

## MAKING A TOPPONCINO

### Material:

4 to 8 layers of cotton batting or thick towelling

59 in of strong unbleached cotton batting

59 in of thin organic cotton muslin

Draw and cut out a tick piece of paper the size and shape of the pattern

## Preparing the batting:

Place 4 to 8 (depending on thickness desired) on top of each other

Lay the pattern on top of the cotton pin in place and cut out shape

# Preparing the lining:

Place pattern on two thickness' of heavy cotton material

Hand baste around edge of pattern through both pieces of material

Cut out around the basting, adding 1/2 inch of seam

Zigzag or whipstich each piece of material to prevent raveling

Sew the 2 pieces together on the basted stitches, leaving an opening about 14 inch wide on the side

Remove the basting and turn right side out

Insert the cotton batting

Whipstich the opening, closing securely

Tack through in 5 places, small bows can be used

## For front of sham:

Place pattern on one thickness of soft cotton material

Trace stitching line and cutting line around pattern

Cut on cutting line - cutting line is 1/2 in from stitching line

### For back of sham:

Place pattern on two thickness' of soft cotton material

Trace stitching line and cutting lines 3/4 of the way around pattern

Cut out on cutting line

Separate the 2 pieces

Fold straight edge of each piece under 1/4 in and press.

Fold under again 2 1/2 in and press and stitch

# Now all 3 pieces of the sham can be put together:

Lay front piece of the sham right side up on a table

With right sides together, lay one piece of the back on top of the front piece, matching top curve, sew in lace if desired

On top of this, lay the second piece of the back matching the bottom curve

The two back pieces will overlap 6 inches

Sew and turn inside out

Insert the covered batting, adjust the fit if necessary

The sham should fit snugly







