

ALL IN THE DETAILS PILLOWS & DUVET



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Queen sized Ruched Duvet Cover

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Size: 88" W x 91" H

Skill Level: Intermediate

Fabric	Yardage	Cutting
SC5333 Bright White Cotton Couture		(5) 5 ½" x 180" (2) 7 ½" x 180" (8) 8" x 92" (5) 4 ½" x 92" (2) 6 ½" x 92" Duvet Top (1) 43" W x 84" H Backing (2) 24" x 84" (1) 12" x 89" * (2) 2" x 89" (16) 11" x 2" ** Ties

Also Needed: Scissors, straight pins, rotary cutter, acrylic ruler, mat, thread to match.

OPTIONAL: ½" twill tape

* Pieced for length

** Use leftover pieces of fabric

Note: This project is not difficult. It is time consuming and detail oriented AND is a lot of fabric to move around. It's worth it though!

Directions:

Use ½" seam allowance throughout.

1. For one ruched (gathered) strip, divide one foundation strip (4 ½" x 92" or 6 ½" x 92") into (4) equal parts. Mark each quarter. Repeat on a rucking strip (5 ½" x 180" or 7 ½" x 180"). Run a gathering stitch by hand or machine on each separate quarter of the rucking strip. Gather one quarter at a time to one quarter of the foundation strip. Pin gathers, evenly adjusted, to the foundation. The 5 ½" strip goes with the 4 ½" foundation strip and the 7 ½" strip goes with the 6 ½" foundation strip. Stitch the gathers in place on the foundation strip with the ½" seam allowance. Make (5) 4 ½" x 92" ruched strips and (2) 6 ½" x 92" ruched strips. (7) Total.

2. Beginning and ending with an 8 ½" x 92" flat panel, sew together alternation with the ruched panels from the left to the right side (1) 4 ½" ruched, (1) 4 ½" ruched, (1) 6 ½" ruched, (1) 4 ½" ruched, (1) 6 ½" ruched, (1) 4 ½" ruched, (1) 4 ½" ruched to make the duvet cover top. Set aside.

3. For the backing – sew one 24" x 84" piece to each side of the 43" x 84" piece. Set aside.

4. To make the ties, fold one 11" x 2" piece in ½ lengthwise. Press. Fold raw edges in ½ to meet the center fold. Press. Topstitch the double folded ties on both sides. Make (16) total.
5. Evenly space (8) ties across the bottom edge of the panel from Step #3. Begin about 8" in front of each side. Pin the ties to the right side of the backing. Place the 2" x 89" piece right sides together on top of the ties. Align all raw edge. Stitch across the edge. Press. Turn facing to the back side, turn under ½" seam allowance and topstitch facing in place. Tie a knot in the end of each tie. Set aside.
6. For the bottom of the backing, turn under a ¼" hem on one edge of the bottom. Turn under another ¼" hem. Topstitch hem in place to finish the top edge.
7. Turn under ½" seam on each edge of the remaining 2" x 89" strip. Press. Place on top of the bottom backing piece 5" from the top. Insert the remaining (8) ties into the top edge of the facing spaced to match the large backing panel. Topstitch both edges of the facing in place.
8. To assemble the duvet cover, place the backing, right sides together on top of the duvet cover. Pleat in the fullness of each ruched panel even with the foundation panel to control the fullness. Place the bottom panel from the bottom up overlapping the large back panel right sides together. Sew together on all four sides.

OPTIONAL: (but recommended, cut (4) 12" pieces of twill tape. Fold in half. Pin one folded piece of twill tape in each corner with the fold in the corner. Sew in place when stitching the duvet cover together. These interior ties are for securing the comforter evenly inside the cover and to hold it in place during use.



Ruched Neckroll Pillow

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Size: 14" L x 6" W

Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Fabric	Yardage	Cutting
SC5333 Bright White Cotton Couture		(2) 3 ½" x 20" (2) 4" x 40" (1) 4" x 20" (2) 7" circles

Also Needed: Purchased pillow form – neck roll 14" x 6", thread, scissors, straight pins, rotary cutter, acrylic ruler, mat, and hand sewing needle.

Directions:

Use ½" seam allowance throughout.

1. To make the ruched (gathered) strips – by hand or machine run a gathering stitch within the seam allowance on both sides of one 4" x 40" strip. Gather the strip on both sides to fit one 4" x 20" strip. Pin in place. Topstitch the gathers to the foundation strip within the seam allowance. Make (2).
2. To assemble the pillow top. Working from left to right sew one 3 ½" x 20" piece to the left side of one ruched strip. Sew one 4" x 20" piece to the right side of the ruched strip. Next add the remaining ruched strip. End with the remaining 3 ½" x 20" piece. Join raw edges right sides together, pleating in the fullness of the ruched strips. Sew 2 ½" on each end of the 14" side, leave the center open.
3. Mark the pillow ends into (4) equal parts. Do the same with each 7" circle. With right sides together pin the circle ends into the neck roll. Match the marks and ease in any fullness. Stitch each end. Turn pillow to the right side.
4. Insert pillow form into the neck roll. Slip stitch the opening closed to finish.

Pair 18" square gathered pillows

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Size: (2) 18" x 18" pillows

Skill Level: Intermediate

Fabric	Yardage	Cutting
SC5333 Bright White Cotton Couture	5 1/4 yards	19" x 19" squares (2) 19" x 12 1/2" pieces (4) 17" x 4 yards (2)

Also Needed: (2) 18" square pillow forms, white perle cotton size #5 (or equivalent strong, heavy duty thread), large eye hand sewing needle, scissors, straight pins, rotary cutter, acrylic ruler, mat, thread, (2) rubber bands, and pinking shears.

Note: 1/2" seams used throughout

Directions (for one):

1. For one pillow - divide 17" x 4 yard piece into (4) equal pieces. Mark each section in the selvage. By hand or machine run a gathering stitch across each section, one at a time. Gather each section (1 yard) to fit one side of the 19" square. Pin in place with raw edges to raw edges. Repeat for the remaining sides of the pillow. Top stitch gathered section to the pillowtop within the 1/2" seam allowance.
2. Pin the pillow top, gathered side up, to a solid surface (cardboard cutting table, foam core, etc...). Gather the inside raw edge of the 17" x 4 yard piece loosely in one hand in the center of the pillow top. Secure the gathers tightly with a rubber band. Adjust the gathers evenly around the pillow top as shown. The fabric edges inside the rubber band will be uneven. Using a double length of #5 perle cotton (or equivalent), anchor the thread close to the bottom of the rubber band. TIGHTLY wrap the gathered core 3-4 times to secure the gathers. Knot off. Cut off the rubber band to remove it.
3. With pinking shears, trim the gathered fabric 1 1/2" to 2" from the wrapped thread to create the 'carnation' in the center of the pillow. Set aside.
4. For one pillow back - turn under 1/4" hem on one 19" side of a 19" x 12 1/2" piece. Press. Turn under another 1/4" hem and topstitch in place. Make (2). Overlap the hemmed edges in the center of the pillow to make (1) 19" square. Stitch the overlap within the seam allowance to secure.
5. Place pillow backing, right sides together on top of the pillow top. Pin the edges on all (4) sides. Stitch around the pillow. Turn to the right side.

6. Insert pillow form to finish.
7. Repeat steps #1 - 6 for the second pillow.