

Elaine's French Seam Pillowcase

Fits a standard pillow: 20" x 26" (51 x 66 cm)

Fabric provided with this kit:

Accent: 1 1/4" x 44"/45"
Main: 29" x 44"/45"
Trim: 12" x 44"/45"

Instructions are compliments of:



Trim all fabric pieces to the same width of fabric (approx. 40"/41").

This is done by cutting off the salvage edges, using the smallest width as your common width.

Fold the **accent fabric** in half (wrong sides together) to a new width of 5/8". Press with an iron.

Using a 1/4" seam allowance, join the **trim fabric**, the **accent fabric** and the **main fabric** with raw edges even along the common width edge.

Open the main, accent and trim fabrics; lay it flat with the wrong side up. Press the seam toward the **trim fabric** with an iron.

Machine stitch a basting line 1/2" in from the remaining common width edge of **trim fabric**.

Using this basting line as your guide, fold under and press the 1/2" seam with an iron (wrong sides together). Removing the basting thread is optional.

Fold the **trim fabric** up so the folded 1/2" seam covers the accent, main and trim fabric seam. (You are folding the trim fabric approximately in half and wrong sides are together.) Position the folded trim fabric seam just slightly higher than the accent, main and trim fabric seam. Pin in place from the right side of the pillowcase. Start pinning in the middle and pin to each end.

Still working on the right side of the pillowcase, stitch in the ditch along the seam, catching the allowed small amount of the trim fabric on the wrong side of the pillowcase.

Join the two remaining raw edges with French seams:

- ❖ Fold the pillowcase in half with the **wrong sides together**.
- ❖ Stitch along the open side and bottom edges using a 1/8" seam allowance.
(Tip: Be sure to backstitch at the beginning of the trim fabric.)
- ❖ Turn pillowcase **wrong side out/right sides together**.
- ❖ Finger-press seams to get them completely uncovered.
- ❖ Stitch the same seams again. This time with a 3/8" seam allowance. (Tip: Change to your zipper foot and sew with your needle to the right-hand side. This will help you sew neatly around the bulk of the accent fabric.)

Turn the pillowcase right side out and finger-press seams once again so it is completely uncovered. Press with an iron.

Enjoy!