

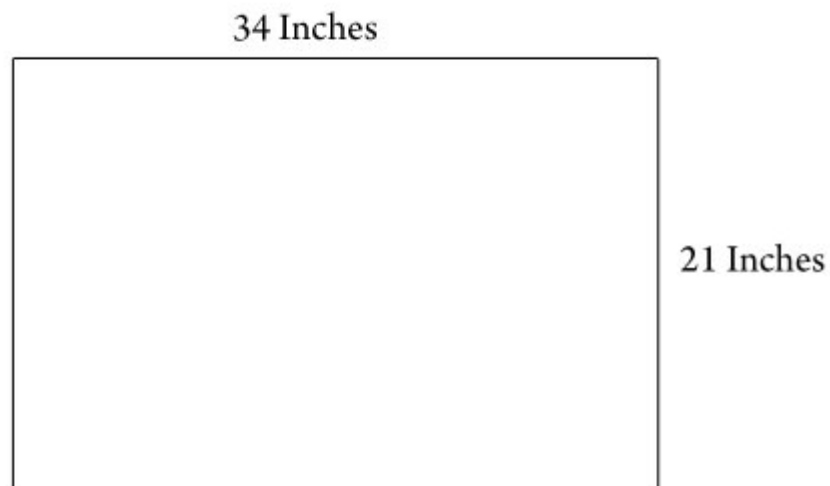


Linen Pillowcase Tutorial

Description

Our last blog post showed you how to easily sew your own' [duvet cover](#). ' Today, we are going one step further to complete your linen bedding with a simple pillowcase. This pillowcase can be made to match the rest of your bedding. ' I chose to make mine out of IL019 in' [Natural](#)' softened linen. ' The same basic method of sewing this pillowcase can be applied to any pillow shape you have.

Once you get the hang of sewing those buttonholes, you will have no trouble with buttons in the future. ' This is a great craft to practice sewing buttonholes. ' They aren't as easy as they look!



This is the pattern I used for my standard size pillow case. ‘ The final product will end up being 20×26 inches. ‘ If you want to make a king size pillow, measure 44×21 inches for your pattern. You can either cut two pieces from your linen, one for the front and for the back, or fold the linen before you cut it. ‘ If you fold it, then you only need to make one seam along the side to create your pillow. ‘ I prefer the folding method!

Materials:

- Linen. One yard should be all you need.
- Sewing machine
- Buttons
- Pillow
- Scissors
- Thread



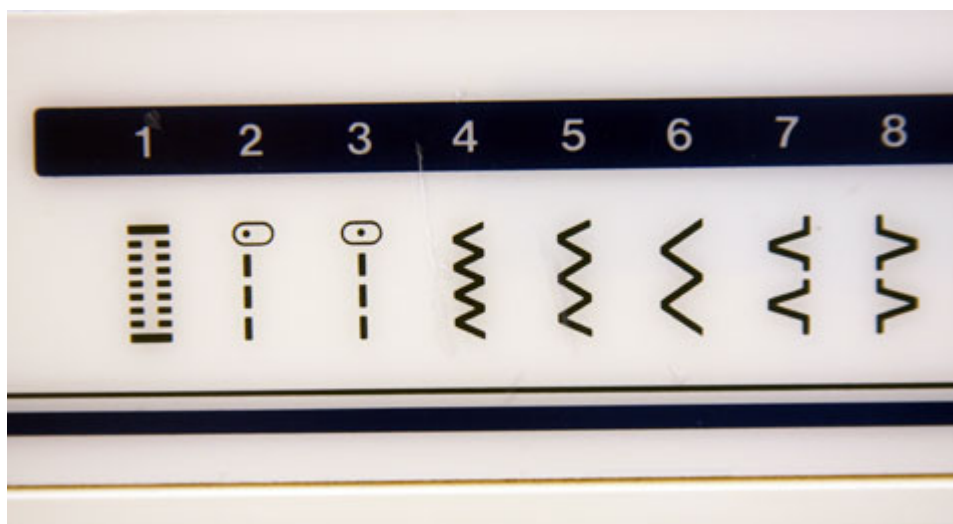
The first step is to cut your linen. ‘ This is really easy because we are only dealing with a rectangular shape here. ‘ Then sew the long side of your pillowcase with a 1/2 inch seam. ‘ I used the outerlock machine for this step (this is optional). ‘ If you cut two pieces of linen for your pillowcase, then you will need to make a seam along both long edges.



Then make a seam along one of the shorter ends of your pillowcase.



For the open end of your pillowcase, create a 3.5 inch hem that goes around the entire opening.



Now it is time for the button holes. ‘ If this is your first time sewing buttonholes, then I would suggest practicing on some extra fabric before you begin. ‘ Set your sewing machine to the correct buttonhole setting. ‘ I took a

picture of my sewing machine's settings to show which one this is. ' In the image above, the proper setting is #1. ' That little symbol is what you should have your machine set to.

If this is your first time using this setting and making a buttonhole- I really suggest practicing on a different piece of fabric first. ' It took me awhile to get used to sewing buttonholes just right, and I know that removing those stitches is no fun at all!



Create two parallel lines with your sewing machine and then two short seams on the top and bottom. ' This rectangular shape should be as long as your buttons so they fit through easily. ' Repeat this step for the amount of buttons you wish to sew along the opening. ' You should measure the distance between the buttons before you begin sewing. ' We want everything to be evenly spaced and professional looking for the final product!



Create a little slit in the middle of your buttonholes with a pair of scissors.
' That's all it takes to finish these holes!



Measure where you need to place your buttons and sew them onto the other side of your pillowcase. ‘ Slip them through the holes to make sure they fit through alright.



Put a pillow into your beautiful new linen case and slip all the buttons through. ‘ You are all done! ‘ You can refer back to our’ [duvet cover tutorial](#) ‘ to create a matching linen bedding set! For all the linen you need check out our’ [IL019](#) color selection. ‘ This medium weight linen is perfect for this project!

**If you liked this latest blog post on sewing your own pillowcase, or have your own pillowcase suggestions, leave us a comment. ‘ We can all learn from each other! ‘*

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