

# Charity Pillowcases

(Assembly Line Method)

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Each member of the group brings:  
2—one yard pieces of coordinating fabrics  
(Makes two pillowcases)

## Stations No. of People Recommended

- Station 1 Cutting 2
- Station 2 Roll & pin 3
- Station 3 Sewing border 3
- Station 4 Turning and pressing 2
- Station 5 Pin sides & bottom 2
- Station 6 Sewing 3
- Station 7 Sewing finish on edge 3
- Station 8 Turn and press 3



## Equipment needed:

### Station 1: Cutting

Rotary cutter  
Ruler  
Cutting mat

### Station 2: Roll & pin

Pins

### Station 3: Sewing border

3 sewing machines  
3 spools neutral thread  
3 scissors  
3 pin cushions  
3 paper thread bags  
Masking tape

### Station 4: Turning and pressing

2 Irons  
2 Ironing boards

### Station 5: Pin sides & bottom

Pins

### Station 6: Sewing sides & bottom

3 sewing machines  
3 spools neutral thread  
3 scissors  
3 pin cushions  
3 paper thread bags  
Masking tape

### Station 7: Sewing zigzag finish on edge

3 sewing machines  
3 spools neutral thread  
3 scissors  
3 pin cushions  
3 paper thread bags  
Masking tape

### Station 8: Turn and press

3 Irons  
3 Ironing boards

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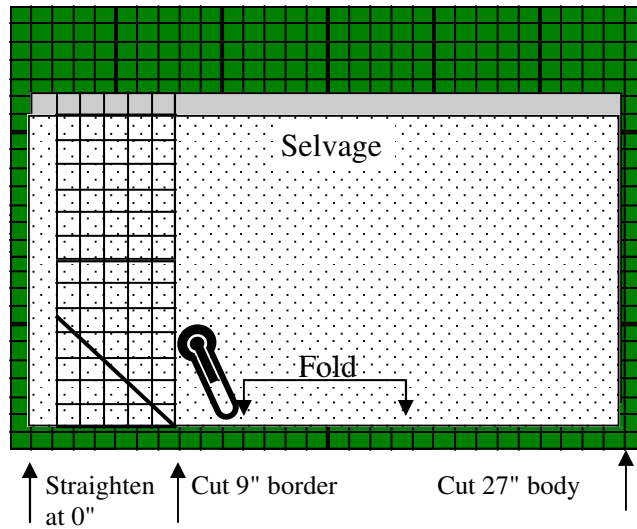
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### Station 1: Cutting

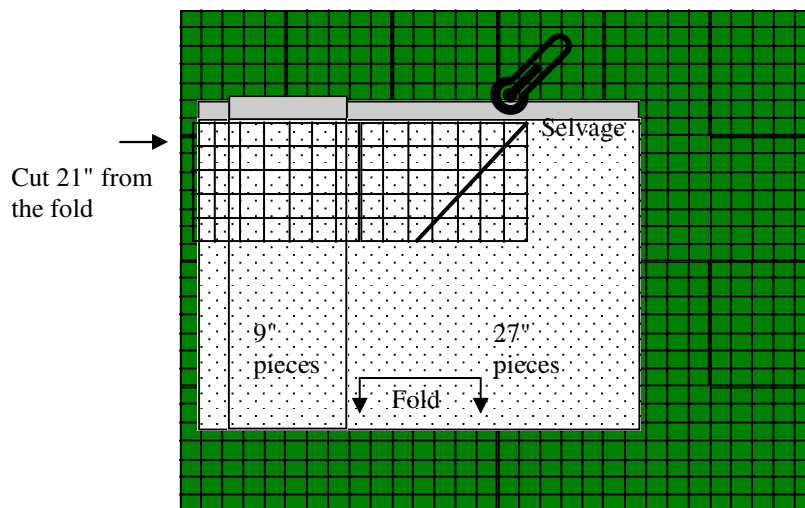
To make two opposite coordinating pillowcases:  
Stack **two** 1 yard pieces with folds together.  
Straighten edge along one side.  
Cut two 9" pieces for border.  
Cut two 27" pieces for pillowcase body.

#### Equipment needed:

Rotary cutter  
Ruler  
Cutting mat



Place 9" and 27" pieces on top of each other with folds together. Cut 21" from the fold the full length of fabric (42" total width).



Take one 9" border and the 27" coordinating pillowcase body and fold together. Pass to next station.

## Station 2: Roll & pin

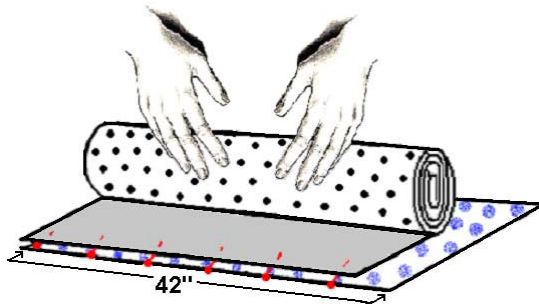
### Equipment needed:

Pins

Lay coordinating border edge on a flat surface with “right-side” up. Place the “right side” of the pillowcase body on the “right-side” of the coordinating border edge matching raw edges. Pin edges together.

Roll width of pillowcase body toward the pinned edge. Stop rolling when you reach the middle of the border fabric. Do not roll border in with pillowcase body.

Wrap coordinating border edge fabric around rolled pillowcase body. Match raw edge and re-pin. Pass to next station.

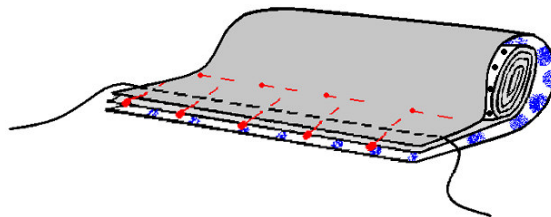


## Station 3: Sewing border

Sew a 1/2" seam allowance along the pinned edge. Back stitch three or four stitches at beginning and end. Pass to next station.

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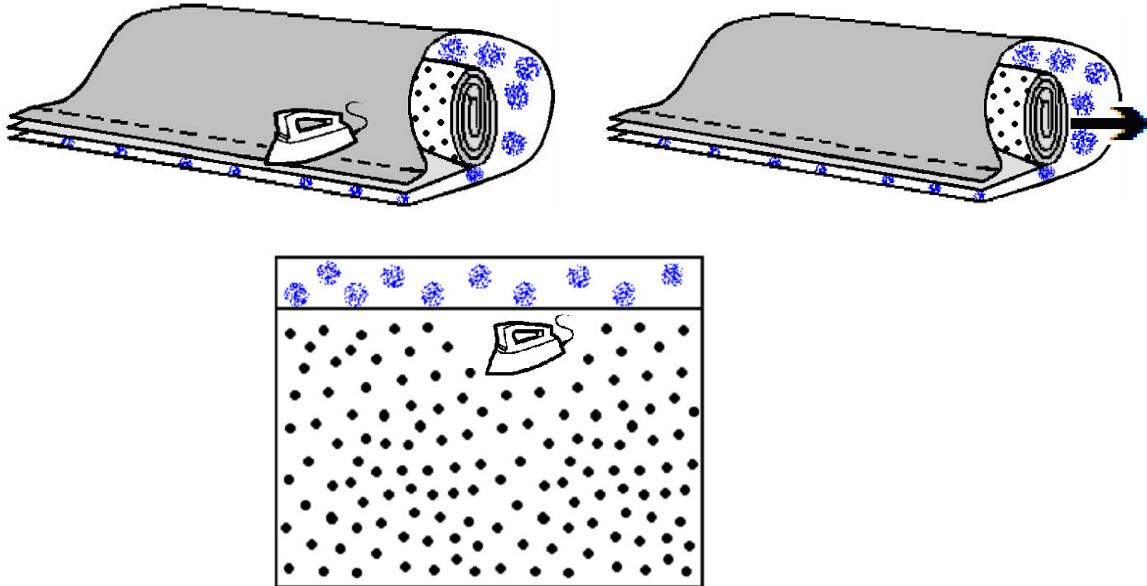
3 sewing machines  
3 spools neutral thread  
3 scissors  
3 pin cushions  
3 paper thread bags  
Masking tape



**Station 4: Turning and pressing:**

Press seam flat before turning. Reach into sewn tube and pull the pillowcase body out from the side opening. The pillowcase border and body are now “right side” out. Press seam on both sides of border fabric until the seam lays flat eliminating wrinkles. Pass to next station.

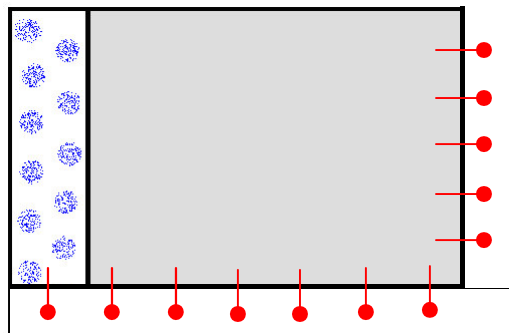
**Equipment needed:**  
2 Irons  
2 Ironing boards



**Station 5: Pin sides & bottom**

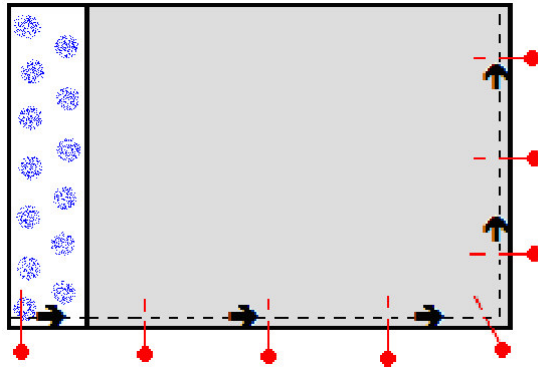
With “right sides” together, fold pillowcase in half—matching the raw edges. Pin edges. Pass to next station.

**Equipment needed:**  
Pins



### Station 6: Sewing sides & bottom

Sew the side seam with a ½" seam allowance starting at the top of the coordinating border edge—backstitch at beginning. Sew to ½" from the corner, place needle down. Pivot at corner and continue sewing across the bottom of the pillowcase. Back stitch at the end. Pass to next station.

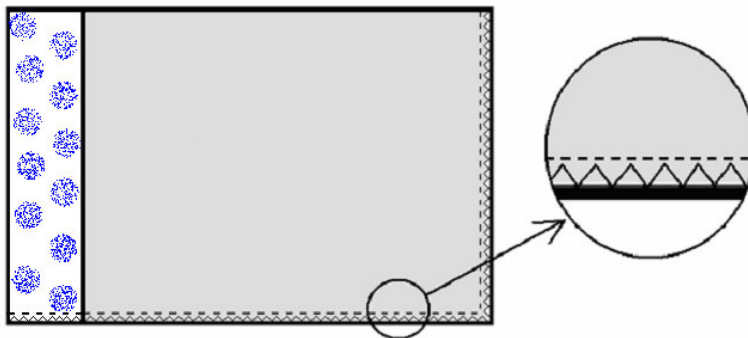


#### Equipment needed:

- 3 sewing machines
- 3 spools neutral thread
- 3 scissors
- 3 pin cushions
- 3 paper thread bags
- Masking tape

### Station 7: Sewing zigzag finish on edge

Zigzag edges to prevent fraying. Pass to next station.

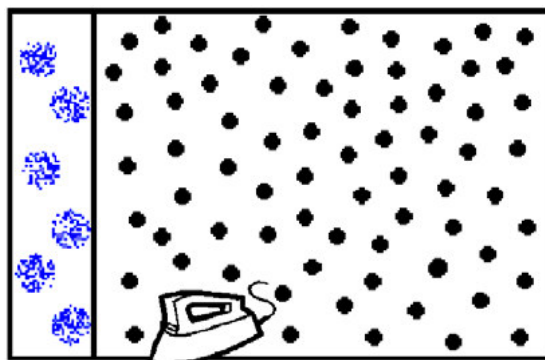


#### Equipment needed:

- 3 sewing machines
- 3 spools neutral thread
- 3 scissors
- 3 pin cushions
- 3 paper thread bags
- Masking tape

### Station 8: Turn and press

Press seams flat to set the stitches.  
Turn, “right-side” out. Press the seam and give the pillowcase a final press. Fold and box up. Deliver to charity.



#### Equipment needed:

- 3 Irons
- 3 Ironing boards