

☆ Make a Pillowcase Using the "Burrito" Method ☆

MATERIALS

For Ryan's Case pillowslips, choose cheerful fabrics that will stand up to washing.

27" x 40" rectangle for the main piece

10" x 40" rectangle for the cuff

2" x 40" strip for the accent strip; press in half lengthwise to make a 1"-wide folded strip

MAKING THE PILLOWCASE

(1) Layer the fabric as follows:

- Place the 10" x 40" rectangle right side up on a flat surface.
- Place the 1"-wide folded and pressed accent strip on top of the cuff piece along a long edge, so that the 3 raw edges are aligned.
- Place the 27" x 40" rectangle right side down, aligning it with the raw edges of the first two pieces.

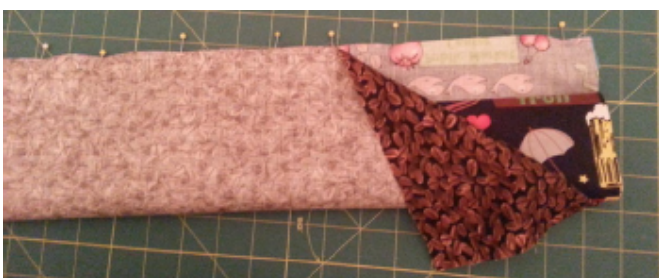
Pin the pieces together at the top.



(2) Starting at the bottom, roll the main fabric into a "burrito" (tube). Stop near the center of the 10" x 40" cuff piece.



(3) Take the layered cuff edge fabric and bring it up over the burrito. Align it with the raw edges of the main fabric (right sides together). Pin all layers together. Sew or serge a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance along the pinned edge, forming a tube.



(4) Tug gently at the fabric inside the burrito (tube), pulling out all the fabric.



(5) Choose a way to finish the seams -

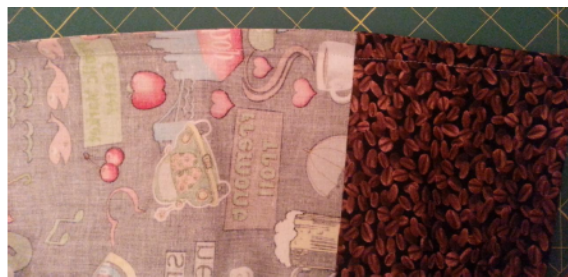
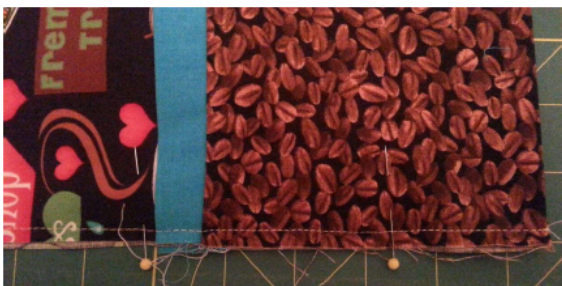
(A) Serger method. If you have a serger machine, fold the pillowcase right sides together (the pillowcase will be inside out) and serge the raw edge of the bottom and side of the pillowcase. Turn right side out.

(B) Sewing method.

Fold the pillowcase wrong sides together.

Sew the raw edges at the bottom and side of the pillowcase, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Turn the pillowcase wrong side out, poke out the corners, and press.

Sew the same bottom and side seams again, this time using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance; this traps the raw edges inside, giving you a nice-looking finished (French) seam. Turn right side out and press.



first seam - fabric wrong sides together second seam - fabric with right sides together

The finished pillowcase will have 3 fabrics - the body, the cuff, and a decorative strip.

Omit the decorative strip if you want, but add an inch to the cuff or the body to get the right size.

(photos from Pacific Fabrics)

