

## Custom Pillowcase

### Instructions

#### CALCULATE THE FABRIC

1. To get the fabric dimensions, measure your pillow and add 1" to the width and 1" to the length for a seam allowance.
2. Add 10" to the length for the decorative flap.
3. Cut two pieces of fabric to these dimensions.

#### PREPARE THE OPENING

1. Using tailor's chalk, mark a line 1" from the edge. Then mark another line 6" from the edge. Repeat for the second piece of fabric.
2. Fold at the 6" mark toward the wrong side of the fabric and press. Then tuck under at the 1" mark and press. Repeat for the second piece of fabric.

#### SEW THE PILLOWCASE

1. Unfold your fabric pieces.
2. With right sides facing each other and all corners and fold lines matched up, pin the pillowcase pieces together along the three unfinished edges.
3. Stitch around the three edges with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.
4. Finish the seam allowances with a zigzag or overlock stitch.
5. Turn both pressed folds toward the wrong side of the fabric, making sure to line up the side seams, and pin. Stitch  $\frac{1}{8}$ " away from the folded edge.
6. Turn the pillowcase to the right side. Fold the finished edge down 4" toward the right side of the pillow and press.
7. Tack the side seams by stitching back and forth along the side seam line.