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Materials**For one pillowcase:**

- $\frac{3}{8}$ yard pink tone-on-tone (band)
- $\frac{7}{8}$ yard turquoise print (pillowcase body)
- 11×42" strip lightweight fusible interfacing
- $1\frac{1}{4}$ yards pink pom-pom fringe
- $1\frac{1}{4}$ yards $\frac{5}{8}$ "-wide orange rickrack
- Decorative threads: green, turquoise
- Chalk marker

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

Quantities are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

Measurements include $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise specified.

Cut Fabrics**From pink tone-on-tone, cut:**

- 1—11×42" strip (you will trim to fit after the decorative stitches are added)

From turquoise print, cut:

- 1—26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×41" rectangle

Prepare Band

- 1.** Following manufacturer's instructions, press fusible interfacing onto wrong side of pink tone-on-tone 11×42" strip.
- 2.** With the chalk marker, draw short, parallel lines about 1" apart on pink tone-on-tone strip.
- 3.** Using decorative machine stitches, sew on chalk lines. If using two different thread colors, as was done on this pillowcase, sew every other line with one thread color, then stitch remaining lines with second thread color to make decorative band.

- 4.** Trim band to 10×41".

Assemble Pillowcase

- 1.** Lay band right side up on a flat surface. Place turquoise print 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×41" rectangle right side up on top of band; match long edges and pin.
- 2.** Roll the turquoise print rectangle toward pinned edges. Stop rolling when you reach the center of band (**Diagram 1**).
- 3.** Wrap band around rolled turquoise print rectangle to form a tube. Pin three edges together, making sure rolled portion does not get pinned (**Diagram 2**).
- 4.** Sew pinned edges together.
- 5.** Pull turquoise print fabric from tube (**Diagram 3**) to make pillowcase body. Press flat.

Add Embellishments

- 1.** Cut 41"-inch lengths of pink pom-pom fringe and orange rickrack.
- 2.** Place pom-pom fringe on pillowcase body just below to seam line; top with rickrack (**Diagram 4**).
- 3.** Sew down the center of rickrack.

Finish Pillowcase

- 1.** Fold pillowcase body in half, right side inside, to form a 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×30 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. Sew together long edges and one pair of short edges (**Diagram 5**). Turn right side out and press flat to complete pillowcase.
- 2.** If desired, make French seams or serge raw edges to finish the seams.

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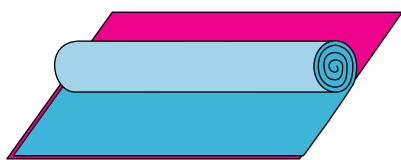


DIAGRAM 1

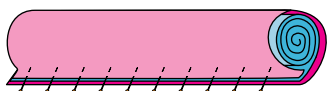


DIAGRAM 2



DIAGRAM 3

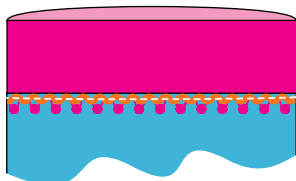


DIAGRAM 4



DIAGRAM 5