

Quick and Cuddly Pillowcase

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Irresistible plush fabrics invite us to touch, stroke and snuggle with them. This easy-going pillowcase is designed with a generous and cuddly plush band to drift off to sweet dreams with. It stitches together super-fast, made to a degree of finishing that you are happy with. For instance, the seam allowance can easily be between ¼" and ½" and you can choose to leave seams unfinished or finish them with an overcast stitch. The goal is happiness – making something simple and enjoyable for yourself or a loved one.

SKILL LEVEL: Beginner

MATERIALS NEEDED PER PILLOW:

Fabric yardage can be tricky depending on the direction of a print. A quick estimate is for two 22 x 25" pieces of fabric. These can be patched together from scraps or the same print can be used for each side. The feature fabric is the plush fabric used for the pillow band. It can also be pieced together to create the necessary length.

- Two prints, 0.7 meters (27.5") each
- 12" x 42" strip of plush fabric for the banded edge (Shannon Luxe Cuddle® Rose in colour Snow White used here)
- Sewing thread
- A "reference" pillowcase to measure



JANOME SUPPLIES REQUIRED:

- AcuFeed™ equipped sewing machine (6700P used here) or a machine with a walking foot

OPTIONAL: This project is serger friendly and can be completed with a serger



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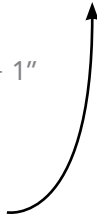
MEASUREMENTS:

1. Using a reference pillowcase that fits a current pillow, measure its length and width to calculate fabric size. (In our case, the reference pillow is 21" long by 30.5" wide, so our fabrics were cut 21.5"L x 24.5"W)

Pillowcase Length _____ + 1/2"
for seam allowance = fabric length

Pillowcase Width _____ - 6" (band) + 1"
for seam allowance = fabric width

NOTE: Typical pillowcase bands are 4".
This project has a 6" plush band



2. Cut fabrics to required size

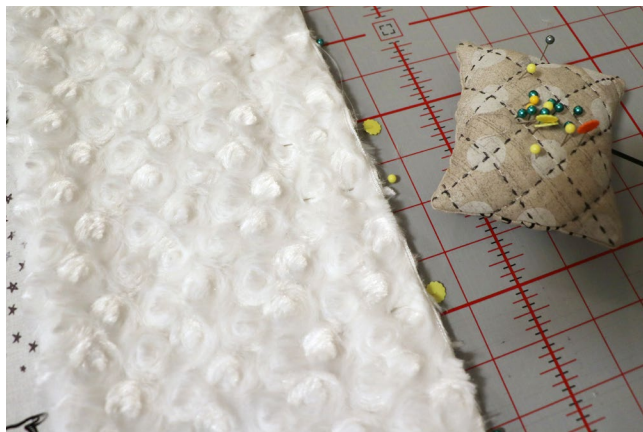


3. Pillow Body: Sew the front fabric to the back fabric, right sides together (RST), along one long side to make a pieced pillow body. A 1/4" seam allowance is sufficient for this step. Press seam to the darker of two fabrics.



First long side seam has been sewn.

4. Plush Band: Fold plush fabric lengthwise, wrong sides together (WST). Lay plush band on top of right-side-up pieced pillow body fabric, matching the raw edges. Pin the stack of raw edges the length of the fabrics with a generous amount of pins to keep the plush fabric in line while sewing.



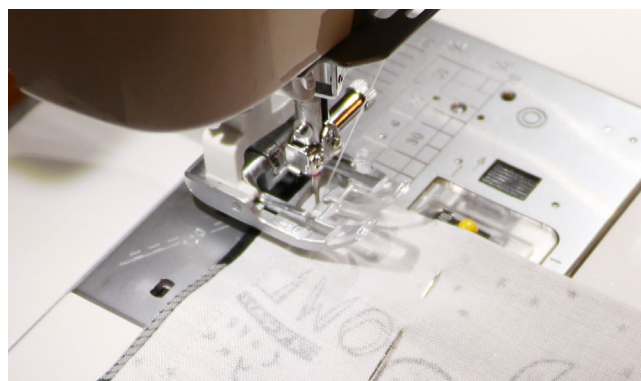
5. Join Pillowcase Body and Band: Be sure to use a walking foot or AcuFeed™ to stitch the layers together. Check frequently as you sew the seam. A 1/2" seam allowance is more forgiving for this step when slippery fabric can shift out of place.



6. Trim the short edges of the pillow band and the pillow body if necessary to square up.



7. Completing the pillow: Fold the joined fabrics in half, RST to create the second finished long side and the short side of the pillow. The plush bad short edges will now meet (use plenty of pins here). Of course the plush short edge remains open.



8. OPTIONAL: The seams can be finished with an overcast stitch if desired.
9. Trim both short edge corners to reduce bulk and turn case right side out. Press seams flat from the outside, taking care to use a cooler iron and press sheet with the plush fabric.

