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Airplane Pillow Cover

Whether you want to surprise a child with a travel accessory featuring their favorite super hero or cartoon character, or you'd prefer to rest your sleepy head on something clean during long flights, this pillowcase pattern is for you. Made of flannel for softness with a contrasting mitered border for style, this case fits the pillows supplied by airplane companies.

materials and tools

- Two 12" x 16" rectangles of flannel
- $\frac{5}{8}$ yard of cotton print fabric for borders, cut into eight 2½" by width of fabric strips (approximately 43" wide)
- Two 4" x 12" rectangles of cotton print
- Coordinating thread
- Scissors
- Pins
- Clear quilter's ruler
- Pencil or chalk marker
- Quarter-inch foot (BERNINA Patchwork Foot #37)
- Edgestitch foot (BERNINA Edgestitch Foot #10)



step one

- Prepare the back of the pillow cover by cutting the 12" x 16" flannel rectangle into two pieces, one 6" x 12" rectangle and one 10" x 12" rectangle.
- Pin one 4" x 12" print fabric rectangle to a long edge of each flannel piece, right sides together. Stitch.



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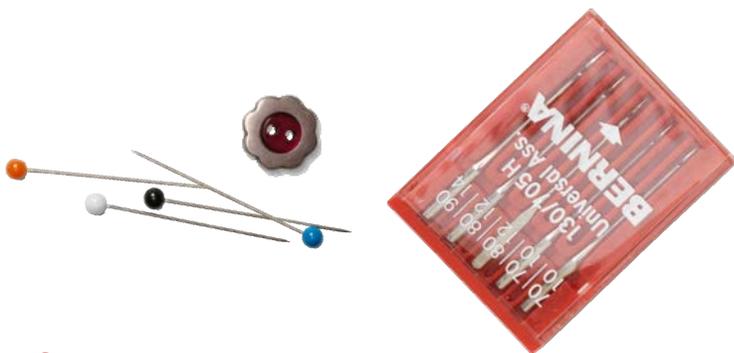
step two

- Press the seam allowances toward the print fabric.
- Turn under ½" along the long unfinished edge of each print border strip.



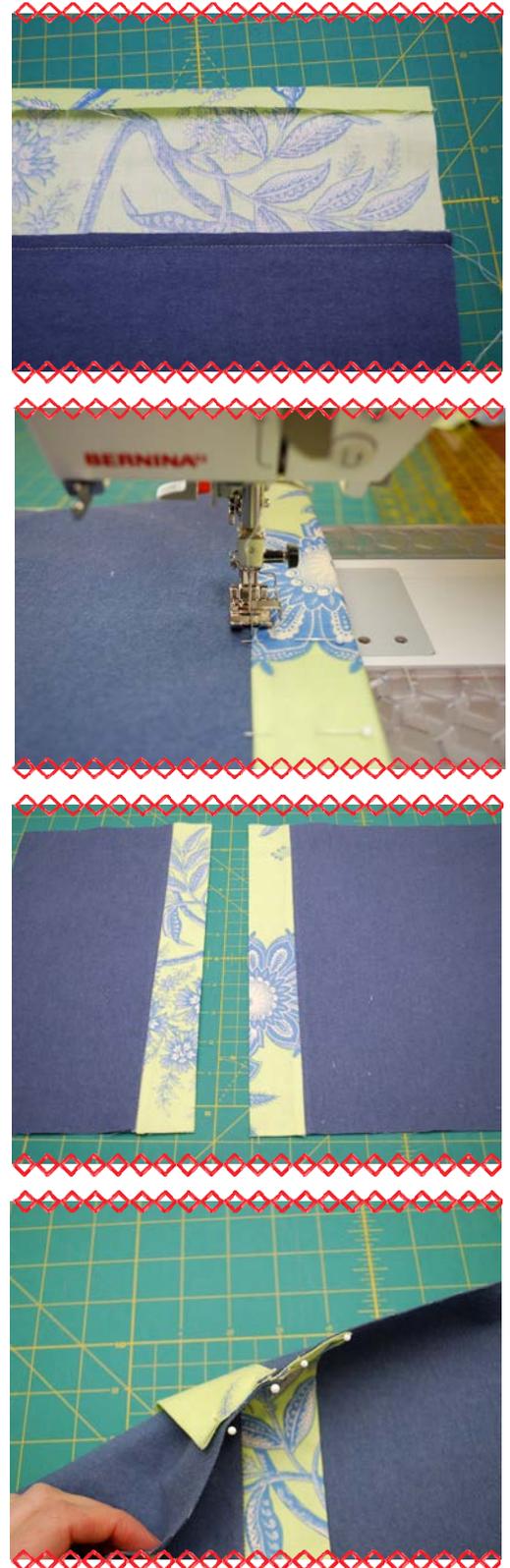
step three

- Fold the trim in half, with enough overlap for the folded edge to just hide the seam line stitches. Pin in place.
- Turn your work over and pin from the front, removing the pins from the back.
- Attach Edgestitch Foot #10 to your machine and "Stitch in the ditch" to secure the folded edge in place.
- Repeat for the second pillow back piece.



step four

- Overlap the two pillow cover back pieces about 2", with the narrow piece over the wider piece as shown. Pin to secure.



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step four—continued

- Baste the edges together.



Tip: A $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot, such as BERNINA Patchwork Foot #37, has sides that are exactly $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the center needle position. It also has markings $\frac{1}{4}$ " in front and in back of the needle, making it easy to stop and start $\frac{1}{4}$ " from an edge.

step five

- Center a border strip to one edge of the pillow cover back. *Do not trim to fit!* Pin in place.
- Repeat for the remaining three edges of the pillow cover back and the four edges of the pillow cover front.



step six

- Stitch the border strips in place with a $\frac{1}{4}$ "-wide seam allowance, taking great care to start and stop $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each end.

This step is critical, so make sure you are not sewing all the way to the end.

When all eight strips have been sewn to the pillow cover front and back, you are ready to miter the corners. This step scares many crafters but is actually very simple, so don't fret!

step seven

- Pick a corner and fold it diagonally to create a triangle. The excess trim will naturally stack on itself.



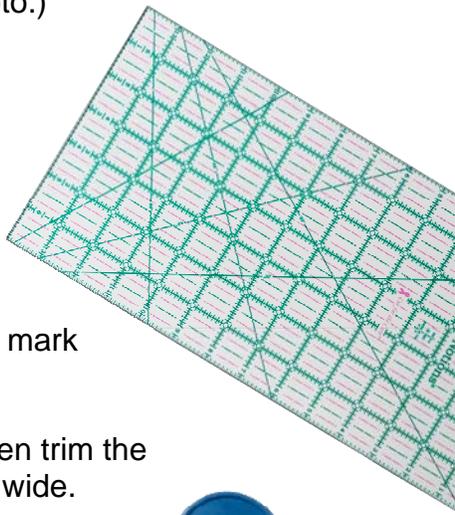
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step eight

- Place the clear quilter's ruler over the corner at a 45° angle, with the edge of the ruler meeting the very last stitch of the seam. (The 13" line in the photo.)



step nine

- Draw a line along this edge to mark your stitching line.
- Stitch along the drawn line, then trim the seam allowances to about ¼" wide.



step ten

- Pin the pillow cover front and back right sides together. If the edges are not even, you may trim them to accordingly.
- Sew around all sides of the pillow cover using a ¼"-wide seam allowance.
- Turn the pillow cover right side out. Pin around the outer border to keep the layers from shifting.

step eleven

- Stitch in the ditch between the border trim and the flannel around all four sides of the pillow cover.
- Press and you're done!

