

Perfect Pillowcase

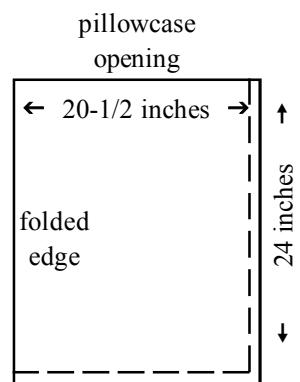
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Fabric requirements:

2/3 yard **Main body of the pillowcase**
1/3 yard: **Pillowcase border**
1-1/2 inches: **Accent stripe**

Cutting and Sewing Instructions:

1. **Main Body:** Fold the main body fabric right sides together, selvedge to selvedge. Measure carefully from the folded edge and cut off the selvedge edge at 20-1/2 inches. This makes the whole width 41 inches. Pin the side and bottom edges to reduce shifting. Using a 1/4 inch seam, sew one 24 inch side, turn and continue across the 20-1/2 inch bottom. Now go back and overcast the raw edges so it won't fray when washed. Turn pillowcase right side out and press.
2. **Border:** Fold border fabric right sides together selvedge to selvedge. Measure carefully from the folded edge and cut off the selvedge edge at 20-1/2 inches. Using a 1/4 inch seam, sew one 12 inch side seam. This will make one continuous piece. Press seam open. Fold the piece wrong sides together lengthwise and press. Set aside to use with accent stripe.



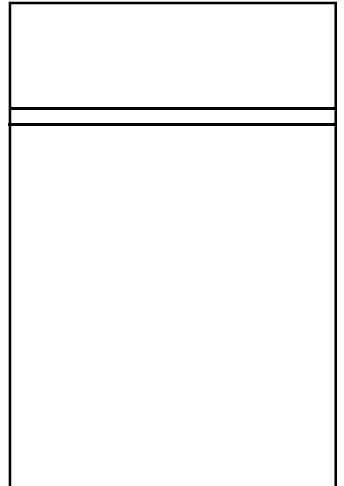
3. **Accent Stripe:** Fold Accent strip right sides together selvedge to selvedge. Measure carefully from the folded edge and cut off the selvedge edge at 20-1/2 inches. Using a 1/4 inch seam, sew the 1-1/2 inch side seam. This will make one continuous piece. Press seam open. Fold the piece wrong sides together lengthwise and press.



4. Place **Accent Stripe** on top of the **Border** matching seams and raw edges. Baste in place using a **1/8 inch seam**.



5. With right sides together, pin **Border/Accent Stripe** to the opening edge of the **main body of the pillowcase**. Using a 1/4 inch seam, stitch the border to the opening edge of the pillowcase. Overcast the raw edges. Turn the **border/accent stripe** to the outside and press. Top stitch the main body of the pillowcase next to the accent stripe if desired.



One perfect pillowcase!

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