



sewing project of the month

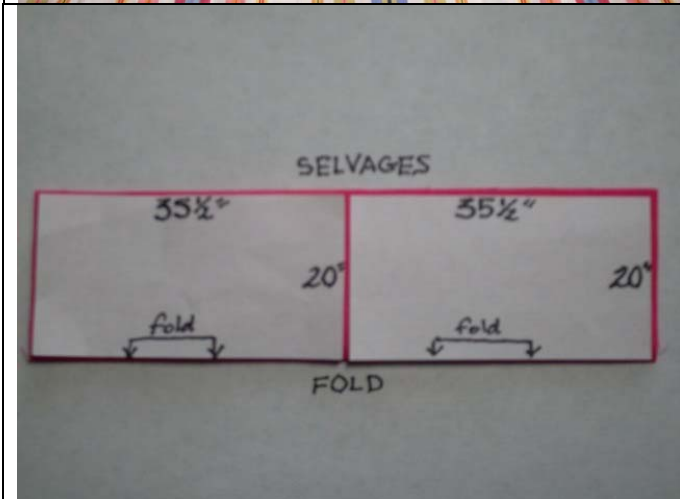
embroidered pillowcase



What you need:

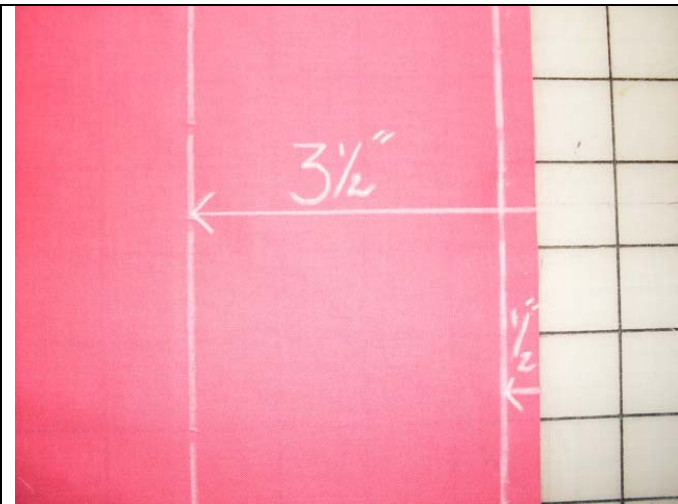
- 2 1/8 yards fabric for 2 standard sized pillow cases
- Thread to match fabric
- Chalk marker
- 1 or more colored threads for embroidery
- 2 yards of 22" wide Interfacing for pattern pieces
- Pins
- Sewing machine
- Scissors (or cutting mat and rotary cutter)

*Remember to always read directions a few times so that all steps are very clear. This makes sewing so much faster and easier! ☺



Pattern piece: Cut two 35 1/2" x 20" rectangles out of your interfacing. Mark pattern pieces as shown.

Pattern placement: Fold fabric in half lengthwise matching selvages. Place your pattern pieces on fabric as shown, placing the fold of the pattern piece on the fold of the fabric. Pin your pattern pieces down and cut out. (Don't cut the folds ☺)

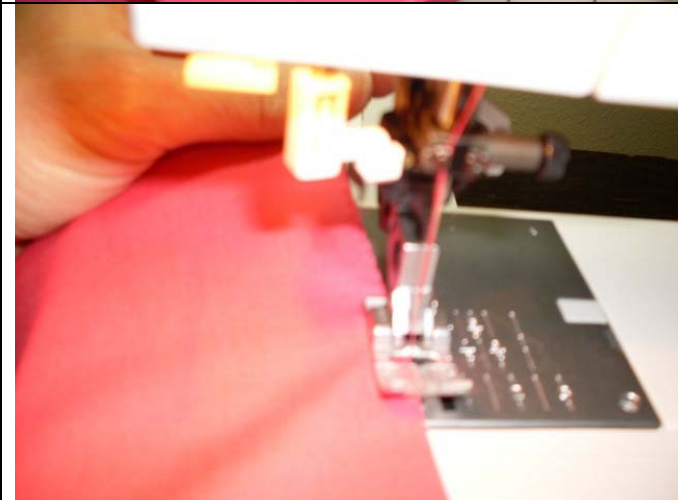


Open up your fabric, each piece will measure
35 1/2" x 40" when opened.

Marking folds for opened end of cases:
On the **right side** of the fabric pieces
along **one** of two 40" edges draw a line
with chalk 1/2" in from the outer edge
then once again 3 1/2" in from outer
edge. These two lines are fold lines
used to create the opening of the pillow
case.



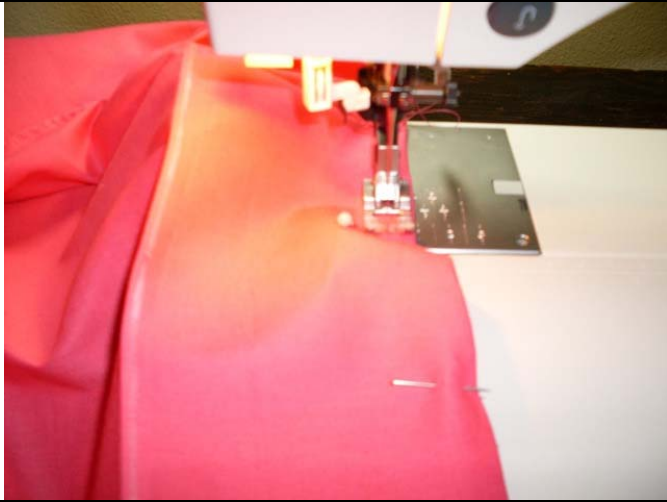
Along the 1/2" line, fold the fabric
wrong sides together and iron in a
crease. Do this again at the 3 1/2" line.



Zig-zag all the way around each of the
fabric pieces.



Fold the fabric in half right sides
together. Pin across one end and up
the side, sew the end and side with a
1/2" seam allowance; leaving the end
with the creases open.



Steps for folding the opened end of pillow case:

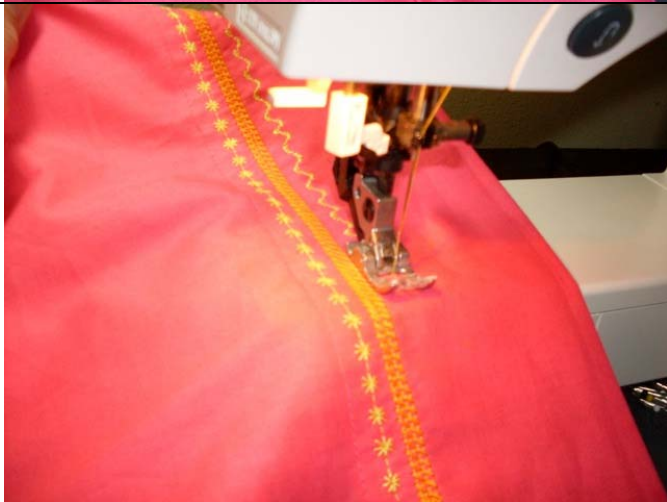
1-Fold over at the ½" crease, pin, and stitch 3/8" in from edge.



Fold over at the 3 ½" crease, and pin the edge down. Sew close to the edge.

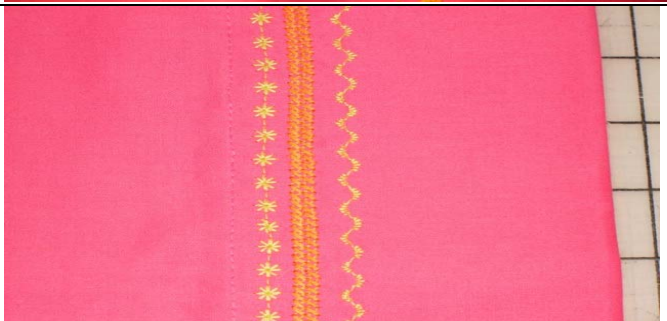
Turn the case right side out, and iron.

You are done making the pillow cases.



Choose the embroidery stitches and colors of thread that you would like to use and stitch away!

Here you can see that I used three different embroidery stitches, each placed close together. I've used yellow thread in the outer lines of embroidery and orange in the middle.



These are the stitches that I elected to use. You can be as creative as you like!

Now you're done – hope you had fun!