

Simple Envelope Enclosure Pillow

This pattern uses a simple overlap to close the pillowcase, and uses a French seam to finish the raw edges of the fabric.

1. For a 12 x 12 inch pillow form: cut a piece of fabric that is 14 x 28, approximately. Or wrap your fabric around the pillow form and position the fabric's pattern as you like it. Pin the fabric at the side as tight as you would like it to fit your pillow form. Add one inch on each side from the pin to get the correct width measure. Take the point where the fabric meets around the length of the pillow and add 6.5 inches. This should give you the dimensions for a perfect fit.
2. Cut your fabric to your measurements.
3. Press the short sides of your rectangle under $5/8$ ". Then press under again 1".
4. Sew right along the edge of the fold. You can also edge stitch the top. This gives a nice finished appearance.
5. Next, wrap the hemmed fabric around your pillow form, overlapping the hemmed edges. The overlap should be about three inches. The opening can be anywhere on the back of the pillow (top third, center, bottom third), whatever works for your fabric.
6. Pin the sides and press the top and bottom fold.
7. Next, sew a $1/2$ " seam on each side, on the RIGHT side of the pillow (i.e. wrong sides together), sewing over the overlapping opening.
8. Trim the seam to $1/4$ " and trim the corners.
9. Turn the pillowcase inside out. Gently push the corners out and press the seams flat.
10. Sew another $1/2$ " seam (encasing the raw edges in the new seam) on each side.
11. Turn your pillowcase right side out. Press, and tuck your pillow form inside!