DIY Linen Duvet Cover

Description

We receive bunches of emails all the time asking us how to sew duvet covers. The main problem seems to be trying to figure out a way to make a cover with linen that is 59 inches wide. Today, we are going to solve this problem! Making a duvet cover may appear like a daunting task at first, but you will soon see how easy it really is! Trust me, there are no fancy sewing tricks to making one of these and it won't take you weeks (or even days) to finish.

The first step is to select the type of linen you want to use for your duvet cover. I'd go with IL019 linen. It's a good medium-weight that will last you forever. It gets softer with every wash, and that's really all I care about with my sheets. I need something soft that I will love sleeping in!

The measurements for all the different bed sizes are included in the pattern below. Remember- you must wash your linen before you start sewing. Wash in cold water and throw it in the dryer. I add fabric softener to make the linen feel extra nice. The softener is also a great way to eliminate lint on your linen. It won't take very long but it is a crucial step. The fabric will shrink after you launder it, so you should purchase 10% more than you need. Nothing is more frustrating than starting a project, only to realize you don't have enough fabric. I've been there….it's no fun. Have enough linen

beforehand and save yourself the trouble! **You will need 12 yards of linen for a queen/king bed and 9 for a full-sized bed.**

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Here is a helpful pattern if you are planning to make a duvet cover. The measurements for different bed sizes are included, so you can just follow the same basic pattern depending on what size duvet you want to make. The vertical lines that go down both sides indicates the seams that hold the separate pieces of linen together. This creates a classic line that runs down both sides of your duvet, while solving that "but my linen isn't big enough!" problem. Those seams will answer all your duvet-making woes! I'll show you how those seams look in the next few images.

After you have measured and cut your linen so that you have enough for the duvet size you want, you can sew the pieces together. Keep in mind that you will essentially have three pieces of linen for the front and three pieces for the back. Begin by sewing the first three together with two straight seams. This will leave you with a larger piece of linen that will form one side of your duvet.

Repeat this same simple procedure to complete the other side of your duvet. These two large pieces should not be connected just yet. That step is coming up!

This is what the seams look like from the other side. When you sew the front and back pieces of the duvet together, these seams should all face inwards.

I have an outerlock machine, so I finished the seams with that. It isn't necessary to use the outerlock machine though if you do not own one. Everything will still come together to form a beautiful duvet cover.

Fold the bottom (shorter) edge of each of your pieces 1.5 inches inwards to prep for the one inch hem.

The fold should appear like this from the other side. We will not need to sew the hem just yet though. You will want to leave it like this until you are ready to insert a zipper, sew buttons, etc. Pick whatever type of closure you feel most comfortable with. I will show you one of my favorites in just a few steps.

It is finally time to attach the two pieces of linen from the bottom. Just create

a 2-3 inch seam at the outermost edges so the two pieces of linen are attached by the corners. This allows you room to attach a zipper or whatever type of closure you choose. I will show you a simple tie-closure that I picked out for my duvet cover in the next few steps.

The ties will be placed about 6 inches apart along both sides of the duvet bottom. Once sewn, they a beautiful way to close your duvet. I actually prefer the look of the ties to hidden zipper. Each tie is 2 inches wide and needs to be at least 6 inches long. Cut as many as you need for your duvet size then fold them in half lengthwise.

The top piece of linen shows you how to fold the edges into the middle crease you made with your first fold. Then you only need to make a seam along the edge to have your finished tie. The bottom piece of linen is what the tie looks like when it is all sewn. Repeat these steps for all the ties.

Insert each tie into the bottom fold of your duvet and sew along the hem to

attach them. Start about 3 inches away from the bottom corner.

The picture above gives you a better idea of how the tie is attached while you sew the hem along the bottom.

Attach each tie while you sew the hem and place them about 6 inches apart.

This is what the attached ties look like from the outside. Do this to both sides of the duvet bottom so you can tie them together.

A nice little trick is to attach ties to the inside corners of the duvet cover to hold the duvet in place. Make a tie just like you did for the bottom closures but this time 12 inches in length. Fold it in half and sew it to the inside corner of your duvet cover. This step hardly takes any extra time but is really nice when you want your duvet to stay in place.

The last steps are super easy. Just seam up both edges and hem the top! The most satisfying part is the last step when you get to flip everything right-side out, push out those corners and gaze at that duvet cover you just made. It seemed like a feat but you did it!

If you'd like to sew a linen duvet cover like the one in this tutorial, then follow the link below to purchase middle weight, 100% linen IL019:

Shop for 100% linen IL019 here >

**Sewing a duvet cover wasn't as hard as you thought, was it? How did you like our duvet cover instructions? I hope it answered all your questions concerning amounts of linen and measurements! If you have any more questions or suggestions, feel free to let us know! Comments are always welcomed here and on our Facebook page.*

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