



MILLION PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE!



Thank you, Barbara, for filling in with the newsletter for me.

WOW!!! 300 pillowcases in September! You guys are WONDERFUL! Great job!

Barbara and I have gotten the pillowcases split up and bagged for our Hospices and Santas. We can't wait to get them all delivered. I know our charities are going to be so happy. Thank you so very much.

Have you checked out the counter for the national challenge? Nationally there have been 990,707 pillowcases delivered to charity as of Wednesday night. You have made 17,066 of those pillowcases since we started in January 2010. 971 of them just this year! Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done.

It has taken more than 10 years to reach the goal of 1 Million, and it is within our reach. We should make in before the end of the year. I know you are looking at all of your holiday preparations and sewing, please consider grabbing a couple pillowcase kits when you are in the shop. It would be so wonderful to see us hit that 1 Million mark before the end of the year.

While I have been on vacation not only has Barbara kept the newsletter going

but she has been cutting kits from all the fabric you have donated in September. We have lots of kits ready to go. They just need someone to sew them up.

Once again THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING you do to make our pillowcase challenge successful.

I MILLION HERE WE COME!

Karen & 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.