

Pretty Pillowcases

Everyone loves a special pillowcase just for himself or herself! Make one from a cute juvenile print for the kids or from a holiday print for the different seasons! Pillowcases also make great shower gifts - and Stitches Etc has LOTS of great different fabrics to choose from!

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Supplies:

- ! Serger in good working order with all accessories and 4 cones of neutral colored thread or sewing machine with seam overcast capability
- ! Rotary cutting equipment
- ! 5/8 yd of main print
- ! 3/8 yd of coordinating solid or print for the cuff of the pillowcase
- ! 1/8 yd of 2nd coordinating solid or print for the mock piping, if desired.

Before Making Pillowcase:

- ! Wash, dry and press all fabrics if desired.
- ! Cut the 1/3 yd of cuff fabric and the 1/8 yd of mock piping fabric (if you are using mock piping) in half so that you have 2 pieces that measure approximately 21" in length.
- ! Fold and press each of the cuff pieces and mock piping pieces in half lengthwise, wrong sides together (that is, right sides out!). Trim the cuff (and piping pieces if applicable) so that both pieces measure the same width.
- ! Place the mock piping on top of the cuff pieces, cut edges even.
- ! Trim main pillowcase fabric to remove selvages and so that all edges are even and "square".
- ! Place one cuff/mock piping unit along each edge where the selvedge used to be of the main pillow piece, right sides together and sandwiching the mock piping in between the right side of the pillow fabric and the cuff fabric, Keep the raw edges of the cuff/mock piping unit to the cut edge of the pillow piece. Serge/sew across.
- ! With your rotary cutting equipment, even up the side edges of the pillow unit, since the cuff units may be a bit shorter than the main pillow unit.
- ! Securing your serger tails at the beginning and the end of each seam, serge the side seams of the pillow, starting from the cuff end and finishing at the folded end of the pillow; or sew the seam with your sewing machine and seam overcast stitch, securing the seam at the beginning and the end

