

Liberty Pillowcase

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These are easy peasy, and would make great Christmas presents or birthday presents. I am using the Skyline S9 to make my pillowcase, and Liberty loves a size 70/10 NEEDLE. If you use a needle that's too thick, it will want to push the Liberty down into the bobbin area, and you don't want that! Liberty is a very fine fabric and should be paired with a fine needle. I'm also using WONDERFIL INVISAFIL THREAD, which is what is always in my machine for piecing light to medium weight fabrics. It is light and so strong!

Materials:

- 2 yards Liberty fabric for main print
- (2) 21" x 1" strips for contrast piece (optional)
- thread such as WONDERFUL INVISIFIL
- SIZE 70/10 NEEDLE

Basic Instructions:

1. Cut the following from your main fabric:
 - (2) 21" x WOF (width of fabric)
 - (2) 21" x 9.5" for the pillow edge
 - (2) 21" x 1" strips from contrast fabric

2. Fold your contrast piece in half lengthwise (if you are using one) and press. Liberty lawn is cotton, so you can use on the highest heat setting. Just inside that little bit of fluff along the selvedge, which you should not cut off, line up the raw edge of the contrast strip. Move your needle so that you are sewing at just under 1/4" (or if you prefer, you can move your fabric so that you are sewing a scant 1/4"). I moved the needle to the 5.5 position on the Skyline S9. Stitch a scant 1/4" seam down the edge.



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3. On top of that, with right side down, place your edge fabric with raw edges aligned with the strip. Pin or clip in place. Move your needle over to 1/4" position (4.5 on the Skyline S9), and stitch down the side.



4. Move the edge fabric, and sew a 1/4" seam along the other side of it to use as a pressing guide. Press the edge and contrast fabric away from the main part of the pillow and press the side of the edge fabric down 1/4" by using the thread as a pressing guide. Now bring your edge fabric around to the back of the pillow where the seam is, and line up the fold you just pressed so that it just covers the raw edge of the contrast strip. It doesn't matter if some of that fluff is visible since it will not fray.



5. Press the edge fabric in place, and from the right side, sew a scant 1/4" seam along the contrast strip on the main pillow section. This will catch the folded portion underneath, and should yield a clean finish. I suggest taking your time on this part- lawn is very easy to handle under the machine, and should stay in place if pressed well beforehand, but it always helps to put a hand under every now and then as it heads toward the needle to make sure everything is where it should be. You could also take a glue stick and very lightly hold that fold in place before you sew, but use just a little so you don't gum up your needle.



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6. Flip your pillow piece around to the other end so we can make that retention flap. Fold the end in by 4.5" and press it in place. You don't need to sew anything yet.



Flip your pillow inside out so that you now have RIGHT sides together. Press those seams well and iron that pillowcase flat. Sew a 3/8" seam along both sides that you just ironed well (backstitching at the beginning and end!) to enclose the 1/4" seam and give you a totally clean finish.



7. Now keeping that retention flap folded, line up your pillow WRONG sides together- the fold of the retention flap and the edge of the pillow should meet up. We are going to use French seams to finish our pillowcases. Pin the sides up if you want to. Sew a 1/4" seam on both of the raw edges, backstitching at the beginning and end. Trim off any threads that are sticking out.



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8. Turn your pillowcase right side out and give it a good press, then go take a nap. You deserve it!



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