

Project: Plush Fabric Pillowcase

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1 MILLION PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

Pattern 23



FABRICS are from the Toy Chest collection for Shannon Fabrics (shannonfabrics.com).

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Materials

For one pillowcase:

- $\frac{3}{8}$ yard print No. 1 (pillowcase band)
- $\frac{7}{8}$ yard print No. 2 (pillowcase body)

Finished pillowcase: 30×20" (fits a standard-size bed pillow)

Quantities are for 58/60"-wide, plush fabrics. **Measurements** include $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise specified.

Cut Fabrics

From print No. 1, cut:

- 1—10×41" strip

From print No. 2, cut:

- 1—26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×41" rectangle

Assemble Pillowcase

1. Join short ends of print No. 1—10×41" strip to make a loop. Finger-press seam open.
2. Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; finger-press to make pillowcase band.
3. Fold print No. 2—26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×41" rectangle in half crosswise to form a 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×20 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. Sew together long edges and one pair of short edges to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and finger-press flat.
4. Referring to **Diagram 1**, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body; align raw edges and pin. Sew together through all layers.
5. Finger-press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowances toward pillowcase body. Topstitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from band edge on pillowcase body to secure the seam allowances and complete pillowcase (**Diagram 2**).

Tips for working with plush fabric

- Plush fabric stretches on the crosswise grain but very little along the lengthwise grain (parallel to selvages).
- Plush fabric has a nap. Run your hand up and down each length of plush fabric to determine the direction of the nap. Join the band and pillowcase so the nap runs in the same direction on both pieces when pillowcase is complete.
- Plush fabric sheds when cut. Keep a lint roller handy, or take cut pieces outdoors and shake them well before sewing.
- Use an even-feed foot (also called a walking foot) to prevent plush fabric from slipping as you sew.
- Use a longer-than-normal stitch—3 to 3.5 millimeters—to keep seams from puckering.
- Finger-press seams only. Polyester plush fabric does not like the heat of an iron.
- Use low dryer heat when laundering plush fabric.

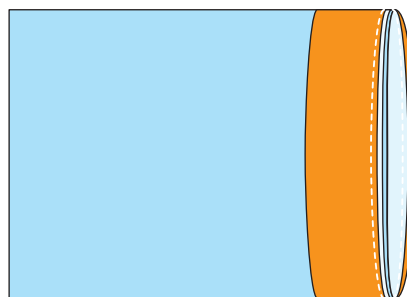


DIAGRAM 1

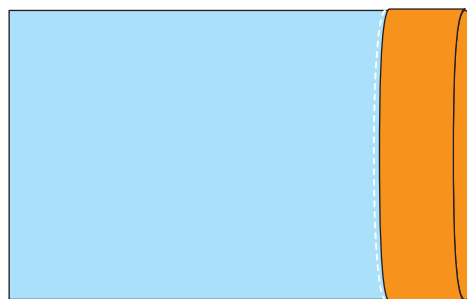


DIAGRAM 2