

Project: Pintuck Pillowcase



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Materials

For one pillowcase:

- ½ yard band print (pillowcase band)
- 7⁄8 yard body print (pillowcase body)
- Sewing machine needle: twin, 4.0/100
- Water-soluble marking pen
- Pintuck foot (optional)

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

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

Measurements include ½" seam allowances for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise specified.

Cut Fabrics

From band print, cut:

- 1—10×42" strip
- 1—6×41" strip

From body print, cut:

- 1—26×41" rectangle

Assemble Band

- 1.** Using water-soluble marker and a straightedge, draw parallel lines ½" apart along long edges of 10×42" band strip.
- 2.** Referring to your sewing machine manual, set up your machine for sewing double-needle pintucks. You will use a twin needle and two spools of matching thread in the needles. (It doesn't matter what color thread you use in the bobbin, as it will not be seen.) If desired, attach a pintuck foot made for your brand a model of machine. Stitch a pintuck row atop each marked line, holding the fabric taut in the front of and behind the needles as you sew. Experiment with tightening and

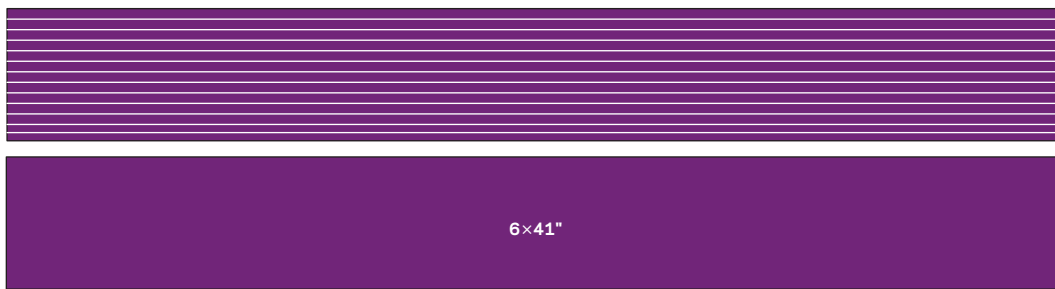
loosening the upper tension of the machine to get the look you want for your pintucks; tighten for more pronounced pintucks or loosen for flatter, wider pintucks.

- 3.** Trim pintucked band to 6×41" including seam allowances.
- 4.** Sew together pintucked and band print 6×41" strips along a pair of long edges (**Band Assembly Diagram**).
- 5.** Join short ends of Step 4 unit to make a loop. Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

Assemble Pillowcase

- 1.** Fold body print 26×41" rectangle in half crosswise to form a 26×20½" rectangle. Sew together long edges and one pair of short edges to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.
- 2.** Referring to **Diagram 1**, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body with pintucked side facing pillowcase body; align raw edges and pin. Sew together through all layers.
- 3.** Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowances toward pillowcase body. Topstitch on pillowcase body ⅛" from band seam to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase (**Diagram 2**).

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BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

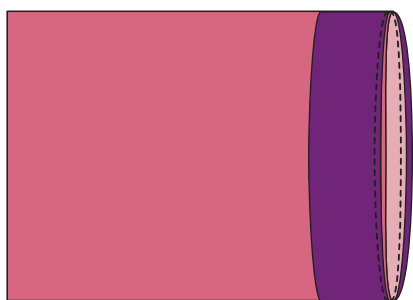


DIAGRAM 1

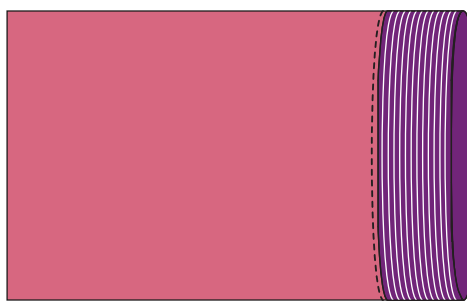


DIAGRAM 2