

Trimmed Pillowcase Directions

These directions make a pillowcase that will fit a standard or queen sized pillow.

Cut Materials:

- 1 pillowcase body (27" x 41")
- 1 small trim strip (3" x 41-1/2")
- 1 large trim strip (10" x 41")

Trim strips should coordinate with the main body print.



Assembly Directions:

1. Fold the small trim strip in half, length-wise, and iron. Leave folded in half.
2. Place the pillowcase body down on your workspace with the print facing right side up.
3. Lay the folded small trim strip along the short edge of the pillowcase body with the raw edges together.
4. Pin the small trim strip in place and sew with a 1/4" seam allowance.
5. Fold the large trim strip in half, length-wise, and iron. Unfold the fabric.
6. Place the pillowcase body down on your workspace again, with the print facing right side up. With the right sides together, lay one edge of the large trim strip over the small trim strip already sewn onto the pillowcase body.

NOTE: If the large trim strip has a directional fabric, make sure that you position the fabric on the pillowcase body so that when the large trim strip is flipped face up, the fabric is in the same direction as the body of the pillowcase.

7. Pin the single edge of the large trim strip in place and sew with a 1/2" seam allowance.

NOTE: With practice, both trim strips can be pinned and sewn in one step with a 1/2" seam allowance. We recommend starting with the two steps because the three fabrics stretch differently and it's harder to keep them matched when sewn together all at once.

8. Iron the seam allowance of the large trim strip, being careful not to iron out the crease you made earlier. Leave the small trim strip facing towards the body of the pillowcase when ironing. Also, iron the middle fold out of the pillowcase body at this time as it's easier to do when the body is still flat.
9. Fold the pillowcase body in half with the right sides together so that the seam of the small trim strip matches. Pin down the long side and across the bottom of the pillowcase. Then sew from the top of the opened out large trim strip, down the length of the pillowcase and across the bottom using a 1/2" seam allowance.
10. When you reach the end of the pillowcase, you should be in the bottom corner by the fold. Turn the pillowcase over and zigzag the edge of the seam all the way back around to the top of the opened large trim strip. Zigzag the seam edges to help keep the fabric from raveling with wear and washing.
11. Fold the large trim strip in half along the crease, turn the raw edge under about 1/2" and then pin in place, taking care to cover the stitched line.
12. Turn the pillowcase right side to.
13. Using thread that matches the small trim strip, sew in the ditch between the two bands around the pillowcase. Take the pins out as you go. Iron the seam flat.

Enjoy your completed pillowcase!