

## Beach Bag Towel Tutorial



### Supplies:

1 Bath Towel

3 Matching or Coordinating Hand Towels (same length as bath towel width)

May Arts Grosgrain Ribbon – QH (1 ½")- Approx 7 yards

6 inch piece strong sew on velcro

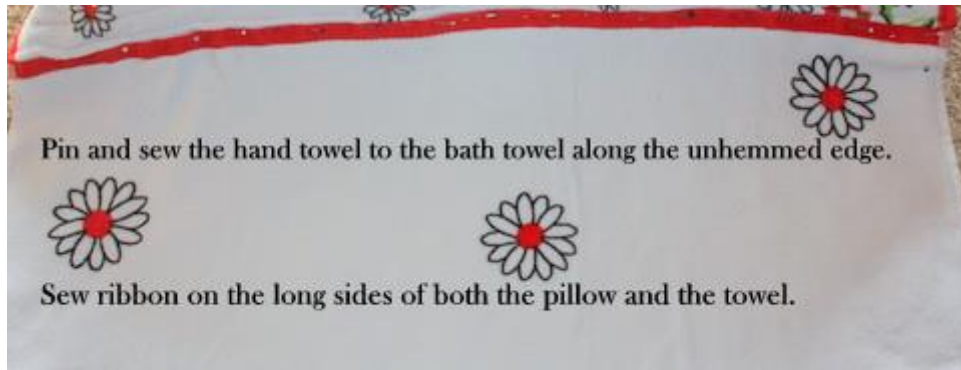
Sewing machine/thread/scissors



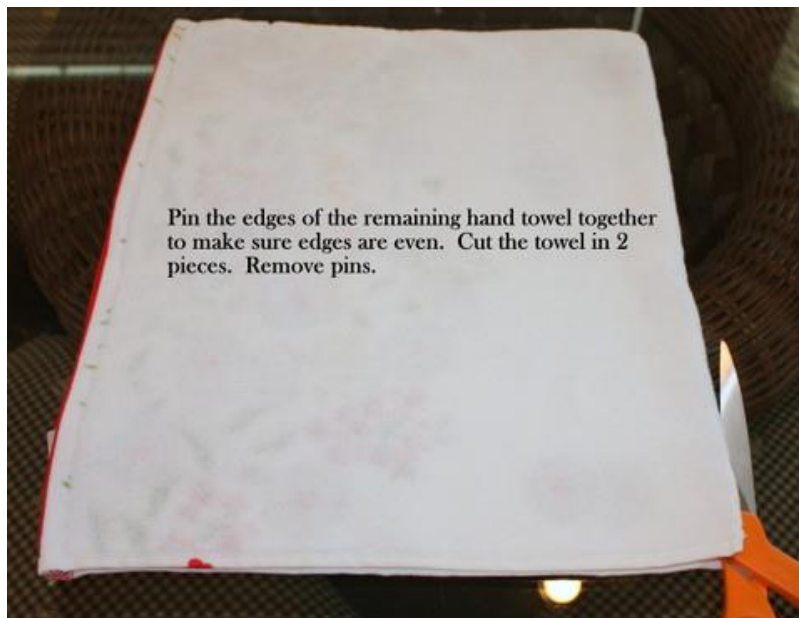
1. Fold up one long end of one of the hand towels 1 inch. Stitch in place. Pin two hand towels together. Sew around all edges leaving a 6 inch opening on the hemmed edge for stuffing.



2. Stitch the bath towel to the free edge of the hand towel. Stitch again on each side of the opening. Measure the length of your towel and hand towel. Cut ribbon to that length plus 2 inches. Press the ribbon in half along the LENGTH. This makes it easier to sew to the towel. Pin and sew ribbon to both sides.



3. Pin the edges of the remaining towel together. This helps to make sure the side are even. Cut the towel in two along the folded edge.



4. Fold the cut edge of each piece of the hand towel over about 2 inches. Flip to the right side, fold down 1 inch and stitch to form a hem.



5. Sew a strip of ribbon along the hemline. Don't worry about the edges. We're going to cover those.



6. Measure the sides of your pockets and add 2 inches. Press in half, then stitch to the sides of the pockets making sure to turn the ends under 1 inch for a smooth finish. Set the pockets aside.



7. Stuff the pillow but do not sew the opening closed yet. (I learned this part the hard way!) With the pillow end to the inside, fold the towels into a bag. Turn the ends under about 1 inch; position and sew on your handles. The length is entirely personal. I cut 40 inches of ribbon for each handle.

**VERY IMPORTANT** – Pull the stuffing out of the pillow before sewing the handles and pockets. I know this seems redundant but it's nearly impossible to sew with the pillow already stuffed.





8. Sew the handles to the bag. Sew the pockets to the bag just covering the base of the handles. I sewed down the length of the pockets to form individual pockets to hold sunscreen, books, sunglasses, etc.



9. Stuff and hand sew the pillow closed then....Head to the beach or the pool in style!





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