



Envelope Pillow Slip Cover

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Level: Beginner

Finished Size: 18" X 18" (can be customized)

Please read through the ENTIRE pattern before you start cutting!

Requirements:

Fabric of your choosing – pattern is written for an 18" x 18" pillow form which needs ½ yard of fabric
Thread to match

YouTube Tutorial Available!

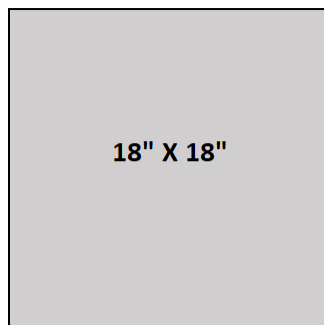
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Instructions:

- 1) You need to measure your pillow form to calculate the amount of fabric you need. Amanda makes a standard 18" square pillow for the shop displays so that's what this pattern is based on. You can make rectangular or oversized pillow slip covers as well, the math is all the same:

The width of your fabric should equal the width of your pillow form (18" in this case) and the length should equal the Length of your pillow form X 2 plus 5". See examples below:

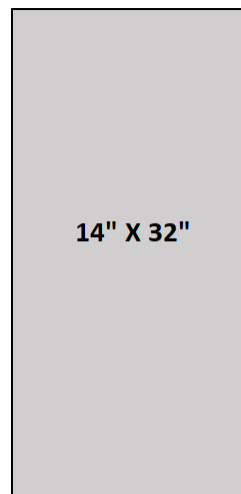


Width = 18"

Length needed 41":

Length of 18" * 2 = 36"

36" + 5" = 41"



Width = 18"

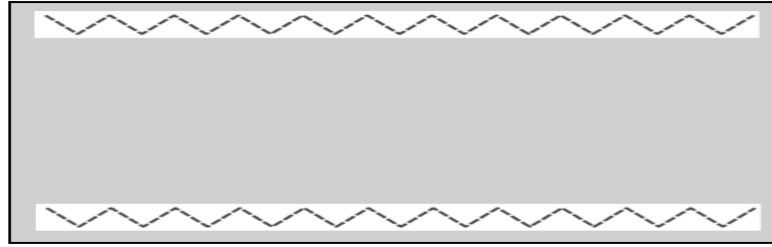
Length needed 69":

Length of 32" * 2 = 64"

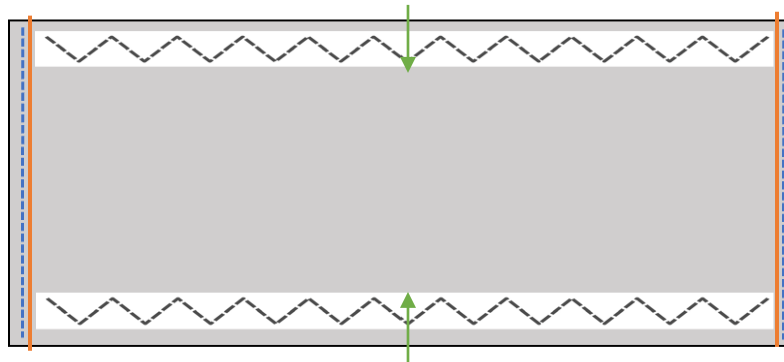
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So for an 18" x 18" pillow form, cut a piece of fabric that is 18" x 41" long. For longer pieces, you will need to piece fabric accordingly or use wide backing.

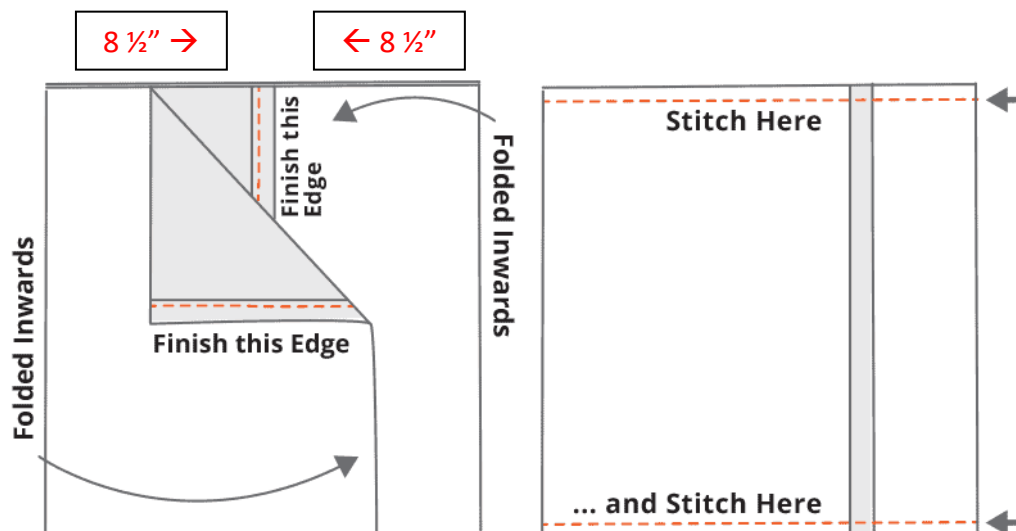
- 2) Because the edges are going to be left raw, sew a zig zag stitch along each of the long edges to prevent fraying.



- 3) **At each of the short edges**, fold the fabric over 1" and press with a hot iron to create a pressed line. Open up the folded edge, and fold the raw edge down to that pressed line, which will be 1/2" wide, and fold over again to create a closed 1/2" hemline. Pin as needed and stitch the length of the hem.
- 4) Lay your hemmed piece of fabric out on your table, Right Side of Fabric facing UP. Mark the middle of the fabric at the top and bottom with a pin.



- 5) Fold the left end of the fabric over the pinned center, calculating how much you want to have from the fold to the pin by using the following formula: Length of Pillow form (18") divided by 2, less 1/2 inch. 8 1/2" for an 18" x 18" pillow form. Repeat on the right side. The hemmed ends will overlap in the middle, which is creating the envelope opening of the pillow cover. Pin the two sides, top and bottom, removing the center marking pins you originally placed, and stitch each side closed using 1/2" seam allowance.



- 6) Turn slip cover right side out, pushing out the corners. Insert pillow form through the envelope opening and Voila! New pillow!