<u>KATHY'S NEW FAVORITE PILLOWCASE PATTERN</u>

YOU WILL NEED:

- I/3 yard (cuff)
- I/8 yard (accent strip)

CUTTING:

- CASE BODY approx. 26 x 41 (trim selvage ends only)
- CUFF 10 x 41
- □ ACCENT STRIP* 2 ½ × 41

CONSTRUCTION:

- With your iron, press the accent strip in half lengthwise, WST. Pin or baste the folded strip to the right side of the cuff along one 41" side, raw edges matching. Next, lay the body piece RST over the accent strip. The accent will be sandwiched between the cuff and the body at the top. Pin well. You may baste if you like.
- 2) Fold the cuff up over all the layers so the bottom edge is aligned with the sewn edge. The body will be scrunched up inside. Be sure the body will not be tangled and sewn into the seam at the top.
- 3) Sew along the top pinned edge with a ¼" seam allowance. The cuff will form a long tube with everything inside. Reach into the tube and gently pull the body of the pillowcase out. Ta-da! Now press the seam along the edge of the cuff and accent so it is flat.
- 4) Pin the pillowcase in half, WST, matching the seams at the cuff. Sew around the side and bottom using a generous 1/8" seam allowance. The raw edges will be on the outside.
- 5) Turn the pillowcase inside out and stitch a ¼" seam, creating a French seam. No raw edges will show. It's a done deal!

*The accent strip can be any width you want. Figure out how much of it you want to show before you cut it. Then double that measurement and add seam allowance. The following measurements might help you. If you make it too wide it gets wrinkly when washed.

If you cut the strip: 1" wide = $\frac{1}{4}$ " finished 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide = $\frac{1}{2}$ " finished 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide = $\frac{5}{8}$ " finished 2" wide = $\frac{3}{4}$ " finished 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide = be 1" finished