**Pillowcase 101**

**Fabric required:**

**Cut body: 27” x WOF (40”-42”)**

**Cut accent strip: 2 ½”-3” x WOF**

**Cut cuff: 9” x WOF**

**¾ yard for body of pillowcase**

**¼ to 1/3 yard for cuff/hem of pillowcase**

**1/8 yard (actually, 2” to 2 ½“) for accent strip**

1. Lay cuff/hem fabric right side up with selvages (short sides) on right and left.
2. Press accent strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and place along top edge of cuff fabric with raw edges even.
3. Lay main pillowcase fabric face down on top of cuff and accent strip, again making sure that top edges are even.
4. Roll bottom edge of main fabric toward cuff so that bottom half of cuff shows.
5. Bring bottom edge of cuff up to meet raw edges at top, pin.
6. Stitch ¼’ seam. Reaching inside the resulting fabric tube, pull main pillowcase fabric out, press.
7. Trim off uneven selvage edges on each side. Pin pillowcase right side out, matching cuff, accent strip, and main pillowcase edges. Stitch scant ¼“ seam along the remaining raw edges (along side and bottom of pillowcase). Carefully trim seam to about 1/8“ for about an inch or so at the thickest part of seam, where cuff, accent and main fabric meet.
8. Turn inside out and press. Now sew again along side and bottom of pillowcase, using a generous ¼” seam to enclose previous raw edges.
9. Turn right side out and press one last time. Voila!

**Helpful Hints**

If design on fabric is on the lengthwise grain (parallel to selvages), it will run horizontally on finished pillowcase. If design is perpendicular to selvages (across width of fabric), it will appear vertical on finished pillowcase. To “audition” fabric, look at it with selvages running crosswise in front of you. If design does not go in desired direction, buy 1 ¼ yards of fabric, cut a 27” piece lengthwise from it. Use according to directions above but ignore references to “selvage”.

When making a flannel pillowcase, sew final seam (8) ½” or even 5/8” to better enclose previous seam and make final seam more flexible.

To make pillowcase for a 12”x16” baby/travel pillow, cut the following”

Cuff 27”x7 ½”, Accent 27”x2”, Body 27”x18”

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