



**Home of Joey
the Shop Dog!**

MILLION PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE!

We dropped off the 67 pillowcases that we collected for the month of November. When we arrived Elisa, the volunteer coordinator for Houston Hospice, was at the front desk to greet us. She was so excited to see us and the pillowcases. Elisa was also excited because she had fabric to give us. We emptied the bag of pillowcases and reloaded to the top with more fabric! What a wonderful Christmas gift for our Pillowcase Challenge. On our way, back to QE we stopped to fill the drawer at QE. While we were there we learned that one of our QE friend's father had been placed on hospice care. Happily, we could give her a pillowcase for her Dad. Hopefully it will put a smile on his face. Please keep our QE friend and her father in your prayers.

As we say good bye to another year, we are closing down the count for the 2018 Pillowcase Challenge. If Silverado Hospice is open on December 31 we will try to run a final delivery for the year to them. As of today, it looks like we have donated 1815 pillowcases this year alone. FANTASTIC JOB!!!! Currently I have 35 to be delivered to Silverado at the end of the month. 2018 has been our second-best year since we started. CONGRATULATIONS!!! The national total as of Wednesday evening is 781,673.

We will continue to keep pillowcase kits in the shop through the holiday season so that anyone willing to help with the Million Pillowcase Challenge can just pick one up. The kits are free we just ask that they be returned to Quilter's Emporium. Once they are returned we donate them to Houston and Silverado Hospices. Our December delivery will be made to Houston Hospice.

We wish you and your family a very blessed New Year!
Karen and Barbara

Pillowcase instructions for a standard size pillowcase using the hot dog method

Panel – 27 inches long by width of fabric (WOF)

Trim – 2 to 2 ½ inches by WOF

Wide band or cuff – 10 inches by WOF

Fold trim in half by length, wrong sides together. (1 inch x WOF). PRESS.

Lay band/cuff face up on work space. (Hot dog bun)

Lay panel face up on top of band/cuff. You may want to pin the top of the band to the top of the panel to hold things into place. Roll the panel from the bottom edge up close to the top forming a "hot dog" or roll inside of the "bun" band.

Pin the raw edge of the trim to the top.

Wrap the bottom of the cuff "bun" around and pin bottom to the top layers. (This is going to seem very strange and undoable, but it works.) Your panel and the trim will be rolled up into the cuff. Sew ¼" along the long raw edge, careful to catch all five (5) layers of fabric. (Top of the band, top of the panel, two layers of the trim and second layer of the band)

Gently pull panel "hot dog" out of the cuff "bun". Once all of the panel and trim have been pulled from inside of the "bun" PRESS cuff and panel to lie flat and neat. PRESSING at each stage keeps things looking crisp and sharp.

Fold in half WOF meeting the selvage edges. Trim selvage to square up the pillowcase. Each fabric will be a different width if you did not already cut them to the same width before you started. I find it easier to do all the cutting and squaring up at this point.

Once everything is squared or evened up, pin wrong sides together along raw edges. (side and bottom) Sew at ¼ inch. PRESS.

Turn wrong side out. PRESS. Sew 5/8 inch seam along the same side. PRESS. Turn right side out. PRESS. This is a French seam

You are finished!