

**STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD GROUP PROJECT**  
**One Million Pillowcases**

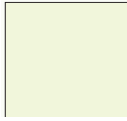
***The Magic Pillowcase***

This is a great way to make a pillowcase because all of the seams are enclosed. Remember, you can make a pillowcase for children or adults. Everyone likes having their very own special pillowcase.

Fabric required:



Main fabric (A):  $\frac{3}{4}$  yard (27" x the width of the fabric)



Cuff (B):  $\frac{1}{4}$  yard (9" x width of fabric)



Trim (C): 3" x width of fabric

Remember the formula:  $27 - 9 - 3$  (easy to remember because  $3 \times 9 = 27$ )

1. Place the main fabric (A) on your cutting table with the folded edge on the left. Now lay the cuff fabric (B) on top of the main fabric, again with the fold on the left. Lay the trim (C) on top of the cuff with the fold at the left. The folded edges should all be lined up evenly but the selvage edges may not line up.

2. Trim off the selvage edges so that all the layers are the same width. Trim just enough to make all the pieces the same width with no selvage on any of them.

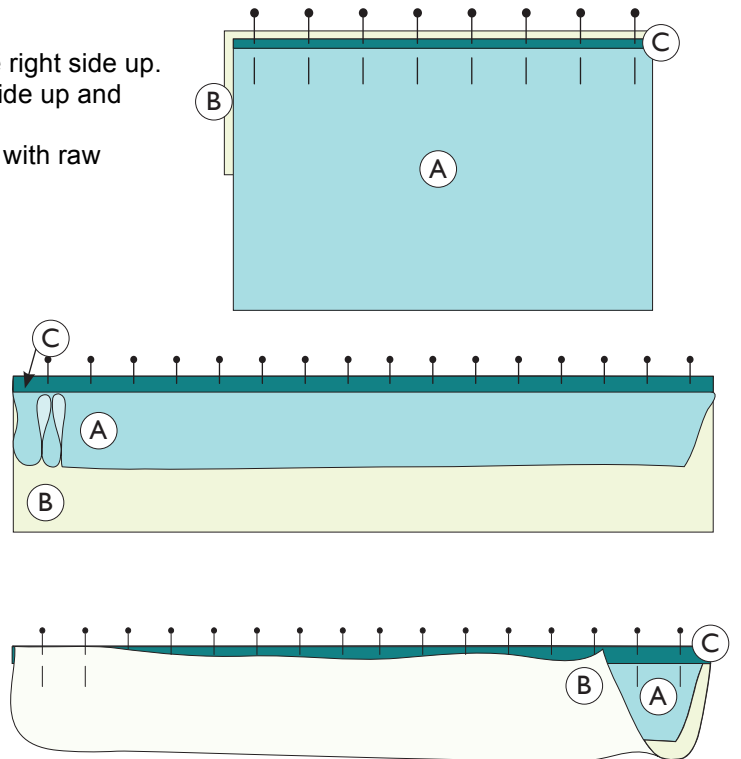
3. Fold the trim piece in half lengthwise and press.

4. Open the cuff fabric (B) and lay it out on your workspace right side up. Open the main fabric (A) and lay it on top of the cuff right side up and edges even.

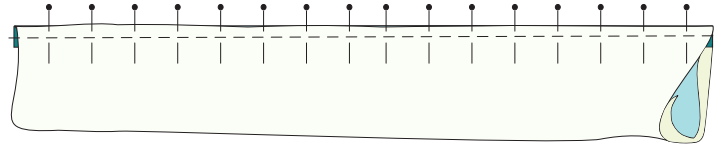
Place the folded trim piece (C) at the top of the main fabric with raw edges aligned.

5. Now roll up the main fabric, starting at the bottom edge. Keep rolling until the roll reaches almost to trim piece and the cuff (B) is exposed.

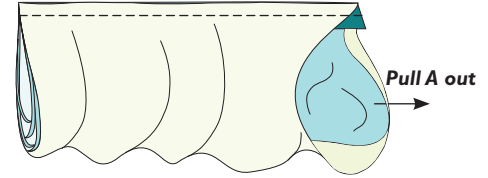
6. Keeping the top edges aligned, bring the lower edge of the cuff up over the roll of fabric. Pin all the edges together.



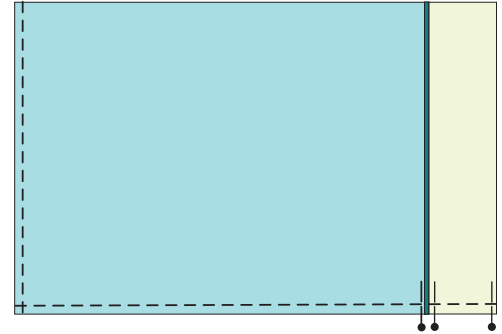
7. Sew a 1/4" seam all the way across. Backstitch at the beginning and end.



8. Here's the magic part of making the pillowcase. Reach inside the roll and pull out the main fabric. Keep pulling until it is all the way out. The seam is now on the inside and the cuff and trim are magically finished. Press the cuff and trim. The trim should press toward the pillowcase.



9. Follow the pillowcase **WRONG** sides together. Align and pin the cuff and trim. Now you're going to make a French seam so that all raw edges are enclosed.



10. Sew a 1/4" seam along the bottom and side edge of the pillowcase. Trim this seam to about 1/8" being sure not to trim too close to the stitching. (Hint: you can stitch a 1/8" seam if you feel you can do so accurately. I found it easier to sew a 1/4" seam and then trim it.)



11. Turn the pillowcase wrong side out and press the seam edges. Use a blunt-tipped object to push out the corners, but be careful to not push all the way through the seam.

12. Sew a 1/4" seam along the same sides as in step 12, enclosing the first seam.

13. Turn right side out and press. You've just made a Magic Pillowcase.

If you are a visual learner or need help with this pattern, check out this tutorial on YouTube for making the Magic Pillowcase:  
<http://youtu.be/C7yrDQ7G9so>.

