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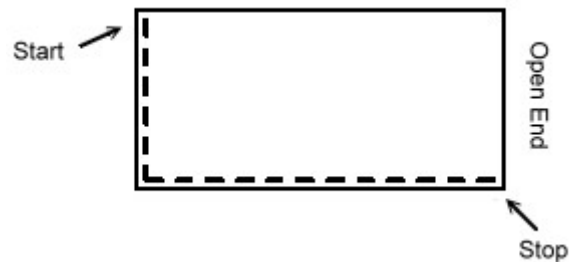
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Make Your Own Pillowcases!

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Making your own pillowcases can be a nice penny-saver project and add a sweet and feminine touch to your bedroom. The creative options are numerous!...Use a light and cheery calico floral fabric in spring and summer, cozy warm flannels for fall and winter, there are many fabric options! Make sets of pillowcases or singles. Plain white is always an option, and you could also add a touch of hand embroidery or crochet or tatted trim. Your very own unique pillowcases will add a special, loving touch and are also a great gift idea. With supervision, older children might enjoy this project as well sharing time with you selecting a fabric of their choice and making their own pillowcase for a beginning sewing project.

1. Pre-wash the fabric to prevent shrinkage later. Cut a 35" x 40" panel of fabric make sure all cut edges are neat and straight. You may desire to serge, zigzag, or use pinking shears around all the raw cut edges.
2. Fold the fabric in half with right sides together (the "right side" is the printed side of the material). (The folded edge should be 35" long.) With a 1/2" seam allowance, Sew down one end of your fabric, pivot at the corner, and sew down the edge opposite the folded edge. Backstitch at the beginning and end of your seam to secure.



3. At the open end of your pillow fold over the edge 1/2" and press. (The "right side" or printed side of the fabric should be showing at the edge now.) Fold the open end over again, this time 4 inches and press again. Stitch all around this end to hem the edge, (of course don't sew the opening shut! Just hem the edge.) This is how it should look now:



Now turn your pillowcase right side out,
press all around one more time, and you're done!

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