

# ENVELOPE STYLE PILLOW COVER: A TUTORIAL

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Hello!

So, are you in for the adventure of making an envelope style pillow cover?

Put this together with the tie-on pillow cover and you will come up with the FARMHOUSE-STYLE PILLOWS seen on my blog, A Fresh-Squeezed Life.

These pillow covers are versatile and removable, which makes redecorating (and cleaning!) a snap.

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced sew-er, this tutorial will guide you right along your way to success. All you need to do is to gather your supplies and muster up some determination, and I will help you get to the finish line!

Please be sure to pick fabric that is either a medium-weight quilting cotton, or a light-weight home décor fabric. Stretch fabrics will not work well for this project.

## Supplies needed:

*3/4 yard of fabric cut into three pieces: **one** 18-1/2" X 18-1/2" square and **two** 18-1/2" X 12" rectangles*

*Thread to coordinate with your fabric*

*Basic sewing supplies such as a sewing machine, scissors, pins, etc.*

*One 18" pillow form for each pillow cover set (you can buy these at craft/sewing stores)*

Now, we're ready to begin. Let's take a deep breath, grab a glass of wine, and jump right in!

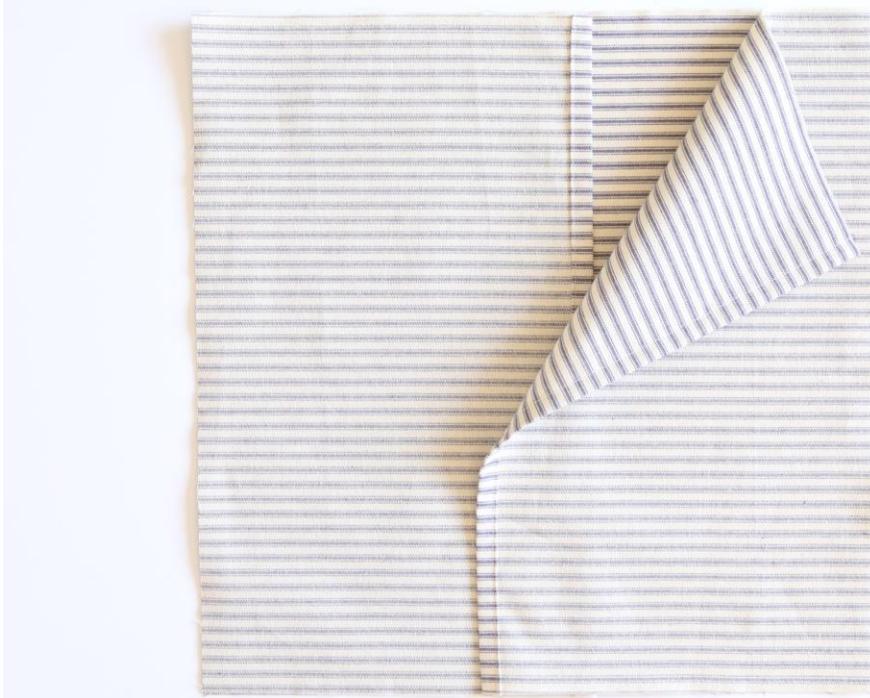
**STEP ONE:** On each 18-1/2" X 12" piece, fold down a 1/2" hem on each 18-1/2" side (fold 1/2" and iron, then fold another 1/2" and iron). Pin into place:



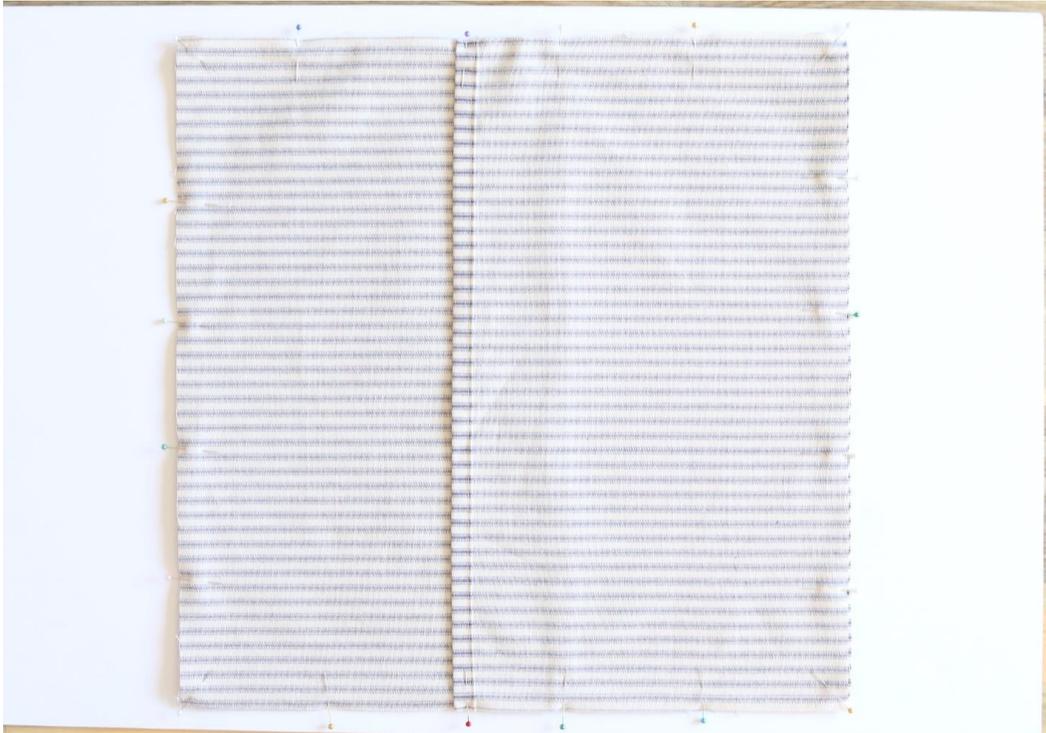
**STEP TWO:** Sew into place close to the edge:



**STEP THREE:** Lay all three of your pieces out as follows: your square needs to be “right side up” with your rectangles “right side down” (line up your edges). I left a flap open for you to see more closely. Be sure to put that flap down before pinning:



**STEP FOUR:** Pin into place as shown:



**STEP FIVE:** Sew a  $\frac{5}{8}$ " seam around the entire piece, backstitching when you start and stop:



STEP SIX: Clip your corners if desired (this gets rid of some bulk) and turn right-side out:



VOILA! You are done with your envelope style pillow cover!



You can either make another one, just for fun, or you can move onto the 2<sup>nd</sup> tutorial, the tie-on pillow cover. Happy sewing, friends!