Charity Pillowcases

(Assembly Line Method)

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Each member of the group brings:
2—one yard pieces of coordinating fabrics
(Makes two pillowcases)

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Equipment needed:

Station 1: Cutting
Rotary cutter
Ruler
Cutting mat

Station 2: Roll & pin
Pins

Station 3: Sewing border
3 sewing machines
3 spools neutral thread
3 scissors
3 pin cushions
3 paper thread bags
Masking tape

Station 4: Turning and pressing
2 Irons
2 Ironing boards

Station 5: Pin sides & bottom
Pins

Station 6: Sewing sides & bottom
3 sewing machines
3 spools neutral thread
3 scissors
3 pin cushions
3 paper thread bags
Masking tape

Station 7: Sewing zigzag finish on edge
3 sewing machines
3 spools neutral thread
3 scissors
3 pin cushions
3 paper thread bags
Masking tape

Station 8: Turn and press
3 Irons
3 Ironing boards

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Station 1: Cutting

To make two opposite coordinating pillowcases:
Stack two 1 yard pieces with folds together.
Straighten edge along one side.
Cut two 9" pieces for border.
Cut two 27" pieces for pillowcase body.

Equipment needed:
- Rotary cutter
- Ruler
- Cutting mat

Place 9" and 27" pieces on top of each other with folds together. Cut 21" from the fold the full length of fabric (42" total width).

Take one 9" border and the 27" coordinating pillowcase body and fold together. Pass to next station.
Station 2: Roll & pin

Lay coordinating border edge on a flat surface with “right-side” up. Place the “right side” of the pillowcase body on the “right-side” of the coordinating border edge matching raw edges. Pin edges together.

Roll width of pillowcase body toward the pinned edge. Stop rolling when you reach the middle of the border fabric. Do not roll border in with pillowcase body.

Wrap coordinating border edge fabric around rolled pillowcase body. Match raw edge and re-pin. Pass to next station.

Station 3: Sewing border

Sew a ½” seam allowance along the pinned edge. Back stitch three or four stitches at beginning and end. Pass to next station.

Equipment needed:

- Pins
- 3 sewing machines
- 3 spools neutral thread
- 3 scissors
- 3 pin cushions
- 3 paper thread bags
- Masking tape
Station 4: Turning and pressing:

Press seam flat before turning. Reach into sewn tube and pull the pillowcase body out from the side opening. The pillowcase border and body are now “right side” out. Press seam on both sides of border fabric until the seam lays flat eliminating wrinkles. Pass to next station.

Equipment needed:
2 Irons
2 Ironing boards

Station 5: Pin sides & bottom

With “right sides” together, fold pillowcase in half—matching the raw edges. Pin edges. Pass to next station.

Equipment needed:
Pins
**Station 6: Sewing sides & bottom**

Sew the side seam with a ½” seam allowance starting at the top of the coordinating border edge—backstitch at beginning. Sew to ½” from the corner, place needle down. Pivot at corner and continue sewing across the bottom of the pillowcase. Back stitch at the end. Pass to next station.

**Equipment needed:**
- 3 sewing machines
- 3 spools neutral thread
- 3 scissors
- 3 pin cushions
- 3 paper thread bags
- Masking tape

**Station 7: Sewing zigzag finish on edge**

Zigzag edges to prevent fraying. Pass to next station.

**Equipment needed:**
- 3 sewing machines
- 3 spools neutral thread
- 3 scissors
- 3 pin cushions
- 3 paper thread bags
- Masking tape

**Station 8: Turn and press**

Press seams flat to set the stitches. Turn, “right-side” out. Press the seam and give the pillowcase a final press. Fold and box up. Deliver to charity.