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Our linen is nothing short of addicting

Classic Bedding Collection

Part III

*Sleep soundly with our linen shams & pillowcases.
Classic simplicity in design, these shams will feel cool in
the summer and warm in the winter.*

Sizes: Standard, King, Euro, King Euro



Classic Linen Shams & Pillowcases

As an indulgent and sensible investment for bedding, linen is an attractive, naturally comfortable and durable choice. Here we present everything you will need to know for the cutting and fine sewing of your own shams & pillowcases.

Fully illustrated instructions for the advanced beginner, requiring only a straight-stitch sewing machine.



PICTURED: TOP-BLEACHED WHITE PILLOW SHAMS. BOTTOM- PILLOWCASE IN ASPHALT AND NINE IRON EURO SHAM WITH FRINGE AND BEE EMBROIDERY.

CLASSIC LINEN SHAMS & PILLOWCASES

Pillowcases and shams made in 100 percent linen are as luxuriously attractive as they are comfortable for a dreamy night's slumber. Becoming softer with each washing and lasting several years, making for an indulgent yet sensible investment.

Pattern directions and yardage guides are specified for standard and king sized pillowcases, pillow shams and euro shams.

Fully illustrated instructions are written with the advanced beginner in mind, requiring only the use of a straight stitch sewing machine. Shams have a back envelope closure, and the pillowcases have side openings with hidden inside tuck to keep your pillow in place and covered.



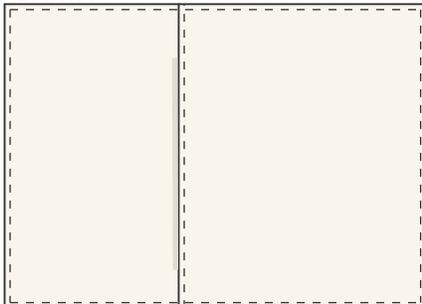
Bonus feature! We have also included machine-embroidery design files of a stylish “bee” to add an optional designer touch with an optional fringe “honeycomb” pattern. Also included is a printable template to embroider the design by hand. (See page 20)

Pillow Sham (Back envelope closure)

FRONT



BACK

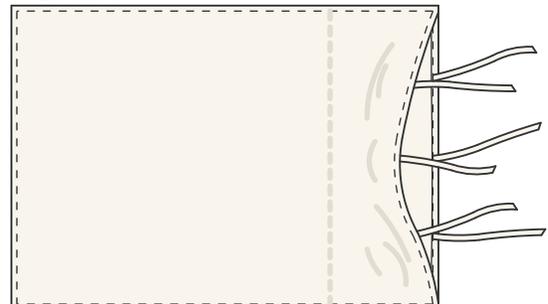


Pillowcase (Hidden side tuck & ties)

FRONT



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FABRIC & SUPPLIES NEEDED

Fabric: Recommended for our medium and lightweight linen. Please refer to the pillow size charts for the amount of fabric you will need. Visit Fabrics-Store.com to browse our entire collection of our popular [5.3 oz Middle Weight IL019](#), our higher thread count [5.3 oz Middle Weight IC64](#), and for a more airy experience, our [3.5 oz IL020 Handkerchief Linen](#).

Thread: 1 spool all purpose thread, matching the color of your linen.

Scissors: Sharp scissors for cutting fabric.

Straight pins: Dressmakers straight pins, preferably with glass ball heads (plastic ball heads can melt!)

For markings: Fabric marking pencils, chalk or air/water erasable markers, or tracing paper... whatever your preferred method is. Be sure to test your method on a scrap of spare fabric before marking your actual project fabric.

Sewing machine: You will only need a straight-stitch machine for this pattern- there is no need for a serger or overlock machine since all seams are clean finished. A standard Universal needle in size 80/12 or 90/14 is recommended.

Iron: A steam iron with a non-stick surface is recommended, along with a press cloth.

Cardboard grid cutting mat (optional): These economical cardboard mats are generally sized 36x60 inches each and are excellent for cutting your panels true on-grain with accurate squared corners. Purchasing two or three to join together and put on top of your bed makes a nice cutting area for sizeable projects when you do not have a large cutting table.

SIZING AND YARDAGE CHARTS

Yardage needed of unwashed 57" Linen		
Shrinkage up to 10% is already calculated and rounded up to the nearest yard.		
You will wash linen before cutting.		
Size	Finished Dimensions	Yardage for 2 each
Standard Sham	20"W x 28"L	2 yards
King Sham	20"W x 34"L	2 yards
Euro Sham	26"W x 26"L	2 yards
King Euro Sham	26"W x 34"L	3 yards
Standard Pillowcase	20"W x 28"L	2 yards
King Pillowcase	20"W x 34"L	3 yards
Add 1 yard if desired for fringe trim or border treatments		

Pre-washing:

You will want to prewash and dry your linen fabric in the same manner you would your finished items. This will soften your fabric, and eliminate further shrinkage in your final sewn sheets. On average, the fabric will shrink about about 10% across the length and width.

Secure the raw edges with a zig-zag or serger stitch before washing to avoid fraying. For very long cuts of fabric, it may be less bulky in the wash if you fold the fabric in half and secure the two layers together on all three sides with a large basting machine stitch (about 4mm). There may be lint accumulation depending on your detergent and water type, but this will decrease with each washing.

Remove fabric from dryer while it is still slightly moist. Press any deep creases or wrinkles using your iron's steam setting with high heat, using a protective press cloth if needed to avoid scorching. Carefully trim off the selvage edges.

Tip You may want save the selvage edges to use creatively on other projects.

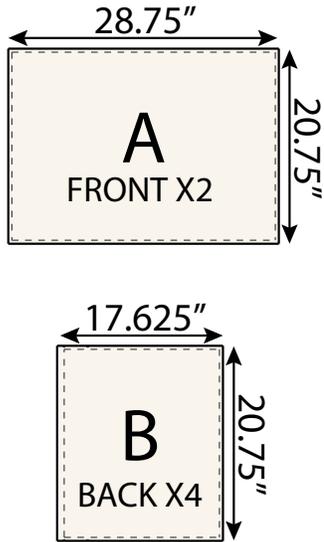
If you plan on only dry cleaning your bedding, likewise you will want to dry clean the fabric before cutting and sewing.

PATTERNS & CUTTING GUIDES

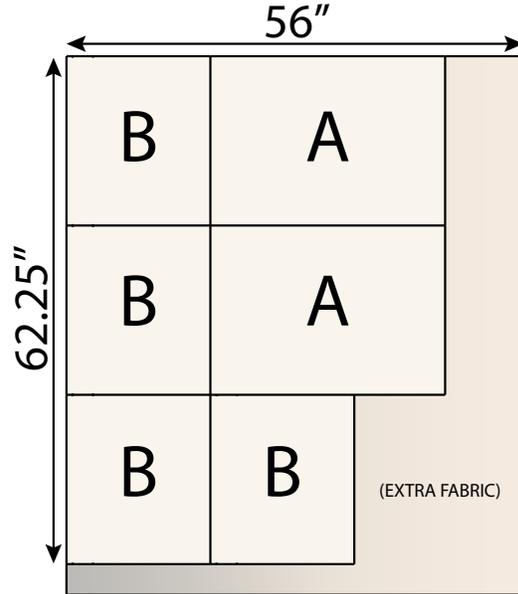
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STANDARD PILLOW SHAM

PATTERN DIMENSIONS

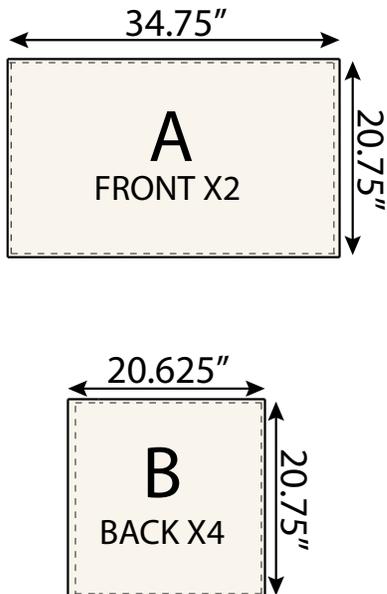


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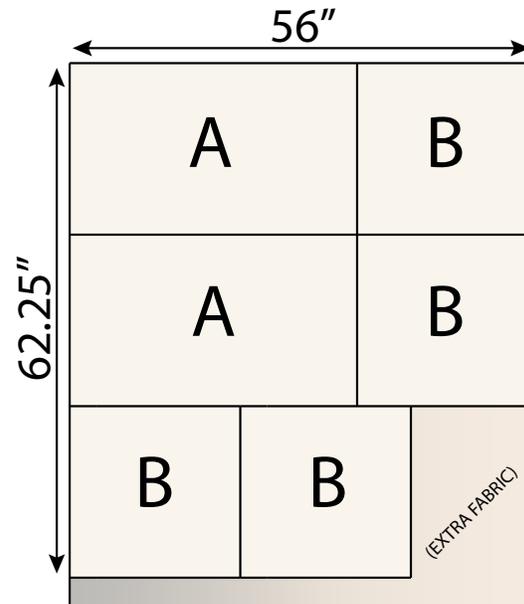


KING PILLOW SHAM

PATTERN DIMENSIONS



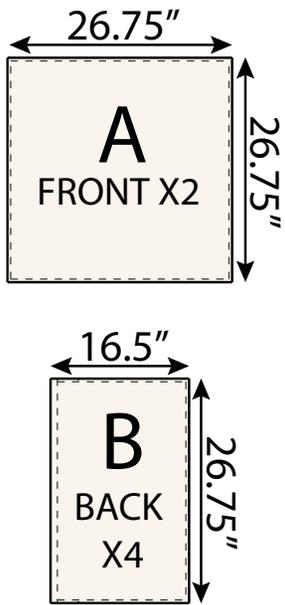
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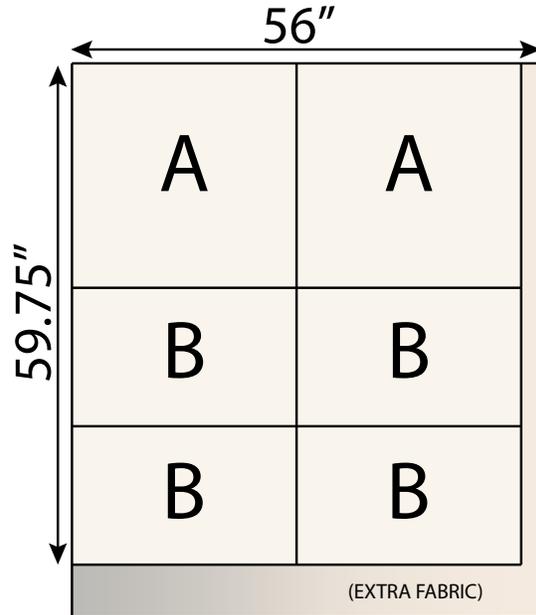
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STANDARD EURO SHAM

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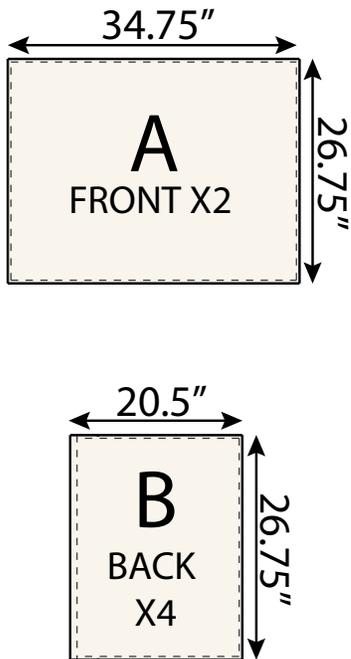


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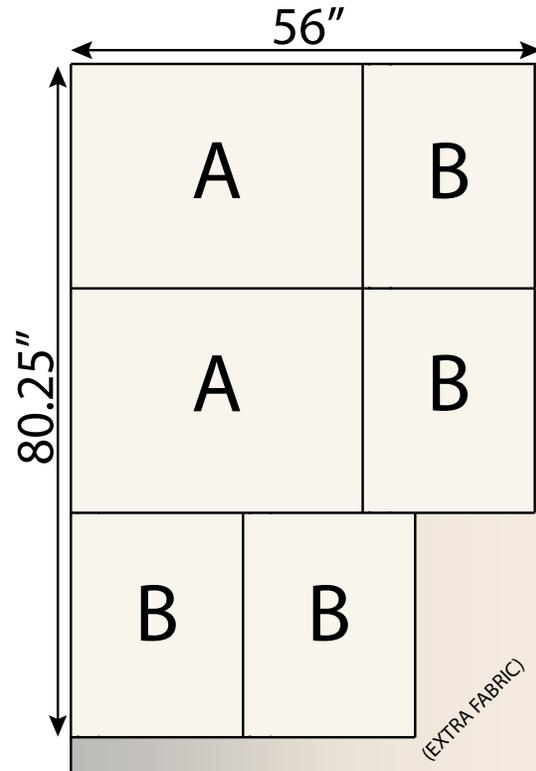


KING EURO SHAM

PATTERN DIMENSIONS



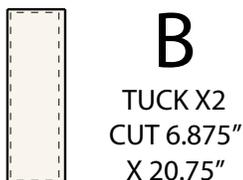
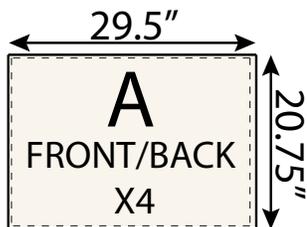
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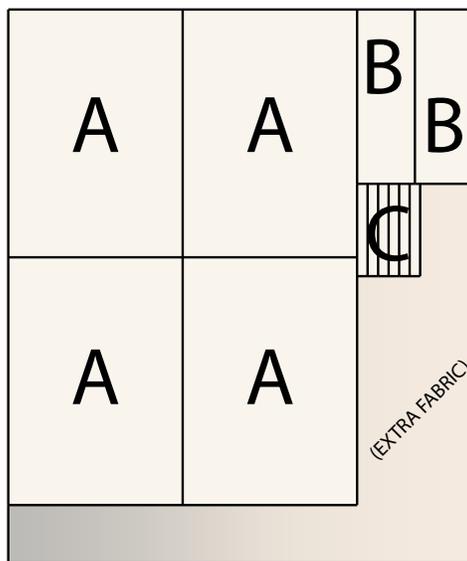
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STANDARD PILLOWCASE

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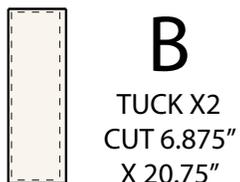
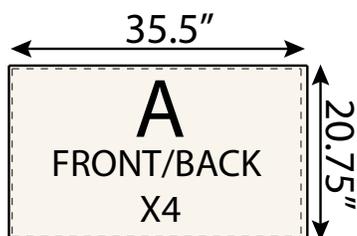


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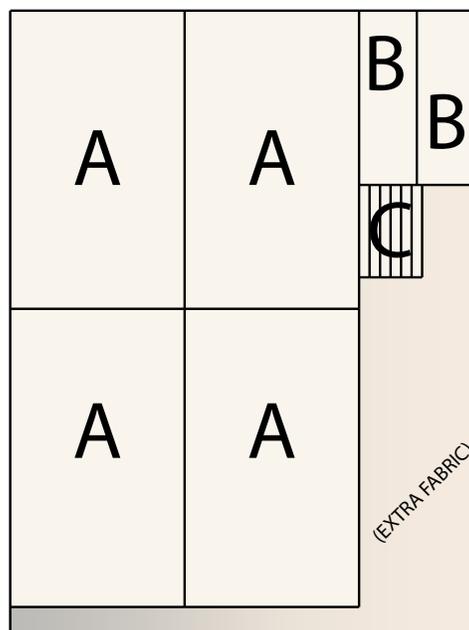


KING PILLOWCASE

PATTERN DIMENSIONS



CUTTING LAYOUT



SEWING & PREPARATION TIPS:

Sewing with quality linen from Fabrics-Store is very enjoyable! Linen is a stable fabric that does not easily shift or slip, which is a very helpful characteristic for sewing a neat and even seam with little effort. You do not need to “push” or “pull” the fabric while sewing... just simply guide it.

Fine Seaming: To ensure that your seaming will last as long as your linen bed sheets, we encourage “single-needle” clean finished seaming with our step-by-step instructions. Setting the stitch length on your sewing machine to 2mm (about 12-14 stitches per inch) makes for a very durable seam, and is also an attractive indication of fine tailoring.

Alternate Seaming: Instructions are written for the seams to be encased and topstitched. If you instead prefer to stitch your seams regularly and serge the raw edges, simply sew the seams with the full 5/8” allowance. You can then serge the raw edges, allowing the machine to trim 1/8” off the edges. This will result in seam allowances finishing at 1/2”.

Pressing: For best results, it is highly recommended that you press your seams as you finish sewing each of them. Pressing with a steam iron (and press cloth if needed) will help “set” the stitches into the fabric. You will find it is much easier to press your seams “as you go” instead of trying to press them all after the sheets are finished.

Sewing Glossary: If certain sewing terms and techniques are new to you, please refer to the sewing glossary at the end of this document.

Keep in mind that washed and handled linen can shrink and ripple in some edges. This may cause you to feel like your panels do not “line up”. If this happens, start with your pins at each end and work your way to the center of each section, easing in any slight excess that one side might have. If you feel there was a cutting error, you could trim a little off the side that is too big.

FABRIC REFERENCE KEY



RIGHT SIDE OF FABRIC



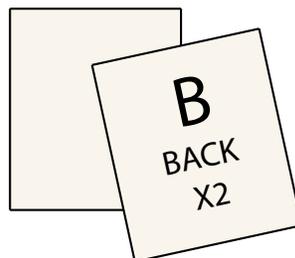
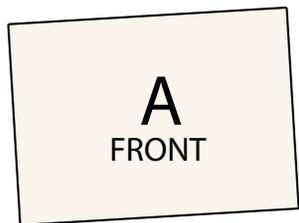
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SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

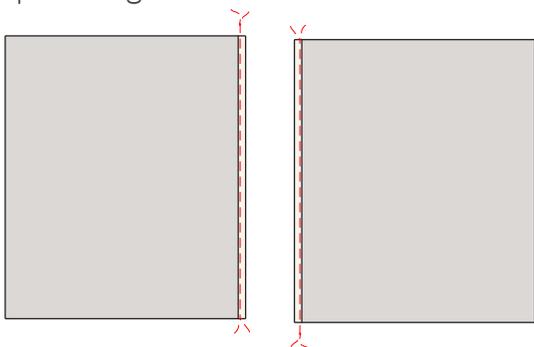
In the following pages, you will find simple step-by-step instructions and illustrations on how to assemble and sew your beautiful shams & pillowcases from start to finish in our fine linen

SHAMS

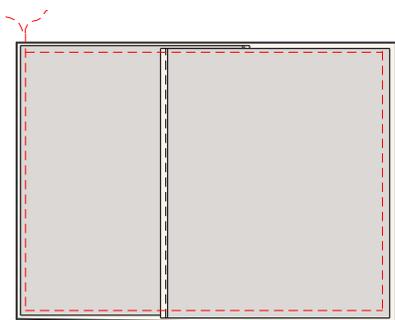
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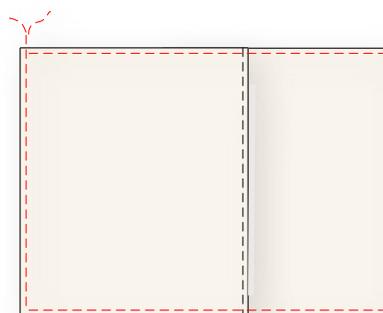
Step 1: With wrong sides facing up, hem one vertical side of each back piece "B" by turning $3/8$ " twice and topstitching.



Step 2: Place piece "A" right side up, and overlap the two "B" pieces as shown on top. Sew around all 4 four sides a scant $3/8$ ". Take special care in the corners, and to catch both sides of the fabric. After sewing, inspect both sides to make sure your seaming is secure before going to the next step.



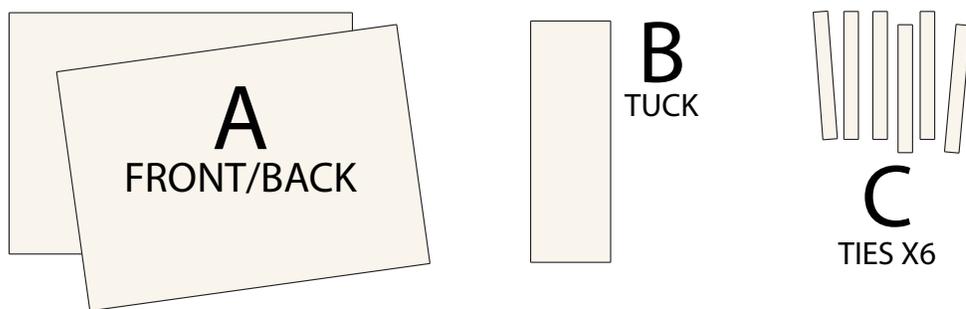
Step 3: Turn sham right sides facing out and press neatly along the edges of the seam. Take care to push out any "lips" from the seam being tucked inward. With sham right sides out, topstitch around all four sides $3/8$ ".



Congratulations!
Your sham is finished.

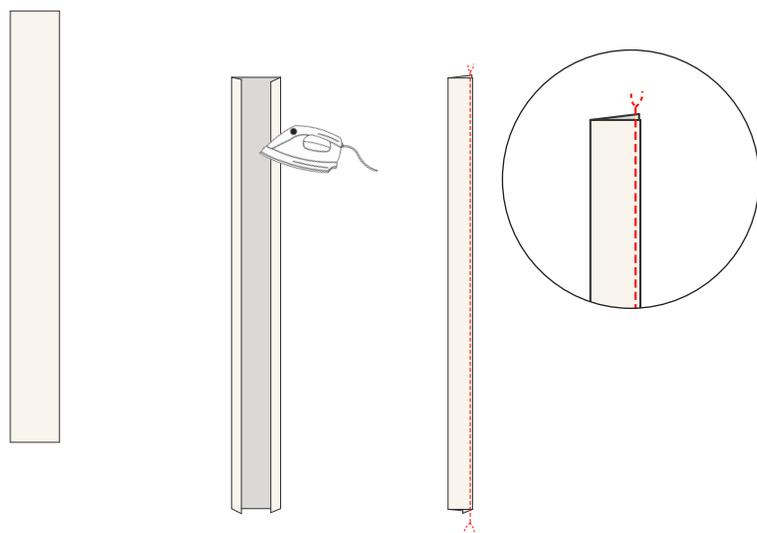
PILLOWCASES WITH TIES

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PREPARING THE TIES

There are two way you might like to sew your ties. One is simply folded and topstitched, the other is stitched and turned for a “clean finish”.

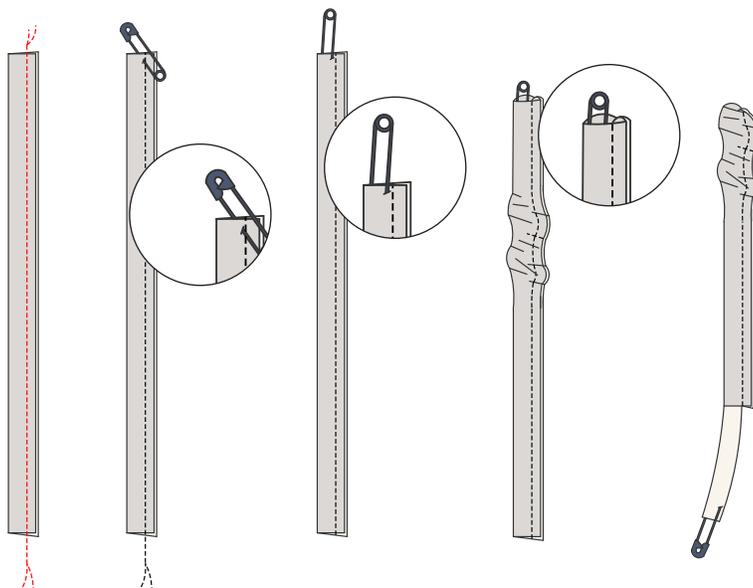


FOLD/TOPSTITCH METHOD

1. Fold each edge under 1/4" and press.
2. Next, fold in half and press as shown.
3. Topstitch 1/16th inch (“edgestitch”) from the folded edges to secure. If desired you may also edgestitch the other edge for a uniform look.

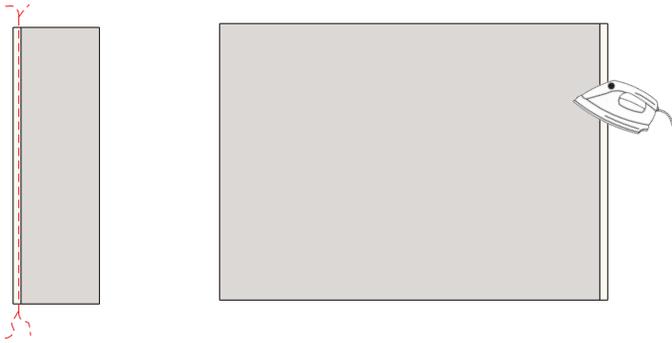
TURN/CLEAN FINISH METHOD

1. Fold strip lengthwise with right sides together.
2. Stitch a 1/4" seam
3. Turn the seamed strip right side out using a safety pin or tube turner.

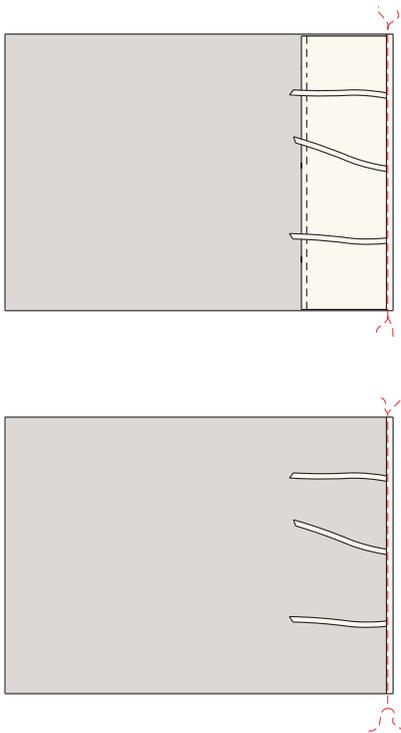


SEWING THE PILLOWCASES

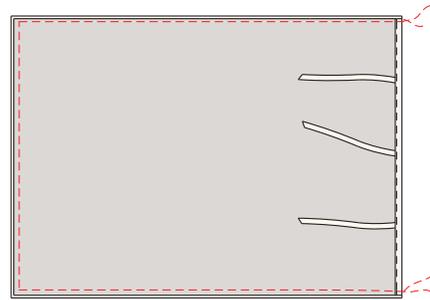
Step 1: With wrong side facing up, hem one vertical side of piece "B-Tuck" by turning $3/8$ " twice and topstitching. Prepare each "A" Front/Back piece by turning $3/8$ " twice and pressing with wrong side facing up.



Step 2: Insert the raw edge of "B-Tuck" into the pressed edge of piece "A" as shown. Insert three ties into the pressed hem. Topstitch the hem $3/8$ ". Repeat tie insertion and hemming of the other "A" piece.



Step 3: Align the two "A" pieces on top of each other, right sides together. Stitch around the 3 raw edges a scant $3/8$ ". Take special care in the corners, and to catch both sides of the fabric. After sewing, inspect both sides to make sure your seaming is secure before going to the next step.



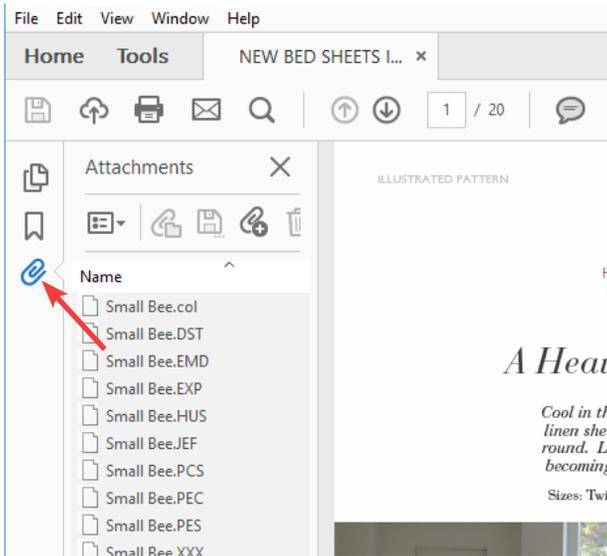
Step 4: Turn pillowcase right sides facing out and press neatly along the edges of the seam. Take care to push out any "lips" from the seam being tucked inward. With pillowcase right sides out, topstitch around all four sides $3/8$ ".



*Congratulations!
Your pillowcase is finished.*

Bonus Embroidery Design

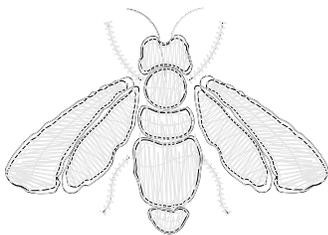
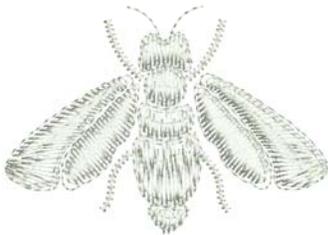
We have included a machine-embroidery small “Bee” design with this PDF as an attachment. Included are most of the popular embroidery machine formats. Alternatively, for hand-embroidery there is printable template/guide. Simply trace the design onto your fabric to embroider. This little bee is approximately 1.7 × 1.2 inches.. Add as an accent to the ties, or cover an entire sham with our included “honeycomb” template. For the “honeycomb fringe”, simply zig-zag 1” bias strips to outline each bee.



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Glossary

Basting Stitch: A temporary hand or machine loose or long stitch to hold a seam in place before sewing the final permanent stitching.

Bias grain: In woven fabrics, this is the diagonal direction at 45 degrees to the grain and crossgrain. There are two bias directions in the cloth, perpendicular to each other.

Buttonhole: A slit in the fabric to fasten a button. The raw edges of the slit are finished with a machine or hand sewn zig-zag stitch.

Edge stitch: A row of top stitching very close to a seamed edge or folded edge, usually about 1/16th of an inch.

Fabric- right side: The side of the fabric which will be the exposed, outside part of a garment.

Fabric- wrong side: The inside of the fabric which will be the unexposed side or inside of a garment.

French seam: A seam sewn in two steps to encase the raw edges of the fabric within itself, giving a clean finish. 1- Wrong sides together, sew 1/4" seam. 2- Turn right sides together, stitch 3/8" seam. Total 5/8" seam allowance

Grainline- cross grain: The direction of fabric going from selvage edge to selvage edge. In woven fabric, these would also be known as the weft threads of the weave.

Grainline- on grain: The direction of fabric running parallel to the selvage edge of the cloth. This is also referred to as the "lengthwise grain". In woven fabric, these would also be known as the "warp" threads of the weave.

Notch- outward: Markings on the pattern that indicate an outward triangular cut outside the seam allowance. Notch markings will be arranged to show where two seam edges join properly together. A single wedge will often indicate a front piece, and 2 to 3 wedges together can indicate back pieces.

Notch- snip: Markings on the pattern that indicate a small "snip" into the seam allowance. Notch marking will be arranged to show where two seam edges join properly together. A single notch will often indicate a front piece, and 2 to 3 notches together can indicate back pieces.

Overlock machine: A specialized sewing machine designed to sew and cut along the raw edge of a fabric seam with a networked stitch to secure the edges from fraying. Also known as a "serger" machine.

Press cloth: A piece of cloth used to lay over a garment to protect it while ironing from burning or scorching. Usually made of cotton or linen or wool.

Raw edge: The cut edge of fabric. If not secured with stitching or a finishing, the raw edge of a fabric can fray or unravel.

Seam allowance: The distance from the cut edge of a pattern piece to the sewing line. Seam allowances can vary, so be sure to double check the indicated amounts on your pattern.

Thank you

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