

Project: Pillowcase with Flying Geese Band



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**Pattern 10**  
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**PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE**

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**Materials****For one pillowcase:**

- $\frac{1}{4}$  yard print No. 1 (blocks)
- $\frac{3}{8}$  yard print No. 2 (blocks, band)
- $\frac{7}{8}$  yard print No. 3 (pillowcase body, band)

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

Finished block:  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ×5"

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

Measurements include  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances for piecing blocks and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowances for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

**Cut Fabrics****From print No. 1, cut:**

- 16—3" squares

**From print No. 2, cut:**

- 1— $2\times 40\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle
- 1— $5\frac{1}{2}\times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle
- 8— $3\times 5\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

**From print No. 3, cut:**

- 1—25×41" rectangle
- 1— $5\frac{1}{2}\times 40\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle

**Assemble Blocks**

Use a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each print No. 1—3" square.
2. Align a marked 3" square with one end of a print No. 2— $3\times 5\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle (**Diagram 1**; note direction of drawn line). Sew on marked line, then trim seam allowances to  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press open attached triangle.

3. Align a marked 3" square with opposite end of Step 2 rectangle. Stitch, trim, and press as before to make a Flying Geese block. The block should be  $3\times 5\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.

4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to make eight Flying Geese blocks total.

**Assemble Bands**

Use a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Sew together the Flying Geese blocks in a row (**Band Assembly Diagram**). Press seams in one direction. The block row should be  $5\frac{1}{2}\times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
2. Add print No. 2— $5\frac{1}{2}\times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to a short edge of block row (**Band Assembly Diagram**). Press seam open. The unit should be  $5\frac{1}{2}\times 40\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
3. Join print No. 2— $2\times 40\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to print No. 3— $5\frac{1}{2}\times 40\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. Press seam open.
4. Sew Step 2 unit to Step 3 unit. Press seam open.

5. Join ends of Step 4 unit to make a loop. Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

**Assemble Pillowcase**

Use a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance for the following steps, except where noted.

1. Fold print No. 3—25×41" rectangle in half to form a  $25\times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. Sew together long edges and a pair of short edges to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.
2. Matching raw edges, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body with Flying Geese units facing pillowcase body (**Diagram 2**); pin. Using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew together through all layers.
3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seams toward pillowcase body. Topstitch  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from band edge on pillowcase body to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase (**Diagram 3**).

Fabrics are from the Oasis collection for Fabri-Quilt ([fabri-quilt.com](http://fabri-quilt.com)).

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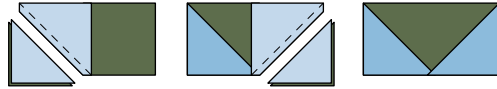


DIAGRAM 1

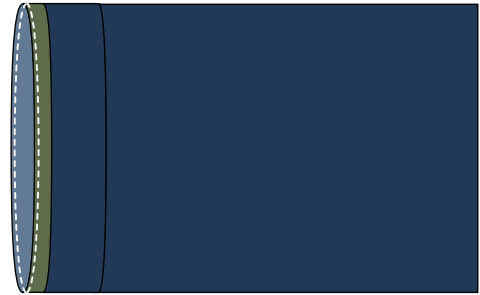


DIAGRAM 2

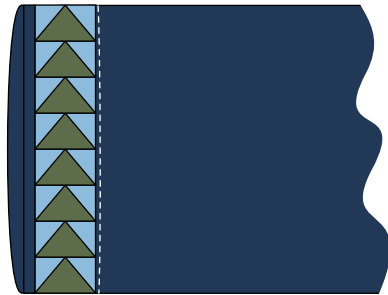
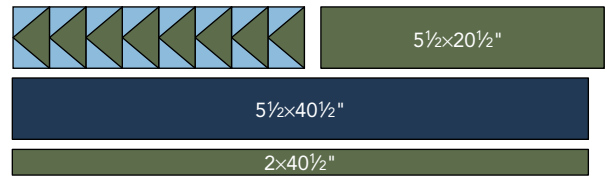


DIAGRAM 3



BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM