **NOTE:** The selvages will be on either side.

Aligning pillowcase body



4. Fold or roll up the body piece until the bottom of the cuff is exposed. Bring the bottom edge of the cuff to the top, matching raw edges, and pin. This will enclose the large body piece in a "tube" of fabric created by the cuff. Sew along raw edge through all (5) layers.

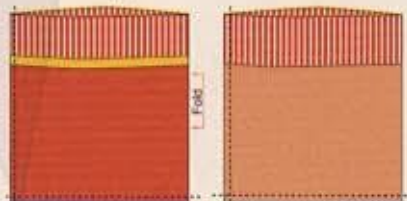
Creating the fabric tube cuff



5. Pull the body fabric out of the cuff tube, turning the tube right side out. Press cuff and accent strip flat. Trim the selvedge edges of the body and cuff.

6. Fold the pillowcase wrong sides together and sew a scant 1/4" seam on the side and bottom of the pillowcase. Press seam. Trim any loose threads.
7. Turn the pillowcase wrong side out. Sew a generous 1/4" seam on bottom and end, so that the first seam is enclosed, creating a finished French seam. Turn right side out. #

Sewing side and bottom seams



8. Wash before using and press. **NOTE:** Directions are written for the best use of fabric, by cutting pieces from selvage to selvage. Some directional prints will need to be cut lengthwise from the fabric. For these prints, a 1-1/4-yard cut of fabric will be needed.

"My grandson loves the pillowcase I made him. You too can bless a child with one."

— Elaine

