

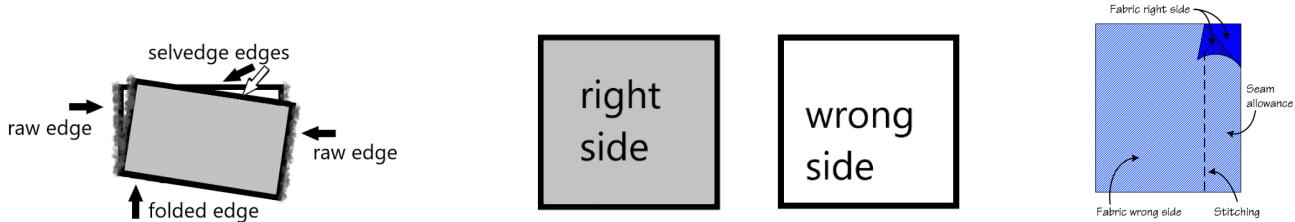
Beginning Sewing- Pillowcase (Provided by Deleice Ward at Payette Public Library)

Supplies needed:

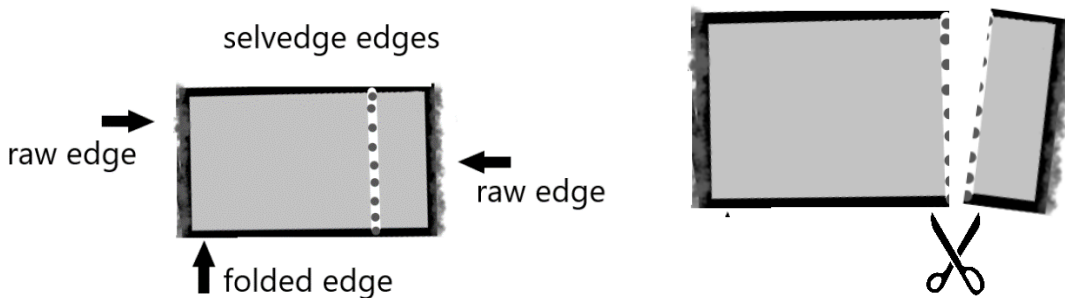
- 1 yard woven fabric
- strip of contrast fabric 7-9 inches by 44"-45" selvedge to selvedge
- Thread

Fabric should be pre-washed if possible.

1) Fold the yard in half matching selvedge edge to selvedge edge.



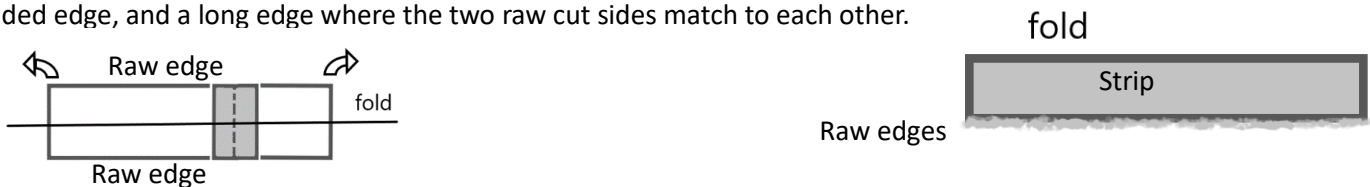
2) Measure 9 inches from one of the raw edges and mark. Cut along mark. This strip can be saved for another time. (This is the size you need for the strip that follows, so if you are making several pillowcases, you can use this piece for another pillowcase.)



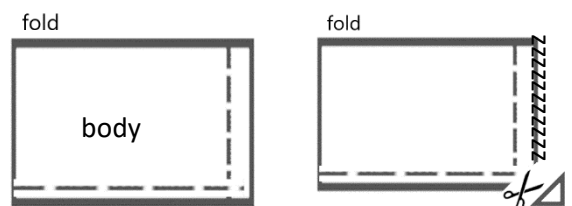
3) Fold contrast strip so that short edges match and right sides are together. Sew a 5/8 inch seam across the short edge.



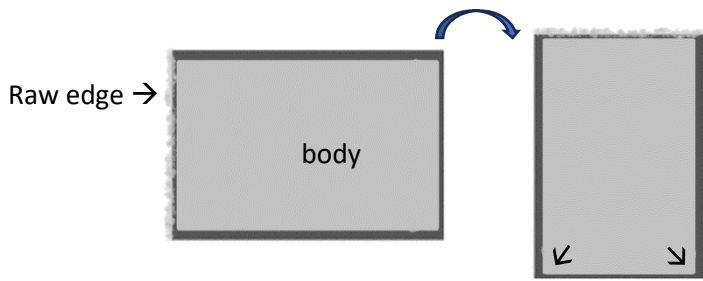
4) Open the seam allowance and press it flat with your fingers. Fold strip in half lengthwise so that the right side (inside) is now on the outside. Raw edges should meet. You will have a 'tube' of fabric with the seam allowance inside, a long folded edge, and a long edge where the two raw cut sides match to each other.



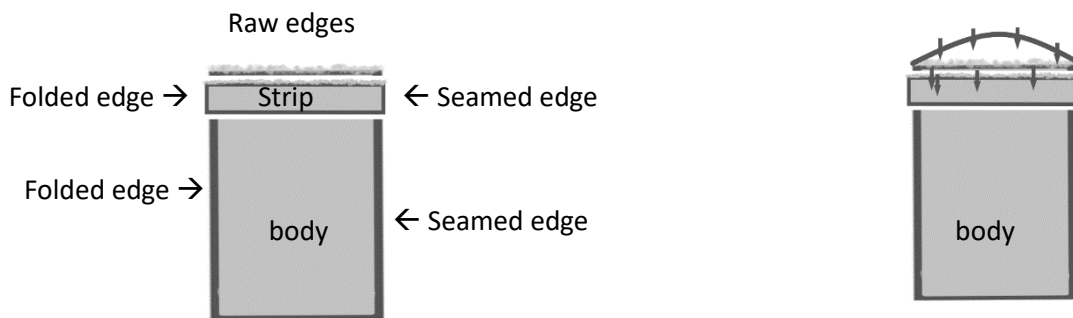
5) Fold the big piece of fabric so that the right side is inside and the selvedge edges meet. Stitch along the selvedge edge and along one short side of the rectangle. This is the 'body' of the pillowcase. Trim off the corner where the seams cross about 1/8 inch from stitches. Do not cut the stitching! Zigzag along raw end seams to finish edges so they do not fray.



6) Turn the pillowcase right side out and push corners from the inside until they are fully turned out.



7) Turn folded strip so the raw edges are up. Have the seam on one side of the short folded edge. Take the case body and slide it inside from the long folded side of the strip with the seam sides matching. Pull until the raw edges all match from the body and the strip. Pin strip to body.



8) Place on sewing machine and stitch together. Zigzag raw edge to finish. Trim threads close to seams. Press seam open and unfold so **that** all raw edges are inside pillowcase. Done!

