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Step-By-Step Tailor Series: Pillow Cases



Throw Pillows Are Nice

Throw pillows are nice to have around the house and around the porch. However, you might eventually get sick of the style, color, or pattern. When that happens, fear not! There is a solution and the solution is a pillow case.

A friend of mine recently asked me to revamp her porch pillows and so I have. This is an easy task and only requires a basic knowledge of sewing.

You can make the pillow cases by hand, but it is a LOT faster with a sewing machine.

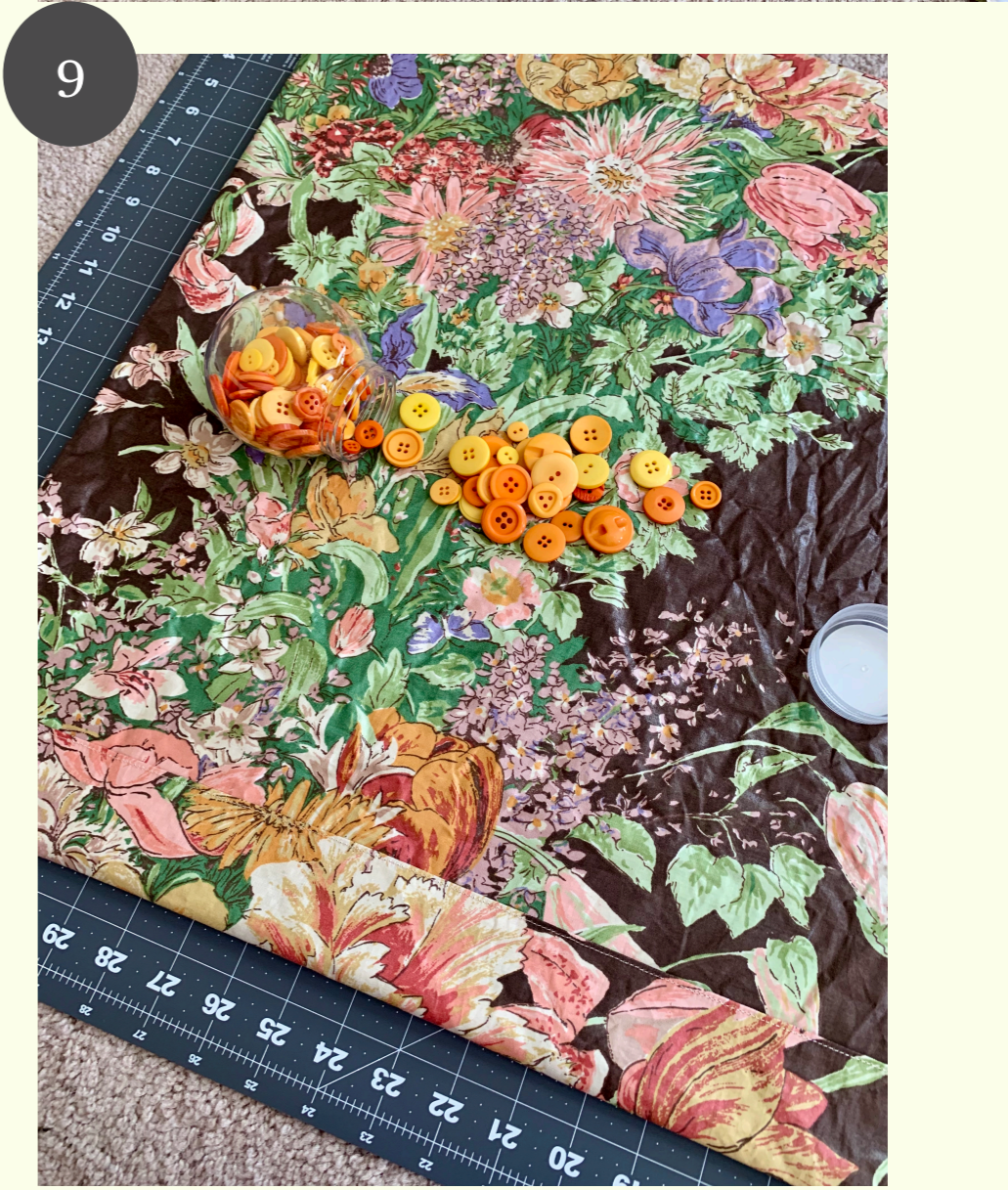
How to make a throw pillow case



Steps

1. Fold the fabric in half and place the pillow on top. Cut around the fabric around the pillow case to just a little bit bigger than the pillow itself.
2. Pin the edges. Make sure the fun side of the fabric is on the inside because you're going to un-inside-out it after you sew it.
3. Sew the edges together, making sure to leave one side open.
4. Stick the pillow in the newly sewn, partially completed pillow case to check the fit.
5. Take the pillow out and fold the open edges. You want one of them to be longer than the other because we're going to add buttons (for the cute factor!). Pin the fabric.
6. Fold the corners in like you do when wrapping a present. Pin the fabric.
7. Sew everything down.
8. It should now look like this.
9. Find some buttons you like.





I like to cut off all that extra thread while I work, instead of at the end. This is just personal preference, but I tend to get annoyed if I'm just cleaning up all these loose threads after I'm finished putting everything together. But do whatever floats your boat!

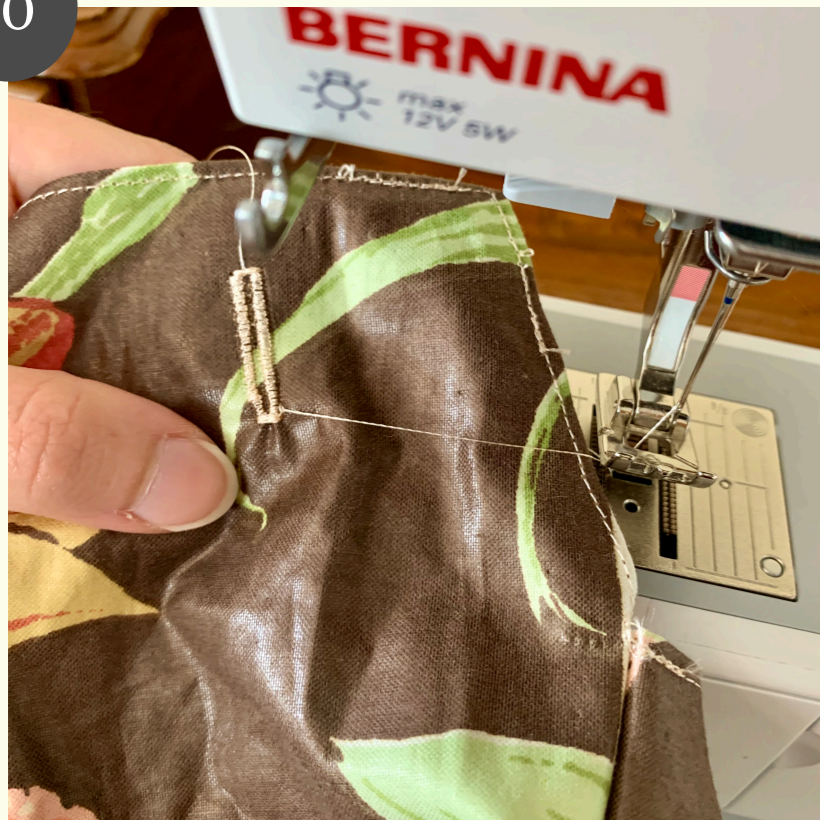
Steps Continued

10. Make some button holes. I'm not going to teach you how to do this in this tutorial, but you can generally find instructions on how to make button holes in your sewing machine manual. I promise it's not super difficult, just annoying at times.

11. When you're done making the button holes, use your handy dandy seam ripper to open the holes (if you don't have that button hole knife dohicky.... Which I don't...).

12. Sew the buttons on!

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You did it! Great job!