

# Pretty Pillowcases

Start by choosing your fabrics and trims. Cotton fabrics are nice for pillowcases because they're soft next to your skin. Woven lace, cotton ruffles and ball fringe make great trim!

You need **one yard of fabric per pillow case and approximately 42 inches of trim or lace**. Always wash your fabrics before sewing. Iron if needed.

Grab an existing pillowcase and lay it on top of your fabric, using it as a guide for the size. Allow about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " along the sides for the seams, but at the end of the pillow, allow an extra five inches so you can make a wide hem. Your fabric is folded in half and the folded edge means one less seam to sew.

After cutting your fabric to size, iron under about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch at the open edge of the pillow case.

Then fold over  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches worth of fabric for a wide hem and stitch close to the bottom edge making sure to catch the  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of fabric that's folded under.

Now pin your trim onto the finished edge of the pillow case and sew in place. Take your time and don't rush this. Nothing's worse than having to rip out a seam and start over.

Once the trim is sewn onto the finished end of the pillow case, fold the right sides of the fabric together. Pin in place and then sew along the long edge and the unfinished short edge of the pillow case.

Then simply turn the pillow case inside out and stuff your pillow inside!

