



# REVERSIBLE FLANGED SHAM

CATHIE GULLIVER SHARES A TRULY REVERSIBLE FLANGED SHAM TECHNIQUE

*This example uses a 2.5" flange and .5" seams for a queen-sized sham with a finished size of 33"w by 25".*

1. Cut your face fabric 34" w by 26" l.
2. Cut your reverse fabric 34"w by 28.75"l Here's the math. (25" + 1" (2 x .5"s.a.) + 2.5" flange + .25" fudge factor)
3. Cut a facing out of the reverse fabric 34"w x 3.75"l (2.5" flange + 1"(2 x .5"s.a.) + .25" fudge factor)
4. Prepare all 3 pieces using quilt batting and/or lining on both the face fabric and reverse fabric (in my sample I used quilt batting and lining on the face fabric and serged around all four sides, on the reverse fabric I didn't use either as it was a medium weight fabric).  
On the facing and reverse fabric I serged only the two long edges where the zipper will be inserted). Optionally, stitch your piping onto the face fabric. (see Picture 1 of the prepared pieces)
5. Mark 4" in from each side edge of the facing (see Picture 2)
6. Pin bottom edge of reverse fabric to facing and stitch 4" in from each side of sham. At this point you are preparing for the insertion of the zipper.
7. You can do a dressmaker centered zipper if you prefer, but personally I just whack the zipper in as it will be hidden. Later when you sew the flange down next to the zipper the second row of stitching inside the flange doesn't look that great anyway. I stitch the zipper face down on one side of the reverse fabric. (see Picture 3) Pin the other side of the zipper to the seam allowance of the facing (see Picture 4) and then stitch zipper face down on the seam allowance of the facing. (see Picture 5)
8. Zipper is now inserted. (see Picture 6) I slightly press the fabric away from the teeth.
9. Pin bottom edge of face fabric to the other side of the facing (see picture 7) and stitch the seam. If you used piping then this will be a piped edge.
10. When you remove from the machine to check your stitching it should look like picture 8.
11. Fold right sides to right sides and stitch all around the 3 remaining sides (see picture 9).
12. Turn right side out and your sham should now look like picture 10.
13. Tuck the facing to the inside of the sham, ensuring that you press the facing of the reverse fabric at least 2.5" inside the sham (see picture 11).
14. On the right side of the face fabric stick a pin 2.5" in from the edge (see picture 12). Open the flange slightly so that you can see the pin and mark that 2.5" (see picture 13). Do the same on the other end of the flange.
15. Take to the machine and stitch 2.5" from edge of flange from mark to mark being careful to not stitch on the zipper. (see Picture 14)
16. You can now prepare and stitch the facing and flange on the reverse side using the same method.
17. Press the sham using the iron to push any excess fabric to the middle of the sham. If it helps pin flat all the way around and use a pin to match up the stitch lines on each side of the flange. (see picture 15) Sew around the remaining 3 sides for a 2.5" flange.
18. That's it. You are done. You've created a truly reversible flanged sham with a hidden zipper! Perhaps a little awkward, but really quite easy!







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