

HOT DOG PILLOW CASE

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

27" of 42"-45" wide fabric for the body of the pillowcase

1-1/2" strip of 42"-45" fabric for trim - Contrasting if print fabric is used (optional)

12" strip of 42"-45" fabric for cuff - Also looks neat as another color that might be in the print

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Press the 1-1/2" strip of trim fabric in half the long way, right side out, and set aside.
2. Place the cuff piece, right side up, on your table.
3. Place the folded trim strip on top of the cuff piece, aligning long raw edges at the top. Fabrics will probably not be the same width; just line everything up on the right end. You can baste now, inside the seam line, if you like.
4. Place the main fabric on top of the other two, right side down, aligning the cut edges across the top and selvages along the right edges.
5. Roll up the body piece, starting at the bottom. Roll almost to the top edge.
6. Bring the bottom of the cuff up over the body and line the edge up along the top.
7. Pin through all the layers along the top edge.
8. Sew a 1/4" seam all along the pinned, top edges.
9. Reach into the tube you have created and pull the case out. Do a little happy dance if you got it right. Maybe have a chocolate.
10. Press the pillowcase carefully from both sides along the seam and make sure you don't have extra fabric folded in. Fold the pillowcase in half, right side out with cuff at the bottom and the fold on the left. Cut off the selvages and excess fabric to square it up. This only works for right-handed cutter. Without moving anything, you can now pin the long side and bottom.
11. Stitch a 1/8" seam along the cut side and bottom edges. Start at the cuff end to make sure it's even. Turn the case inside out and press the sewn sides now.
12. Stitch a 1/4" seam over the 1/8" seam that you just sewed. This makes a French seam and hides the raw edges.
13. Turn the case right side out and press.
14. Wash the pillowcase thoroughly (to sanitize for hospital use).
15. Place each pillowcase in an individual quart-sized ziplock bag.
16. Contact your local coordinator to find a drop-off location.