

The Fabric Patch

Free Pattern Instruction

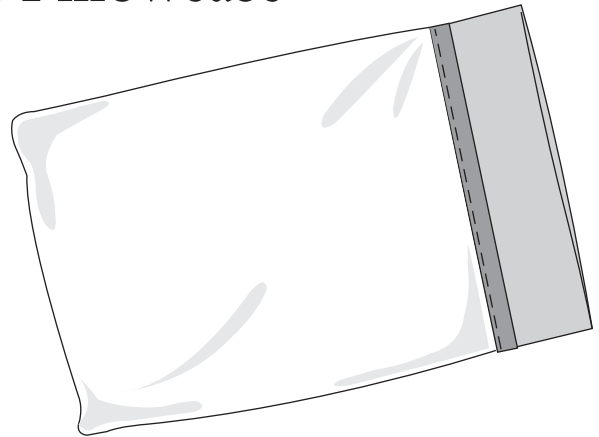
Speedy Trimmed Pillowcase

Pillowcases make great gifts! Stitch one for your children's babysitter, teachers, and friends. Sew a different one for each of the holidays to give a dorm room character. There are endless possibilities.

FINISHED SIZE: Approximately 20" x 30"

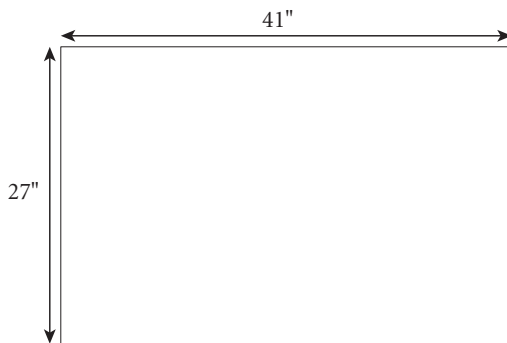
MATERIALS NEEDED: (for one standard size pillowcase)

- $\frac{3}{4}$ yd. main fabric (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yd. for directional print fabric)
We suggest using medium-weight cotton fabrics for the pillowcase.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ yd. border fabric
- 2" crosswise strip of trim fabric
- Coordinating thread

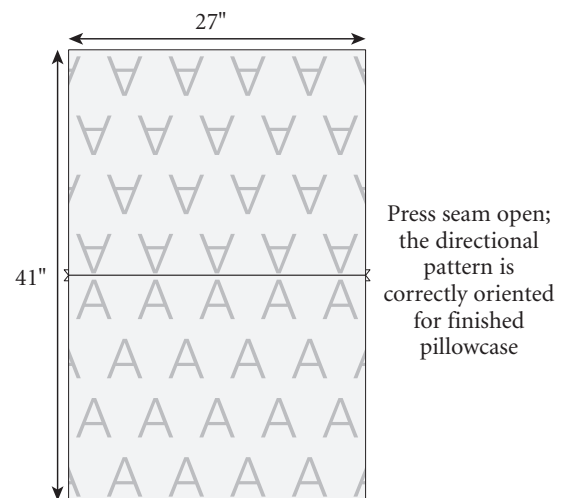
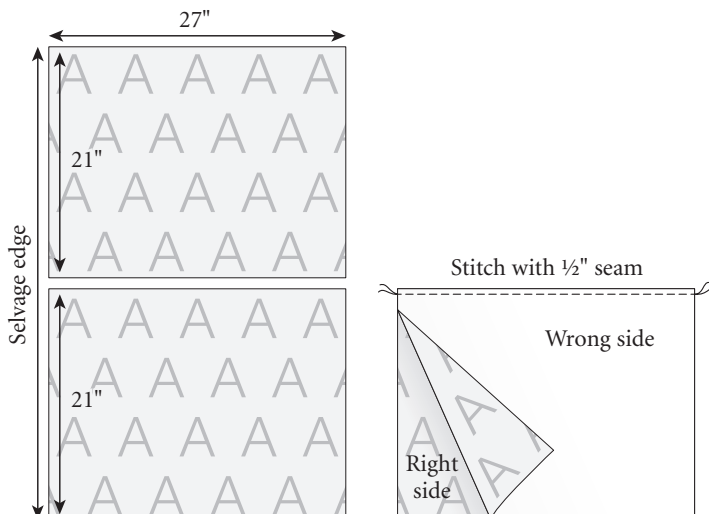


INSTRUCTIONS:

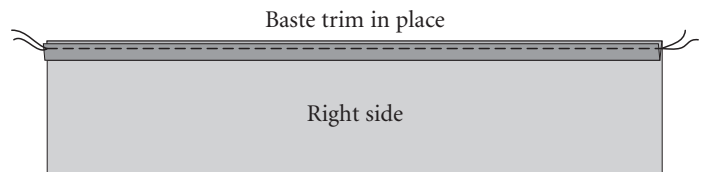
1. Cut the main fabric into a 27" x 41" rectangle. (A1)



Note for directional fabric: Cut two 21" x 27" rectangles, with the 21" side running parallel to the selvage. Place 27" edges right sides together, as shown in illustration, and stitch a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam; press open. This allows the fabric on each side to be the correct orientation when the pillowcase is finished. Complete following instructions.



2. From the border fabric, cut a 9" x 41" rectangle; set aside.
3. Fold the 2" strip of trim fabric in half, wrong sides together, aligning the lengthwise edges; press.
4. Pin trim to the right side of the 9" x 41" border rectangle, aligning raw edges of trim with one lengthwise edge of the rectangle. Machine baste in place. Set aside.

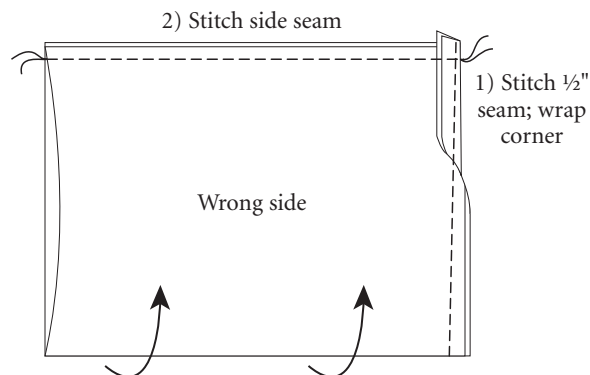


5. Fold the 27" x 41" fabric rectangle in half, right sides together, aligning the 27" edges.

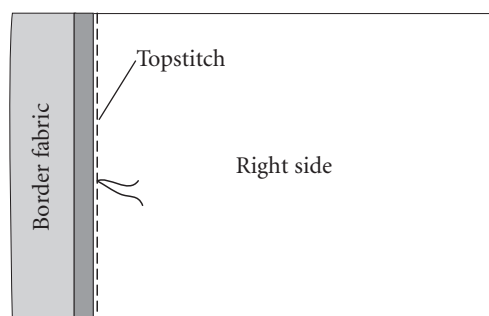
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6. Stitch or serge across the 20½" end, using a ½" seam. Wrap the corner by folding the seam toward the pillowcase along the stitching line and stitch or serge the side seam.



7. With right sides together, stitch or serge the short ends of the border fabric. Fold and press wrong sides together, aligning the lengthwise edges.
8. Pin border fabric over the main fabric meeting cut edges, right sides together.
9. Stitch or serge the layers together. If raw edges are not serged, clean finish them. Press seam toward main body of pillowcase.
10. Optional: Topstitch, catching the seam allowance.



This project is an excerpt from *Quick Gifts and Decor* by Nancy Zieman and Gail Brown.