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A Great Idea for Bedding: Ribbon Meets Linen!

Description

Ribbon meets linen in today's post that shows you a clever way to add a beautiful detail to your bedding. I already showed you how easy making a linen duvet cover is, and now you can make that bedding even more special. Grab some ribbon and get crafty!

Whether you feel like adding one or two rows of ribbon along the edge of your duvet cover and pillows, this border will boost your bedding to another level!

Before we begin, I should mention again why linen makes an excellent choice for your bedding. You know by now that linen is actually soft against the skin (forget all those burlap bag comparisons!) and that it just gets more luxuriously soft with each wash. Linen is the best thing to wrap around you while you sleep! Need more reasons? I've got you covered!

Here is just a few more reasons I choose linen for my bed:

- Linen suppresses live pathogenic bacteria, micro flora, and fungi and is allergy free.
- Stimulates blood flow and promotes relaxation.
- It is a breathable fabric that keeps you warm in the winter and cool in the

summer. No more waking up in sweaty damp polyester/cotton sheets.

- Has an excellent ability to absorb superfluous moisture.
- Stronger than cotton.
- Long lasting and grows more comfortable with every use.
- Linen is environmentally friendly. It is a renewable resource and biodegradable.



The white linen with a border of black grosgrain ribbon looks beautiful, but there are so many colors to choose from!

Get creative and mix up colors.

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Grosgrain ribbon can be found just about anywhere. Your local fabric store is a great place to look.



The clean border is a classic touch and makes your bed linen look so beautiful! The grosgrain ribbon trails along the length of both sides of the duvet. Why not make something gorgeous and handsewn to show the care you give your bed linen? This delicate feature adds elegance to decadently soft linen and will transform your ordinary bedding.



To show you just how easy it is, I decided to do a single ribbon border along the edge of a small pillowcase.



All you need is some linen and ribbon to get started. I chose to demonstrate this technique with IL020 linen in Cerulean.

You can find Cerulean here>>

IL020 is a lightweight linen is good for decorative pillows like this, but I would stick with IL019 for bedding. IL019 is a medium weight linen that is ideal for bedding. If you want to use IL020 for bedding, that is fine, but just keep in mind that it is a little more delicate (think handkerchiefs). I naturally chose a white ribbon to go with this blue shade of linen!



I measured my linen to extend over my pillow 3 inches; this allows extra material to create a border with. I cut two identical pieces like this.



I sewed the outermost edges first and then made a seam with the edge of my pillow will meet. Remember to leave a small opening for both seams to insert your pillow through later.



Sew the ribbon onto the inner stitch by making two seams along the edges of the ribbon. If you like, you can make a border with two rows of linen (like the the black and white bedding). Fold the ribbon at each corner so you can continue sewing.



Sew the ribbon all the way around, but stop at the opening you left for the pillow. The image above shows you how the right side of the case is still unfinished.



Once you place the pillow inside, you can finish all the seams by hand.



I love how the ribbon adds a classic border that is super easy to do. This is so simple to add to a duvet cover! All you need is some ribbon and you can

make a straight stitch to keep it in place. It is just the thing to add something extra to your linen bedding.



Here's another idea....why not add some lace? This same technique for adding a ribbon border to linen bedding, can be applied with lace. Lace trim is a beautiful touch that looks like it took forever to do, but in reality takes just a few minutes to add!

I hope you all found these tips to be useful. Linen is a great canvas for creative ideas. Even the addition of ribbon can make your bedding look like it belongs in a home decor magazine!

All the linen you need for your sewing projects is available here>>

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