

Pillowcase Tutorial

1. select your fabric and decide on the size pillowcase you want to make.. I use material that is a standard 43-45 inches wide. That makes it easy to work with when doing pillowcases. If you are making standard size cases, you will cut your main fabric 27-28 inches long along the width of the fabric. Remember, these are your cases, you don't have to stick to strict measurements. Feel free to play! For the accent material, again I use a fabric that is 43-45 inches in width. Cut this fabric about 2 inches long (and 43-45 wide). For the "cuff" of your case, you can either use the same material that you used for the main body of the case, or you can select a third material... This piece should again be cut across the entire 43-45 inch width of the fabric, but about 10-12 inches long, again, don't be afraid to play... maybe you want your cuff to be longer, or shorter. Have fun!! The only thing you need to do differently for a king size case, is make the body of the case about 36-37 inches long.

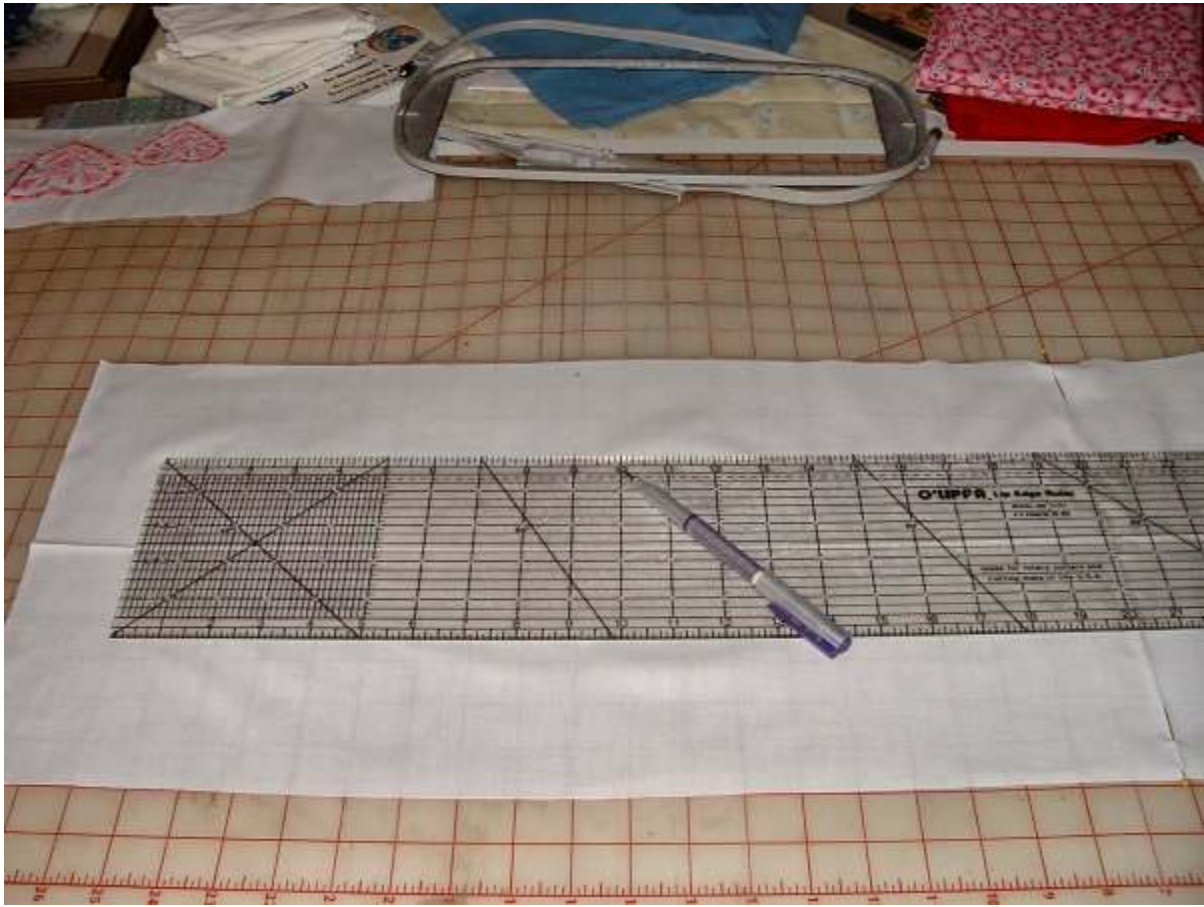




2. Iron each different part of the case. The main body of the case should be ironed with a fold on the side of the case. In other words, after ironing, you will have a doubled fabric that measures 28x about 22. Then iron the other two pieces across their width. You will now have a folded piece measuring 5-6 inches by 43-45 inches, and another about 1 inch by 43-45 inches. To make things easier on yourself, put a pin in the exact center of the width of each piece. This will make it easier to line up your edges a little later.



3. If you're going to embroider on the cuff of the case, now is the time to make your placement crosshatches with air or water soluble pen. Remember, you want to embroider on just one side of the case, and through only one layer. In other words, as you look at your cuff material, you're basically going to be embroidering at the center point of one quarter of the cuff piece. I suggest you look at this carefully so you make sure you line up your embroidery in the right direction. The top of your embroidery design should be towards the raw edge of the fabric, and remember, your design should be centered in $\frac{1}{4}$ of the cuff fabric!! **If you're going to embroider, do it now.**



4. Match up the raw edges of the main fabric and the narrow accent fabric, right sides together.
Pin in place.



5. Match up raw edges of the cuff fabric with the other two fabrics, again, right sides together, and pin in place. Sew or serge your three fabrics together.



6. Unfold your fabric now so you can see all 3 fabrics. At this point, I like to iron my fabric, so everything is nice and neat and going in the direction I want it to go.



7. Now put the right sides of the fabrics together and serge or sew up the one open side and across the back of the case. Turn it right side out and you're done!



Wasn't that easy!!

Great way to use up those older sheets where the center has seen better days, but the sides are still pretty good.