

Free Pillowcase Cushion Cover Pattern

A beginner sewing pattern from Sewing.com. Straight seams only, no zipper.

Skill level

Absolute beginner

Active time

45 to 75 minutes

Finished size

Fits 16x16 or 18x18 insert

What You Need

- Three quarters of a yard of fabric (quilting cotton, home dec weight, or linen blend)
- A 16x16 or 18x18 inch pillow form or insert
- Matching all purpose thread
- Sharp fabric scissors or a rotary cutter and mat
- An iron and ironing surface
- Straight pins or fabric clips

Cutting Dimensions

Cut every piece facing the same direction if your fabric has a directional print or stripe.

Pillow form size	Front piece (cut 1)	Back pieces (cut 2)
16 x 16 inches	17 x 17 inches	17 inches wide x 13 inches tall
18 x 18 inches	19 x 19 inches	19 inches wide x 14 inches tall

The two back pieces overlap in the middle to form the closure, no zipper needed.

Sew It Step by Step

Step 1: Hem the overlap edges

Fold one long edge of each back piece under half an inch, press, then fold under half an inch again and press once more. Sew along this folded edge to create a clean, finished hem.

Step 2: Layer the pieces with the overlap facing in

Lay your front piece right side up. Place one back piece right side down on top, lining up the raw edges. Place the second back piece right side down on the opposite side, so the two hemmed edges overlap in the middle. Pin around all four sides.

Step 3: Sew around all four sides

Sew with a half inch seam allowance around the entire perimeter, backstitching at the start and end. Sew directionally, with the grain rather than against it, on every side.

Step 4: Trim the corners and press the seam

Clip each corner diagonally, close to the stitch line without cutting through it. Press the seam flat before you turn anything right side out.

Step 5: Turn right side out and press flat

Reach through the overlap opening and pull the cover right side out. Push each corner out fully, then press the whole cover flat. Slide your pillow form through the overlap opening.

Quick Fixes

Seam puckers: rethread your machine from scratch before changing anything else, then test on a scrap.

Cover looks baggy or too tight: check your cut size against your pillow form. Cut about one inch larger than the form on each side for a fuller result.

Fabric frays after washing: finish the raw edges with a zigzag stitch, pinking shears, or a serger. This is optional for most quilting cotton or home dec fabric.

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