



## Pillowcase Drawstring Bag Pattern

This pattern is based off a standard size pillowcase and assumes use of quilting weight cotton that is 44/45" wide. Seam allowances are 1/4". We are using the "Burrito" method and French Seams. The drawstring may be twill tape, ribbon, etc., or made with cotton fabric, as directed below. You will need 4 coordinating fabrics for the pillowcase, including the drawstring.

**WST:** Wrong Sides Together

**RST:** Right Sides Together

**Body:** 27" x WOF

**Cuff:** 10" x WOF

**Casing:** 4" x WOF

**Drawstring:** Two @ 1" x WOF

- 1) Fold all pieces in half, neatly, selvedge to selvedge (as it comes off the bolt), lay the shorter pieces on top of the body, aligning the folded edges.
- 2) Align the folded edges with a line on your cutting mat, then cut the selvedge edges off all pieces at once, 21" from the fold. This makes each piece 42" wide.
- 3) **Prepare Casing:** Take your casing piece and cut it in half so that you have 2 pieces each 4 x 21". Hem each of the 4 short ends of casing pieces by folding in 1/4" then another 1/2" and stitching. Press each casing in half to 2 x 19.5".
- 4) Unfold the **Cuff** and place it **Right Side UP**. Unfold and place the **Body also Right Side UP** on top of the Cuff, aligning raw edges.
- 5) Place one Casing piece 1/4" from the center fold line of the Body, extending toward the outer edge, with raw edges aligned. It will be 1.25" from the outer edge.
- 6) Repeat with the other casing piece, toward the other edge of the body. There should be 1/2" of space between each casing. Place a few pins to hold in place.
- 7) **BURRITO:** Beginning on the opposite raw edge of the Body, roll it up toward the pinned edge, stopping about 2" from the edge.
- 8) Fold the bottom of the Cuff up to meet the other raw edges. Pin, pin, pin. *Be careful not to catch the rolled Body in the pins.*
- 9) Sew along the pinned edge. Pull the Body out of the tube and press.
- 10) Top Stitch the loose edge of the Casing down to the body 1/8" from the edge. Backstitch ends.
- 11) **FRENCH SEAMS:** Fold pillowcase in half **WST** and stitch from the Cuff edge, down the side and across the bottom.
- 12) Trim SA to 1/8". Fold pillowcase **RST**, PRESS, then stitch from the Cuff, down the side and across bottom, encasing the 1/8" seam inside.
- 13) **DRAWSTRINGS:** Fold short ends in 1/4" and press. Then fold each piece in half lengthwise, **WST** and press a crease. Open again, then fold each raw edge into the pressed center line.
- 14) Fold back in half. Place a few pins or clips to hold, then stitch down the length of the drawstring about 1/8" from the folded edges. They will finish about 1/4" wide.
- 15) Using a Bodkin or safety pin, take one drawstring and feed one end through one casing, then the other, around the pillowcase. Match ends of drawstring and tie in a knot.
- 16) Repeat with other drawstring but start on opposite side of the pillowcase.