



The French Seam Pillowcase is a super easy and fun giftable project.

You need a little more than a yard of fabric per pillowcase, and it is super easy to customize the fabric to match a special occasion or special interest. You can easily get a set done in a couple hours, so it's super fast too!

The French seam sounds super fancy, but it is a pretty straight-forward way to enclose raw edges and create a seam that is super strong and a better quality than serged ones you'll find in a store.

	Matched Set	Coordinated Set	One Pillowcase
Sleeve	1/2 yard	1 yard	1/4 yard
Body	1 1/2 yards	1 yard	3/4 yards
Flange	1/4 yard	1/4 yard	1/8 yard

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Fabric Requirements

Pillowcase	Sleeve	Body	Flange
Matched Set	½ yard	1 ½ yards	¼ yard
Coordinated Set	1 yard	1 yard	¼ yard
One Pillowcase	¼ yard	¾ yard	⅓ yard

Cutting Instructions

Sleeve

Cut one 9-inch by WOF strip per pillowcase.

Body

Cut one 27-inch by WOF strip per pillowcase.

Flange (optional)

Cut one 2 ½-inch by WOF strip per pillowcase.

Assembly Instructions



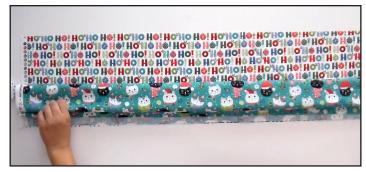
1. Select the flange and fold it in half lengthwise with the right sides out so that raw edges meet. Press in place to hold the fold.



2. Lay out the pieces with the sleeve right side up. Align the raw edges of the flange even with the bottom of the sleeve. Also lay the body out with the right side up to ensure directional fabric is all going in the same direction.



3. Flip the body right sides together with the flange and the bottom of the sleeve, aligning the raw edges along the width of fabric.



4. Roll the body fabric up so that it will fit inside the sleeve. Make sure to leave about 1-inch of space free at the bottom for pinning and sewing so you don't catch the fabric roll when you sew the sleeve shut.

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You can watch a FREE video tutorial on how to make this pattern. Stephanie Soebbing will walk you through making the block step-by-step.

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5. Create a fabric tube by bringing the top of the sleeve up to meet the bottom and pin the raw edges of the sleeve, flange and body along the width of fabric. Take care to make sure the raw edges are even throughout and you aren't catching the rolled up body in the pins.



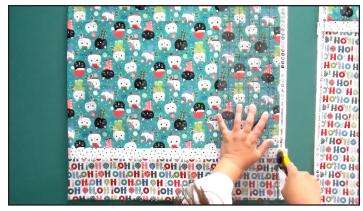
6. Sew down the pinned edge, backstitching at the beginning and end of the fabric tube.



7. Pull the pillow body out from inside the fabric tube.



8. Press the sleeve flat so that it is pulled away from the body.



9. Fold the fabric in half so the sleeve seams are lined up with the wrong sides together. Line an inch line of a quilting ruler up with the sleeve seam. Square up the edge and remove the selvage.



10. Place pins along the side, matching up the sleeve seam before turning the pillowcase to square up the bottom edge.



11. Square up the bottom of the pillowcase and pin the edges.



12. Sew a quarter-inch seam along the side and bottom of the pillowcase, backstitching at the beginning and end of the seam.



13. Trim the side and bottom seams to an eighth-inch.



14. Turn the pillowcase inside out and press the side and bottom seams. Take care to push the raw edges out as far as possible so they don't poke out when we sew the French seam.



15. With the pillowcase inside out, sew a three-eighths inch seam on the side and bottom seam, backstitching at the beginning and end of the seam. This will encase all the raw edges inside the French seam.



16. Turn the pillow right side out and give it a final press.