

Fabric needed: Main piece (27" x WOF)
 Accent strip (3" x WOF)
 Border piece (10" x WOF)

Please read through all instructions before beginning to sew.

Prepare accent strip

1. Press accent strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Your accent strip is now 1 ½" wide.

You can make this strip as narrow as you want (or eliminate it if desired):

- A 3" strip will provide a 1" reveal.
- A 2 ½" strip will provide a ¾" reveal.
- A 2" strip will provide a ½" reveal.

Prepare layers for assembly

1. Lay border piece right side up on table.
2. Lay accent strip on top of border piece, matching raw edges along one long side.
3. Lay main piece wrong side up on accent strip, matching raw edges along the same long side as in step 2 above. If main piece is directional, top of image should be toward the accent strip.
4. Pin all layers together along raw edge (long side).
5. Roll up unpinned long edge of main piece toward pinned edge until about half of border piece is exposed.
6. Fold the unpinned long edge of border piece up over the rolled-up main piece and line up the raw edges (long side) - encasing main piece and accent strip inside the 'tube'.
7. Re-pin all layers together, keeping raw edges lined up. (Pin frequently for better results.)

Things look crazy, right? Don't worry, it'll all come together in a bit...flip this page over and keep going.

Assemble layers

1. Stitch a **1/2"** seam along the pinned raw edge, back stitching at the beginning and end. Remember to keep all those raw edges aligned.
2. Turn the pillowcase right side out by pulling the main piece through the side opening of the tube (like turning a sleeve inside out).
3. Press on both sides with seam allowances toward the border.

For best results, press from the wrong side (back) of the main piece along seam line but not to the edge of the border. Flip over and press from the front along seam line, then press crease in top of border.

Square up and cut off selvages

1. Aligning top of border, fold assembly in half with main piece wrong sides together.
2. Hand press along fold.
3. Cut the selvages off (opposite of the fold) while staying perpendicular to top edge of border (parallel with folded edge of assembly).
4. You now have an assembly that looks like a pillowcase, but with 2 edges still unsewn.

Finishing with French seam

1. With assembly still folded with wrong sides together, pin raw edges together, first matching up seam on border & accent strip on long side.
2. Sew a scant **1/4"** seam along the side (long) edge and bottom of assembly, back stitching at beginning and end.
3. Turn inside out so right sides are together.

For best results, use a ballpoint bodkin to poke out corners.

4. Press seams flat to one side (using a tailor's ham is helpful).
5. Stitch **3/8"** seam along same bottom and side edges as in step 2 above.
6. Turn right side out and press.

For best results, use a ballpoint bodkin to poke out corners and tailor's ham to get a crisp press on the seams.

Yeah, you're done! Enjoy!