

Novelty Pillowcase with Drawstring

These instructions will make one standard size pillowcase approximately 32" x 20".

Fabrics required: $\frac{3}{4}$ yard for body of pillowcase **
1/3 yard for end of pillowcase
1/8 yard for accent strip

** Note: when choosing fabric for the body of the pillowcase be aware the selvage edge is the long edge of the finished pillowcase. If you are considering directional fabric and would like the design to run horizontal, purchase $1\frac{1}{4}$ yards for the body. You will cut 41" from the length of the fabric.

Cutting: From $\frac{3}{4}$ yard, cut one piece 27" x 41" (Main Body of the pillowcase)
From 1/3 yard, cut one piece 10" x 41" (End Piece)
From 1/8 yard, cut one piece 3" x 41" (Accent Strip)

$\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance

PLEASE READ THROUGH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE CONTINUING.....

First: Press the 3" x 41" accent strip in half lengthwise (strip will measure $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 41")
Make 2 - $\frac{3}{4}$ " buttonholes. One on each edge of the accent strip,. $1\frac{1}{4}$ " in from the raw edge of the accent strip. Cut open your buttonholes.

Next: Press the 10" x 41" END piece in half lengthwise (strip will measure 5" x 41")

Baste folded ACCENT strip to the right side of 41" length of pillowcase body fabric. Use a $\frac{1}{4}$ S/A. Sew the END piece of fabric (unfolded) along the same edge over the accent piece just sewn. Use a $\frac{1}{2}$ " S/A.

Edgestitch the folded edge of the Accent strip to the main body of the pillowcase. This will form the casing.

Press the ACCENT piece towards the pillowcase body and the END piece away from the body. (Both inside seams of the accent and end pieces should be pressed towards the opening of the pillowcase.)

Fold the pillowcase right sides together along the length of the pillowcase keeping the end piece open (unfolded). Sew the length and bottom edges using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " S/A. Finish the seam allowances with a zigzag stitch or serge the edges.

Turn the pillowcase right side out.

Fold over the end piece along the pressed line towards the inside, then fold under $\frac{1}{2}$ " on the inside raw edge. Pin this folded raw edge from the right side between the ACCENT strip (which should be pressed towards the pillowcase body) and the end piece. To finish this edge from the outside you can stitch-in-the-ditch or topstitch with a decorative stitch. I would not recommend hand stitching this edge since these pillowcases will be washed a lot.

In order to create a casing for the drawstring, edge stitches the ACCENT strip down to the body of the pillowcase.

String 46" of $\frac{1}{2}$ " ribbon or made a $\frac{1}{2}$ " drawstring. Run the drawstring through the buttonhole. Finish the drawstring ends together so they don't go back into the casing. Add a decorative button to the ends if you like.