

Quick Shirt Pillow

Not wearing ruffles anymore? Here is a great quick project to turn shirts and blouses not being worn into unique pillows. Hans' Sales Associate, Julie Bakke, turned her ruffled shirt into a great pillow which doubles as a perfect way to store and display her pin collection. Just follow these easy steps:

Supplies: washed and ironed button-downed shirt or blouse: choose one with an interesting ruffle, a nice flannel plaid, or intriguing design.

1. Lay out smoothly and using a straight edge, T square or (our favorite) Omnigrad acrylic ruler, cut front and back into squares/rectangles 1" wider on all sides than your pillow form. Cut the top edges just below the curve of the collar, and the bottoms somewhere above the beginning of shirt-tail curves.
2. Pin pieces right sides together, make sure the button plackets are lined up.
3. Sew or serge around all 4 edges using a 1/2" seam, stitching across top and bottom of button placket. *TIP: if using your sewing machine, when you come to each corner, take 2 diagonal stitches before starting along the next straight side. This will make the corners turn more smoothly.
4. Turn right side out. Now unbutton your shirt and insert pillow form. --Button up and your done!

