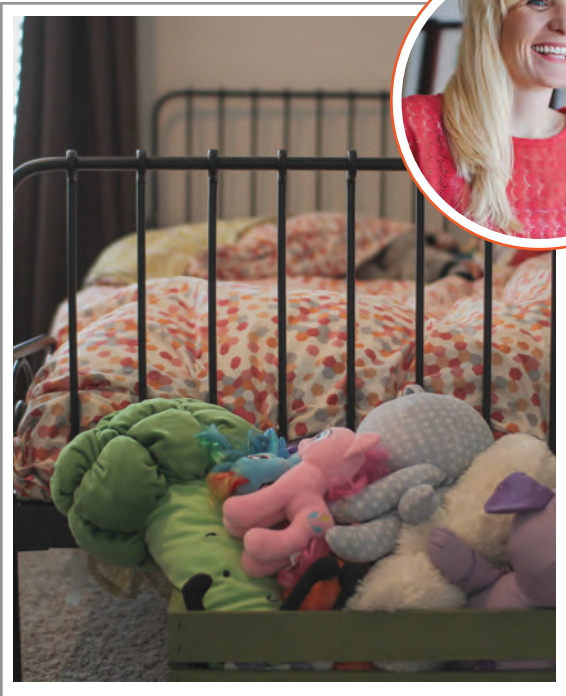


# Duvet Cover



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I don't know about you, but I use a down comforter year-round. I may kick it off throughout the night in the summer, but I just love how comfortable they make a bed feel. Check out how I made my own cheap duvet cover using just two flat sheets, a down comforter and a sewing machine.

### SUPPLIES:

2 flat sheets (according to down comforter size); down comforter; sewing machine; Velcro; pins/thread/sewing supplies; optional 1/8" ribbon cut into about 10, 4" pieces, folded into a loop; 20, 10" pieces.

1



Lay out flat sheets to check sizing and measurements.

*Note: Check to be sure your down comforter will fit inside your two sheets that will become the cover. You will also want to decide how fitted you want the cover to be.*

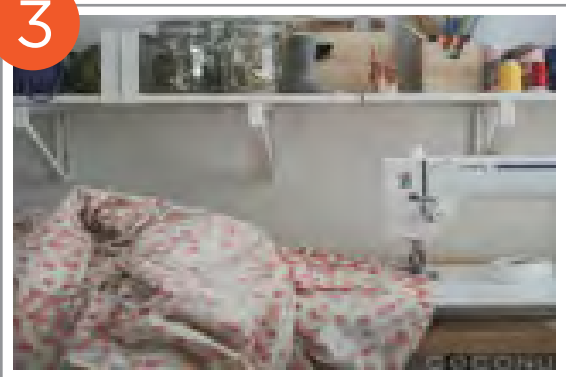
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Fold over one of the flat sheets to create the opening and pocket.

*Note: Remember, we are sewing right sides together, so when this is right-side out, the comforter will nest under that flap. Be sure to provide enough space lengthwise for the comforter when folding the flap over and pinning. The other flat sheet will fold over and close with Velcro strips.*

3



Sew around the perimeter of the cover. Begin at the top of one side of the folded-down flap, and make your way around to the other.

4



*(Note: You can skip each of the steps marked with \* [4, 5, 7] if you choose.)*

\*At this point, you can choose to continue on by creating ribbon loops and ties to keep the comforter in place. Take your cut strips of ribbon and light a candle. Carefully melt the ends of each piece to keep from fraying. On the smaller pieces, carefully press the ends together after melting in order to form a loop.

5



\*Measure and mark your distances around the perimeter of the cover. Pin in place, and use a small stitch length to tack ribbon into place.

6



Turn your duvet cover right side out and press seams.

*Note: If you've added the ribbon ties, be sure to keep them out of the path of your seam.*

7



\*Turn your cover inside out again and lay out your comforter as you want it to sit within the cover. Line up your ribbon ties and pin your loops to the edge of your comforter. Using a short stitch length, tack these loops into place.

8



Add a closure to the top opening of the cover. Measure and mark where you want your Velcro closure to sit. This measurement is from the edge of the piece that is being folded over to close the opening of the cover.

*Note: When sewing on Velcro, your needle may "gum up" a bit, so be sure to clean your needle well or simply replace it after this step.*

9



Place the Velcro across the top, and then fold over as to how you want it to lay when finished. Fold back the edge of the top flap, and line up the matching Velcro accordingly.

10



Sew around the perimeter of all your pieces of Velcro.

11



If you skipped the ribbon steps, simply stuff that down comforter in there. To tackle the ribbons, you'll want to start with the cover almost inside out, so you can match up the bottom loops and ties. Simply match up each spot and tie a bow. As you work your way up each side, the cover will flip back, right-side out. Then, close up the top with Velcro.