

# SPEEDY PILLOWCASE

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

copy of School of Sewing fabrics  
on materials list rotary set: mat,  
cutter, ruler coordinating thread

iron

scissors

pins

fabric marking pen large safety  
pin

## SKILLS TAUGHT

French seams, pinning, pressing,  
pivoting, tube turning, trimming  
a seam allowance

## Class Prep

Before class, consider preparing a pillowcase kit for each student, cutting the main and cuff fabrics to size. Eliminating the bulk of the rotary cutting leaves you time to focus more on the sewing and finishing techniques. Consider making two pillowcases each- one for the students and one to donate to a local shelter/charity.

## Teaching the Class

Discuss the fabric options explained in the project intro. If you have a sample of each type, let the students feel the differences!

**Step 2.** Be sure students are pinning in a way that is easy to grab as they sew, as illustrated in the photo. Discuss “How to Pin” from the margin on page 74.

**Step 4.** Be sure students do not pin any of the fabric roll into the seam they are about to sew.



**Step 5.** Remind students to backstitch here or turning may loosen the seam ends.

**Step 8.** Explain what a French seam is. (Your students are about to feel super fancy!)

**Step 9.** Demo pivoting. Point out the needle down feature for students who have this option on their machines. (And celebrate with them that this life-changing option is theirs for the taking!)

**Step 10.** Be sure they don't trim into their seam. Explain why we trim this down. (Answer: so the

raw edge doesn't sneak outside the seam at Step 12.)

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► If your students would like to show off their finished pillowcases, send a photo to [shea@emptybobbinsewing.com](mailto:shea@emptybobbinsewing.com) or share on social media sites with the hashtag #schoolofsewing. I would love to feature you and your group! Consider submitting info about your experience at [theschoolofsewing.com/sewtogether](http://theschoolofsewing.com/sewtogether)