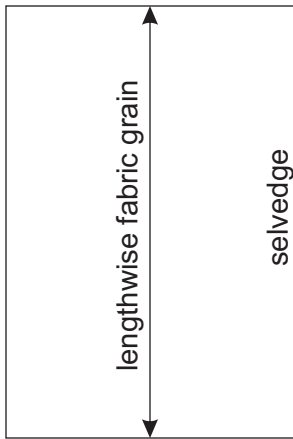


# Simple Pillow Cases

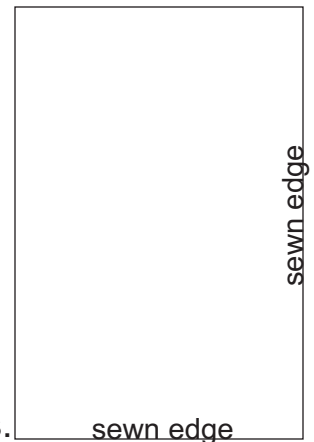
You will notice that many times a finished quilt is a square, not a rectangle. This is a perfect time to make matching pillow cases!



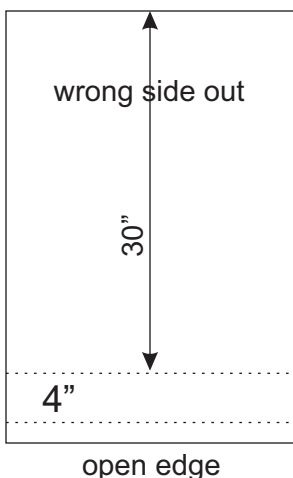
You need 1 yard of good quality fabric. This isn't the time to buy a loosely woven, bargain basement fabric - it just won't hold up to repeated washing. Plus, you'll have to iron it a lot. A pillow case should be able to be washed and dried - and if you take it out of the dryer immediately (a cool-down cycle helps), you shouldn't have to iron it.

I like to use a striped fabric that is compatible with the quilt fabric, but it's up to you.

1. Pre-wash your pillowcase fabric. **Do not wash it to death!** Just wash and dry it like you would your regular laundry.
2. Iron out any wrinkles, and cut the selvedge strips off.
3. Fold the fabric in half, lengthwise, **wrong sides together** . Press carefully.
4. Sew a quarter in seam along the cut edge side, and the bottom. Trim the seam so that is less than  $\frac{1}{4}$ " , and press the seam open. You will be sewing a double seam, and this is the first step.
5. Turn the pillowcase inside out. Press once more along the seams.
6. Sew a quarter inch seam along the previously seamed edges. You want to be sure that the cut edges from the previously sewn seams are tucked within this seam.

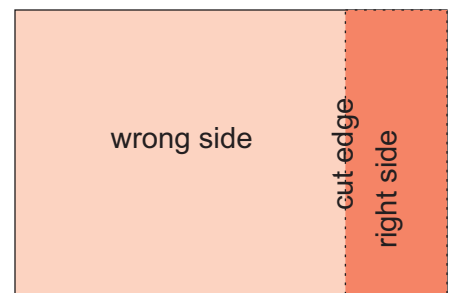


**Note:** this double seam will add longevity to your case: a single seam will fray inside the case with use.



7. With the wrong side out, measure 30" from the bottom of the case. Fold along this line (the right side will fold over the wrong side) and press.

8. Measure 4" up from the folded edge, and fold the excess fabric under. The cut edge will now be tucked inside the hem. Pin.



9. Turn the pillow case right side out, and stitch the hem line.

## Enjoy your beautiful Pillow Case