

Creating a Custom Size Pillow Form

Why create a custom pillow form? Pillow covers can be small works of art. They can often be even more interesting when created in unique sizes – sizes that aren't available in your local fabric or craft store. Creating your own pillow form is quick and easy – giving you the option of making your pillow cover – any size (or shape) that you like.

Materials Needed:

- **Cotton or Cotton / Poly fabric:** (2) pieces – large enough to cover the area of the front of your pillow cover.
- **Polyfill:** The amount you need will vary depending on the size of the pillow form you are making. I generally allow 1 (8 oz.) bag of fill for each 12 x 12 pillow.
Example: If your pillow cover measures 12 x 36 – I would use 3 bags of fill. You can use a little more or a little less depending on the firmness you would like for your pillow.

Cutting Instructions:

1. **Measure the front of your pillow cover (width x length)** and add 1/2" to each dimension.
Example: if your pillow cover measures 12" x 36" – you would need to cut 2 pieces of your fabric 12 1/2" x 36 1/2".

Assembly:

1. **With the right sides of your fabric together – starting near the middle of one side** - sew a seam almost all the way around the edge of the fabric. Leave an opening of several inches (I leave an opening of about 6").
 - a. **Tip:** Leaving an opening in the middle of one side rather than at a corner – makes finishing up this opening MUCH easier after you stuff the pillow.
2. **Gather a small handful of the Polyfill** and place it in one of the corners on the seam line. Stitch Polyfill down on the seam line. **Repeat for the other 3 corners.** This will fill the corners of the pillow form more evenly and keep the Polyfill from migrating to the center of the pillow.
3. **Turn right side out** and continue filling the pillow form with the Polyfill until it is evenly filled and the firmness that you want.
4. **Stitch the opening closed** and your pillow form is complete.

