



Vintage Linen Pillow Cases and Cover

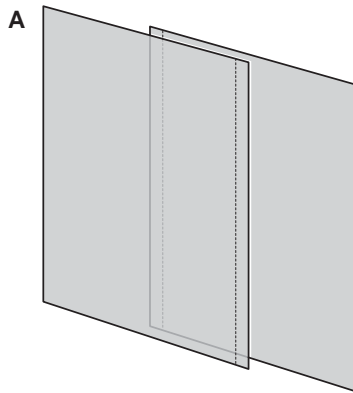
Welcome guests with a touch of romantic nostalgia with pillow slipcases using feedsack print reproductions and vintage kerchiefs.

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MATERIALS

- 45"-wide cotton vintage or reproduction fabrics:
 - 3 yds. large floral print
 - 1 yd. small floral print
 - ½ yd. medium floral print
- Vintage handkerchiefs, doilies, crochet trims or lace
- 70 wt. 100% cotton thread to match fabrics and trims
- Spray starch or fabric stiffener (optional)



INSTRUCTIONS

SET OF PILLOW CASES

1. Cut four 21" x 26" pieces from large floral print for case. Cut eight 5" x 21" pieces from small floral print for border.

2. For each border, allowing ½" for all seams, hold two border pieces right sides together. Stitch one long edge together. Press seam open.

3. For each border front, working on two of the border pieces, arrange desired vintage doily or lace piece over one half of border. Baste in place along raw edge. Trim away any excess doily or lace from seam.

4. For each case front, match decorated raw edge on each border front to one short edge on each of two case pieces, right sides together. Stitch edges together. Press seam toward border. For each case back, repeat with undecorated borders.

5. Press remaining long raw edge under ½" on each border. Fold border down and match pressed edge to last seam. Stitch along pressed edge.

6. Matching edges, hold one case front and back with right sides

together. Stitch along raw edges. Trim corners. Turn. Press.

THROW PILLOW COVER

1. From medium floral print, cut one piece to fit pillow plus ½" for seam allowances for front. Cut two pieces to fit pillow plus 1" for overlap and seam allowances for back.

2. For pillow back, double hem one long edge on each back piece ½". Overlap hemmed edges 2" (Illustration A), baste edges of overlapped section together, forming a piece to match size of front piece.

3. Position handkerchief or doily on front piece as desired. Stitch edge of piece in place.

4. If desired, stiffen trim or lace with starch or fabric stiffener.

5. For ruffle, with right sides together, baste edge of trim or lace to raw edge of front piece, curving edge of trim around each corner of fabric piece.

6. With right sides together and ruffle between, stitch pillow back to pillow front, curving seam around each corner. Trim corners. Turn pillow cover right side out. ♦