

Project: Pillowcase with Strip-Pieced Band



Pattern 3

American Patchwork & Quilting

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PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

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Materials

For one pillowcase:

- ¼ yard print No. 1 (band)
- ⅜ yard print No. 2 (band)
- ⅞ yard print No. 3 (band, pillowcase body)

Finished pillowcase: 30×20" (fits a standard-size bed pillow)

Quantities are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances for piecing blocks and ½" seam allowances for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise specified.

Cut Fabrics

From print No. 1, cut:

- 1—1½×20½" strip
- 1—1¼×20½" strip
- 2—1×15" strips

From print No. 2, cut:

- 1—6¼×40½" strip
- 1—6¼×20½" strip
- 2—2×15" strips

From print No. 3, cut:

- 1—25½×41" rectangle
- 4—1½×15" strips

Assemble Segments

Use a ¼" seam allowance for the following steps.

- 1.** Referring to **Diagram 1**, join one print No. 1—1×15" strip, one print No. 2—2×15" strip, and two print No. 3—1½×15" strips to make a strip set. Press seams toward print No. 3. Repeat to make a second strip set.
- 2.** Cut strip sets into a total of five 4½"-square segments.

Assemble Band

Use a ¼" seam allowance for the following steps.

- 1.** Sew together five 4½"-square segments in a row; press seams in one direction. Add print No. 1—1½×20½" and 1¼×20½" strips to long edges of pieced row (**Band Assembly Diagram**). Press seams toward print No. 1 strips.
- 2.** Sew print No. 2—6¼×20½" strip to a short end of Step 1 unit (**Band Assembly Diagram**). Press seam open.
- 3.** Sew print No. 2—6¼×40½" strip to a long edge of Step 2 unit (**Band Assembly Diagram**). Press seam open.
- 4.** Join ends of Step 3 unit to make a loop. Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

Assemble Pillowcase

Use a ½" seam allowance for the following steps.

- 1.** Fold print No. 3—25½×41" rectangle in half to form a 25½×20½" rectangle. Sew together long edges and one short end to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.
- 2.** Matching raw edges, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body; pin. Strip-pieced segments should be facedown against right side of pillowcase body. Sew together through all layers (**Diagram 2**).

- 3.** Press pillowcase band open, pressing seams toward pillowcase body. Topstitch ¼" from band edge on pillowcase body to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase (**Diagram 3**).

Fabrics are from the Mingle collection by Monaluna and the Pimatex collection for Robert Kaufman Fabrics (robertkaufman.com).

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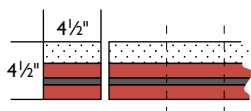
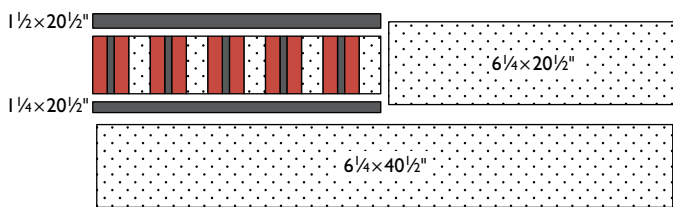


DIAGRAM 1



BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

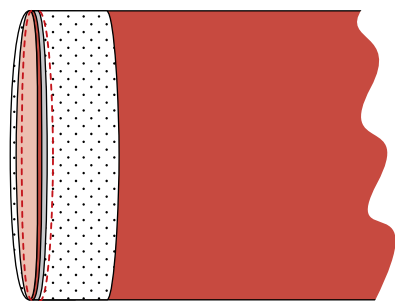


DIAGRAM 2

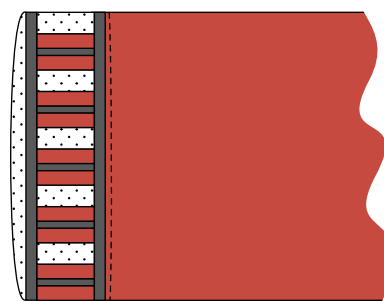


DIAGRAM 3