

Give Kids The World Wish Pillow

The fabric selection for the wish pillow cases is key. It is important to use soft flannel and soft cotton, kid-friendly print (which is noted in the attached instructions). This appeals to most of our children and helps to preserve the spirit of the program. If you would like a sample of a pillow case sent to you, please email me your shipping information and I will be happy to do so!

The cases should be delivered to my attention, at the address listed below. Please be sure to include a letter, with every shipment, with the following information: **Name, Address, Phone, Email, Quantity and Dollar value.** This information will allow us to properly recognize your contribution, as well as record your in-kind donation as it is required by law. On your first shipment, please include information on how you heard about us and your club name and address.

Thank you for being part of such a special project. Your generous support not only contributes to the success of the wish pillow program, but also generates the happiness that inspires hope for over 7,000 wish families each year.

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GIVE KIDS THE WORLD WISH PILLOW DIRECTIONS (2010)

These are special pillows for our very special children. I hope sometime you will be able to see one of our children with their pillow and it will help you understand how very special this project is. **PLEASE use new, very soft fabric – this is IMPORTANT for the children.**

For the project you will be working with the **PILLOW FABRIC, (cozy flannel – plain color)** and the **pocket (novelty print which can be flannel or cotton)** **Please look for novelty prints suitable for both boys and girls.**

COZY FLANNEL IS USED FOR THE PILLOW FABRIC – ONE YARD OF FLANNEL WILL MAKE FOUR (4) WISH PILLOWS.
COTTON, COTTON/POLY BLEND, or FLANNEL IS USED FOR THE POCKET – ONE YARD OF NOVELTY PRINT WILL MAKE TWELVE (12) POCKETS FOR THE WISH PILLOWS.

Cut the plain pillow fabric into 36 inch lengths. A rotary cutter and board help to ensure accuracy and also speed up the process. The pockets are cut into 12 inch lengths.

On the pillow fabric make a hem on both raw ends (do NOT sew selvages). Turn down fabric about $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " and then again another $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " taking up about an inch to one and a half inches. Accuracy is not critical. On the pocket material, hem one raw end only using the same measurement (again do NOT sew selvages).

Match the hemmed edge of pocket and pillow. Sew the pocket material strip to the pillow fabric right side to right side along the length that is not hemmed. You could go back to the cutting board to pin them together to get a straighter line for sewing.

Take the fabric back to the cutting board and fold the pocket material toward the center (wrong side of pocket material to right side of pillow material). Lay a ruler at the pocket where it is sewn and measure 15 inches. Fold the pillow fabric over the ruler with the fabric right sides together. Then fold the other end on top of the end you just folded at the pocket where it is sewn.

Now cut the flannel lengthwise into 4 pieces approximately 10-1/2 to 11 inches wide. Flannel comes in different widths so just divide the flannel into fourths and do not worry about the selvage; they will be sewn or serged over.

Make sure the pocket in the front and opening in the back are opposite. The overlap in the back must be at least two (2") inches. **Little hands go in each opening to hold the pillow tight.**

Use your serger to finish the side seams OR use a straight stitch and then zig zag the seams. Clip corners and turn pillow to right side.

The finished size of the pillow and pocket will be (depending on your hem widths of $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " as well as the width of the flannel) as follows:

Pillow: 9-3/4" to 10" wide X 15" long

Pocket: 9-3/4" to 10" wide X 11-1/2" long

Now take your right hand and reach up over your shoulder and give yourself a pat on the back.....