

## Scalloped Pillowcase by Rebecca Kemp Brent

### Materials (for one pillowcase)

7/8 yard of 45"-wide fabric (main)

3/8 yard of 45"-wide fabric (cuff)

(Optional) 1/8 yard of 45"-wide fabric (trim)

Freezer paper

### Cutting

From the main fabric, cut:

1 rectangle, 27" x fabric width

From the cuff fabric, cut:

1 rectangle, 10" x fabric width

From the freezer paper, cut:

1 strip, 4 1/2" x width of cuff fabric, minus selvages and 1/2" for seam allowances

(Optional) From the trim fabric, cut:

1 strip, 1" x fabric width

**TIP:** Fabrics are often slightly different widths. When I'm making pillowcases, I just trim off the selvages and extra fabric width as I sew the side seams, rather than cutting the fabric rectangles to the same width beforehand. You can do either.

Do be sure to base your scallop template on the narrower fabric, whether it's the main fabric or the cuff.

Seam allowances are 1/4".

### Instructions

1. Accordion fold the freezer paper to create 8 layers. Draw a line across the top layer, 1 1/2" from one long edge. Trace a curve onto the paper with the bottom of the curve at the edge of the freezer paper and the top ends of the curve on the line where it intersects the paper's folds.
2. Staple the layers of paper together below the curve. Cut along the curve through all the layers and unfold the template.
3. Fold the cuff fabric in half lengthwise with right sides together and press. Center the freezer paper on the fabric with the bottom of the curves 1/4" from the folded edge and press to adhere.
4. Stitch along the curved edge of the freezer paper. Where there is extra fabric (seam allowance and selvages) at each end, just continue the last curve all the way to the edge of the fabric.
5. Trim the scallop seam allowances to a scant 1/4" and clip the curves. Clip to the stitches between each scallop. Remove the freezer paper, turn the cuff right side out, and press the scallops.
6. If you are adding the optional trim, press the 1" strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Matching the raw edges, baste the folded strip to one edge of the main fabric rectangle.

7. Sew the cuff to the main fabric. Finish the seam with an overcasting stitch or serger. Press the seam allowances toward the main fabric. Optional: topstitch 1/8" from the seam.
8. Fold the pillowcase in half, right sides together, and stitch the side and end seams. Overcast or serge to finish. Turn the pillowcase right side out.