

20 Minute Pillowcase (Easy "Tube" Method)

Fabric Requirements

25" (buy 3/4 yd.) x WOF (width of fabric) for pillowcase body

9" (buy 1/4" yd.) x WOF for contrasting cuff

3" (buy 1/8 yd.) x WOF for accent strip

Wash, dry and iron all fabric.

Fold accent strip in half lengthwise and iron.

(Optional: If you have a solid accent strip, you can sew a decorative stitch lengthwise $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the folded side before you begin layering.)

It's all in the Layering!

On a flat surface, lay pieces as follows:

Lay 9" cuff fabric with the right side UP

Place 3" accent strip on top of cuff fabric with the "open" sides UP

Place pillowcase fabric RIGHT SIDE DOWN on top of the other 2

Pin in place - about 3-4 inches apart

Fold or roll the pillowcase fabric UP to the pins, leaving an inch or so away from the top of the other layered fabrics. (You now have a tube laying lengthwise.)

Fold the cuff piece up all the way up to the top and re-pin all layers together.

Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam lengthwise, removing pins as you go.

Pull the fabric out of the tube you created. VOILA!
The cuff will be right side out (with the seam enclosed) and the pillowcase fabric will be ready to finish.

Iron and trim all selvages.

With wrong sides together, sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam along the side and bottom edge of the pillowcase.

Turn the pillowcase wrong side out and sew a large $\frac{1}{4}$ " (or $\frac{3}{8}$ ") seam to enclose the original seam - thus making a "French Seam."

Turn the pillowcase right side out and iron.