



This year's 2017 American Sewing Guild Community Service Project is pillowcases to benefit a deserving organization.

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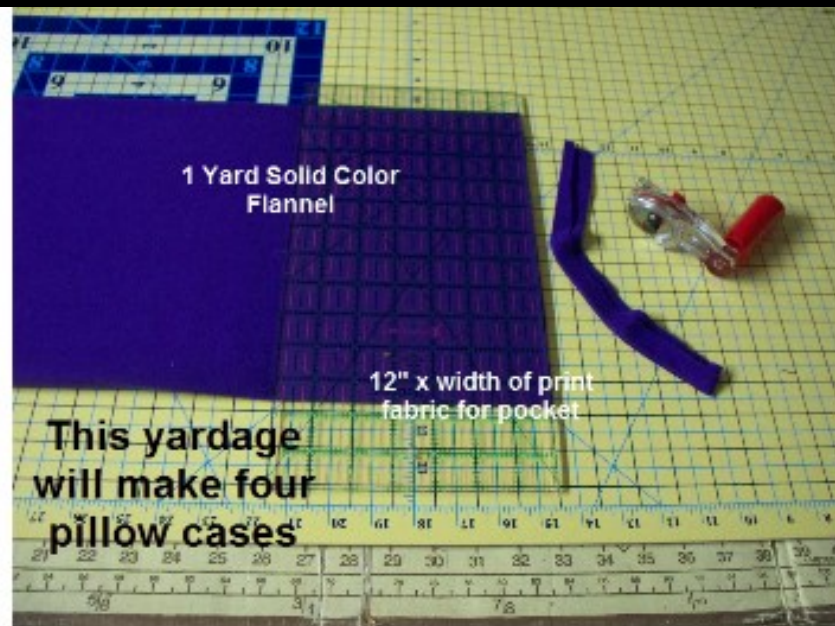
WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

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The pillowcases are sewn



Start with flannel for the main part of the pillowcase and a cotton or flannel fabric for the pocket. The Village requests gender-neutral fabrics.



Press the cotton for the pocket well.



and then square it up. Cut off the selvage edges and square up the fabric so it measures the width



by 12" high.



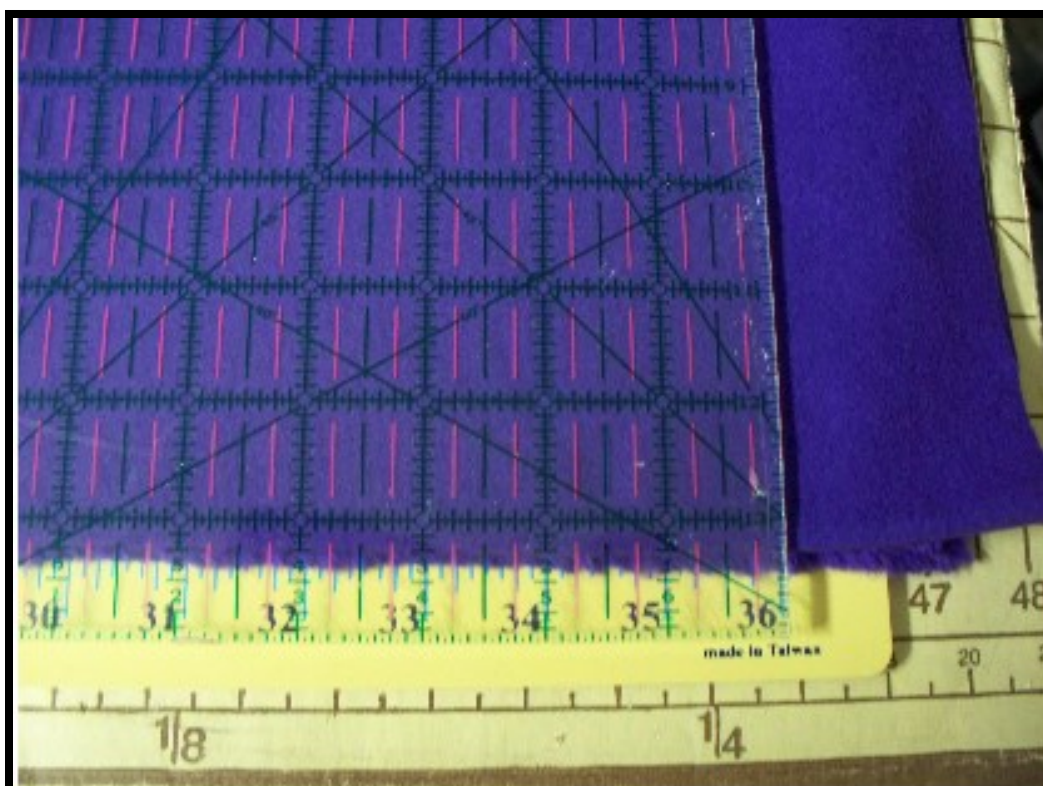
Now steam the flannel to get the wrinkles out.



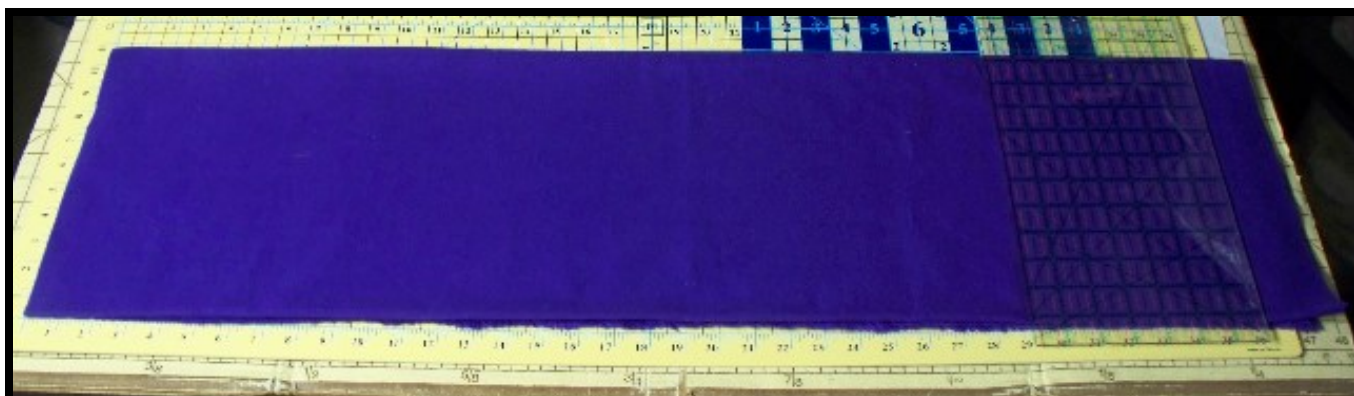
Fold the fabric in half lengthwise and square it up



by folding the selvage edges together and squaring up the top



and bottom of the fabric so the length measures 36".



Four pillow cases will be made from this yard of flannel fabric.



To create the hem on the top of the pocket, fold down the top cut edge of the pocket fabric 1/4" toward the wrong side and press.



Fold down the fabric again to create a double folded edge.



Top stitch the edge in place.



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Now the same will be done on both cut edges of the flannel fabric.



Turn down the top cut edge 1/4" and press. Now turn over again and press to create a double folded edge that folds toward the wrong side of the flannel fabric.



Topstitch the edge in place. Repeat for the bottom edge. Be sure both hem edges are pressed toward the wrong side of the flannel fabric.



Lay the flannel right side up on the cutting surface with the hems at the top and bottom as shown.



At the edge nearest you, place the pocket right side down on top of the flannel,



matching the hemmed edges.



The outer edges of the pocket should meet the outer edges of the flannel.



If one is longer than the other at the ends, trim the end(s) so they match.



Pin the cut edge of the pocket to the flannel



and stitch the pocket to the flannel removing the pins as you sew.



Press the seam to set the stitches.



Lay the fabric flat on the table



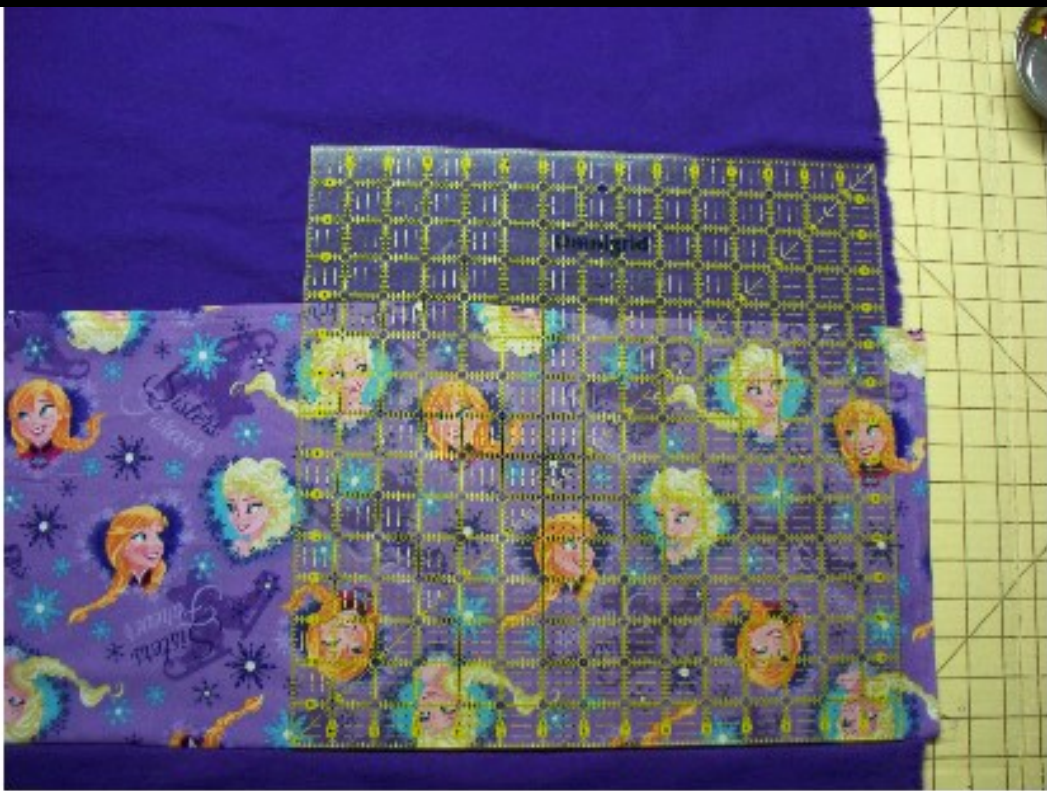
and then flip the pocket up over the stitching line



and smooth the pocket fabric into place.



Now it is time to fold the top of the flannel fabric over the top of the pocket. Align the bottom edge of a 15" ruler along the bottom sewn edge of the pocket



and mark. If you don't have a 15" ruler then just use a yard stick to measure and mark a line for folding.



If you have a 15" ruler you can just slide it along the bottom of the pocket and then fold down the top edge of the flannel over the pocket



and slide the ruler out.



Continue sliding the ruler along the lower edge of the pocket and smoothing the top fabric over the ruler, then sliding the ruler out



and placing it in the next spot until the top flannel is even flipped over the top of the pocket.



Once the top flannel is flipped over the pocket top it is time to flip the bottom edge of the flannel over the top flannel along the sewn pocket line.



To do this, place your finger at the lower sewn pocket edge



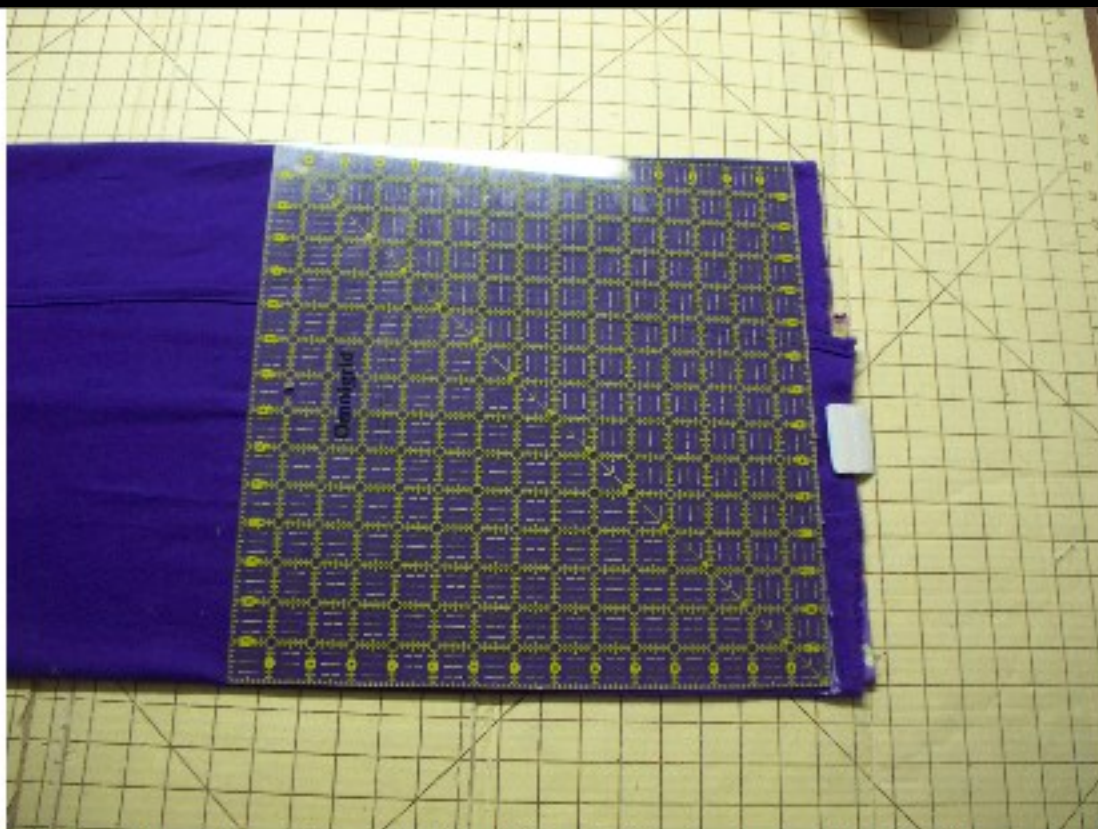
and flip the flannel up. Continue working all the way along the sewn edge.



Just work along that sewn line flipping the lower fabric up.



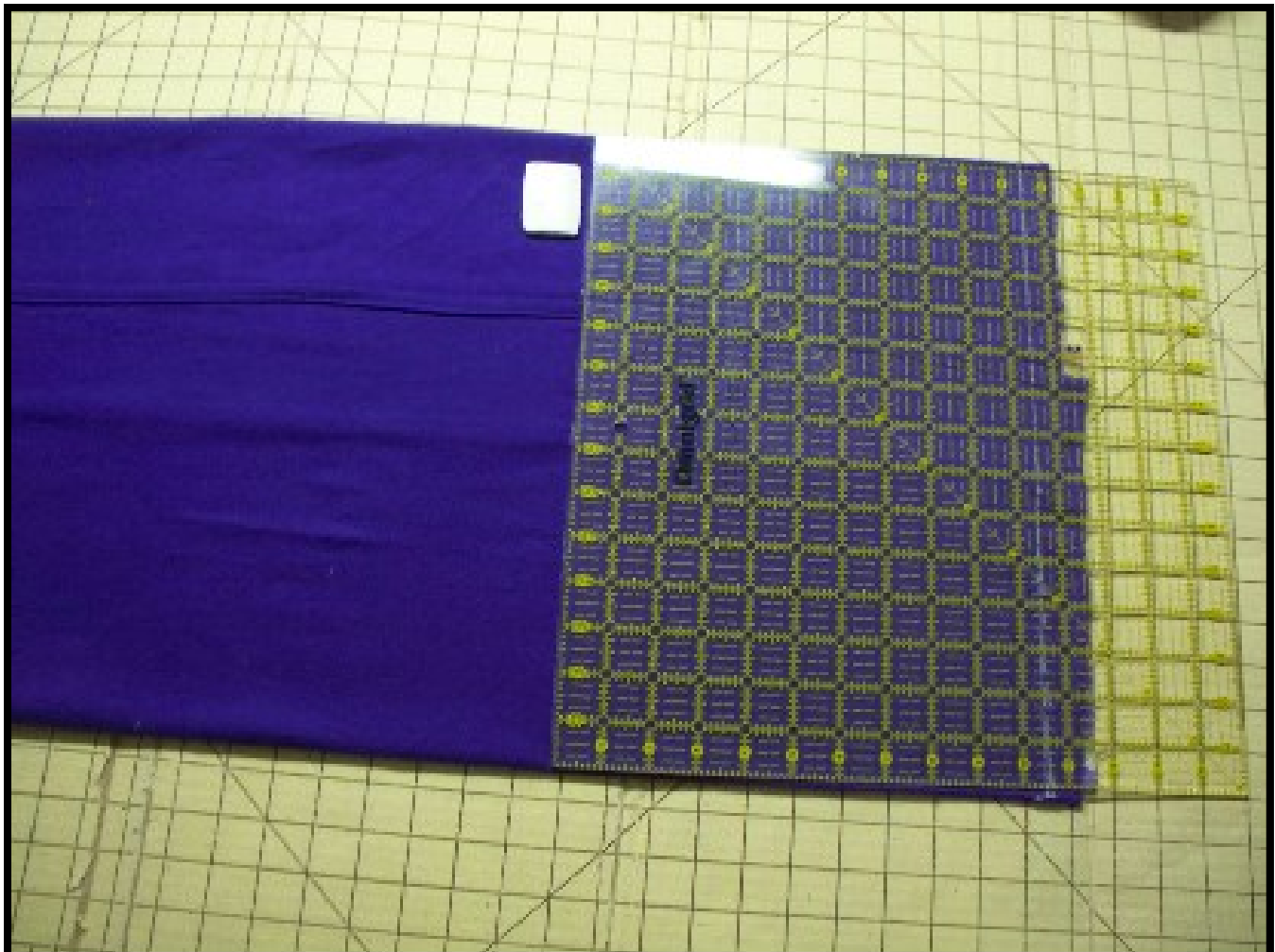
The lower edge covers the upper edge by a few inches.



Now it is time to cut the length of fabric into four sections. Measure the long length, from selvage to selvage, and divide by four to get the amount to cut each section (approx. 10"-10.5").



If you have a rotary cutter and mat you can use that for cutting. If not, just measure



and mark the amount needed.



Cut along each marked line.



To keep the layers together place pins through all layers at the overlapping section and then stack all four pillowcases together for fast sewing.



Beginning at one cut edge of one pillowcase, sew a seam, backstitching at both ends. For efficiency, chain sew one right after the other



and then clip the threads between each seam.



Repeat the processes for the other seams.



Remove the pins holding the layers together. Serge or zig-zag the seams just sewn and clip the corners.



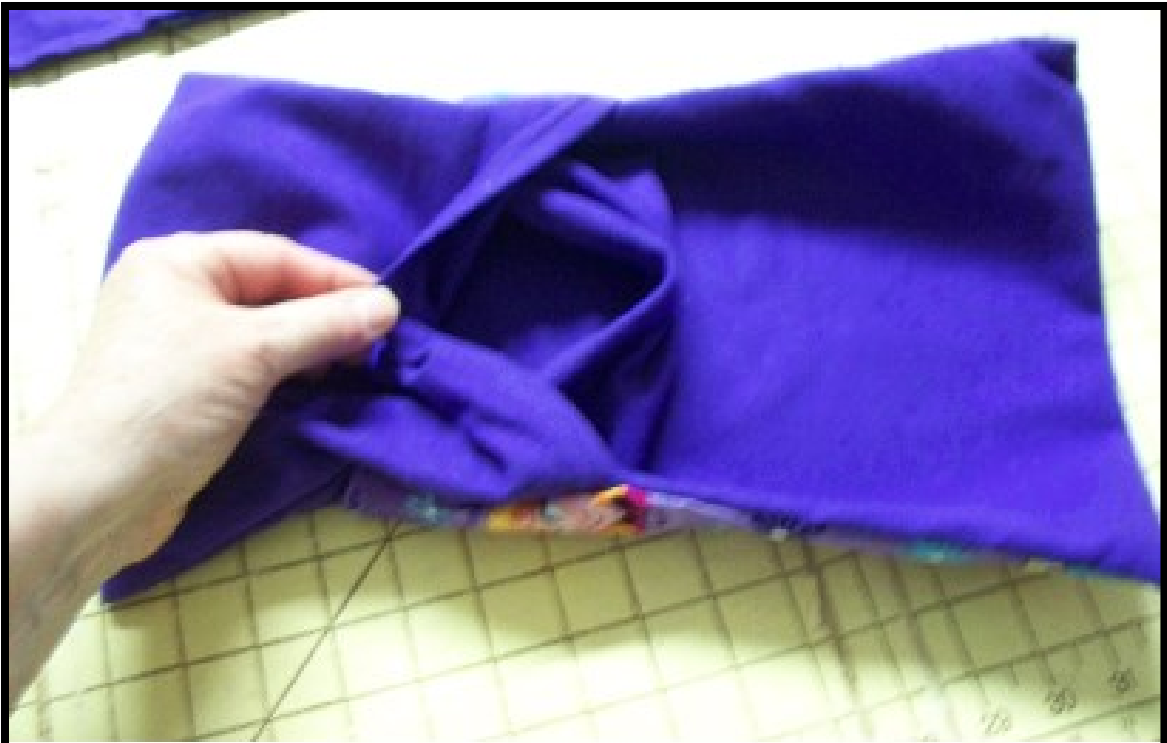
Now reach inside through the opening



and turn the pillowcases right side out



forming each corner well.



Repeat for the remaining pillowcases.



Press each pillowcase well.



The front of the pillowcase has the pocket opening



and the back of the pillowcase has the flap for the Village to insert the pillow.



Once you do your first set, subsequent sets will go very fast. Get a group of friends together for an afternoon of charity sewing to benefit



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"Give Kids the World Village". **Thank you** for your commitment to the project.