

Project: Basic Pillowcase Pattern

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PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

Basic Pattern



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This project results in two contrasting standard-size pillowcases—one floral case that has a red band and one red case that has a floral band, for example.

Materials

For two contrasting pillowcases:

- 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ yards print No. 1
- 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ yards print No. 2

Finished pillowcase: 30×20" (fits a standard-size bed pillow)

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

Measurements include $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise specified.

Cut Fabrics

From print No. 1, cut:

- 1—26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×41" rectangle
- 1—10×41" strip

From print No. 2, cut:

- 1—26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×41" rectangle
- 1—10×41" strip

Assemble Pillowcases

- 1.** Join short ends of print No. 1—10×41" strip to make a loop. Press seam open.
- 2.** Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.
- 3.** Fold print No. 2—26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×41" rectangle in half crosswise to form a 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×20 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. Sew together long edges and one pair of short edges to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.

- 4.** Referring to **Diagram 1**, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body; align raw edges and pin. Sew together through all layers.
- 5.** Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowances toward pillowcase body. Topstitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " from band edge on pillowcase body to secure the seam allowances and complete pillowcase (**Diagram 2**).
- 6.** Using print No. 1—26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×41" rectangle and print No. 2—10×41" strip, repeat steps 1-5 to complete second pillowcase.



DIAGRAM 1



DIAGRAM 2