

Project: Pillowcase Gift Bag



Pattern 12

American Patchwork & Quilting

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PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

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Materials

For one pillowcase:

- ¼ yard print No. 1 (pocket, ruffle, drawstring)
- ⅞ yard print No. 2 (pillowcase body)
- ⅜ yard print No. 3 (band)
- Large safety pin

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

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

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances for drawstring, pocket, and band construction, ½" seam allowances for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

From print No. 1*, cut:

- 1—2½×42" strips
- 1—6×25" strip
- 2 of Pocket Pattern

From print No. 2, cut:

- 1—26½×41" rectangle

From print No. 3, cut:

- 1—10×41" strip

*See Cutting Diagram, page 3.

Assemble Pocket

Use ¼" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Sew together print No. 1 pocket pieces, leaving a 3" opening along one edge for turning (Diagram 1).
2. Trim corners and turn right side out through opening. Press flat and slip-stitch opening closed. Fold pocket flap over pocket body (see Pocket Pattern fold line); press flat to make a pocket.

3. Place pocket on right side of No. 2 print 26½×41" rectangle 4" from a short edge and a long edge (Diagram 2). Topstitch side and bottom edges of pocket to rectangle.

Assemble Ruffle

Use ¼" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Fold No. 1 print 6×25" strip in half lengthwise with right side inside. Sew across both short ends. Turn right side out and press flat.
2. Using a long machine stitch, sew two rows of basting stitches ¼" and ⅜" from raw edge of folded strip. Gently pull up bobbin threads of basting stitches to make a 19½"-long gathered ruffle (Diagram 3).

Assemble Drawstring

Use ¼" seam allowance for the following step.

Fold No. 1 print 2½×42" strip in half lengthwise with right side inside. Sew long edges together. Turn right side out and press flat to make drawstring.

Assemble Pillowcase

Use ½" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Fold No. 3 print 10×41" strip in half crosswise. Sew short ends together, leaving a 1½" opening in seam for drawstring, to make a tube (Diagram 4).
2. Fold tube in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

3. Fold No. 2 print 26½×41" rectangle in half to form a 26½×20½" rectangle; press and unfold. Center ruffle on half the rectangle, between pressed fold and ½" from edge (Diagram 5); baste.

4. Refold rectangle; sew together long edges and the short end with ruffle to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.
5. Matching raw edges, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body with opening in band seam toward pillowcase body; pin. Sew together through all layers.
6. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seams toward pillowcase body. Topstitch ¼" from band seam on pillowcase body to secure seam allowances, and 1½" from band seam on band to make casing for drawstring (Diagram 6).

7. Using a large safety pin at one end of drawstring, thread drawstring through casing, keeping layers flat and bring it back out through opening. Turn under drawstring ends ¼" twice and machine-stitch through all layers.

To prevent drawstring from being pulled out of casing, even ends in casing and machine-stitch through midpoint of casing (opposite casing opening), securing drawstring with stitching.

Fabrics are from the Botanica collection by Lourdes Sanchez for Timeless Treasures Fabrics (ttfabrics.com).

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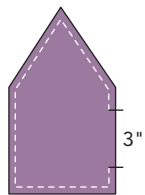


DIAGRAM 1

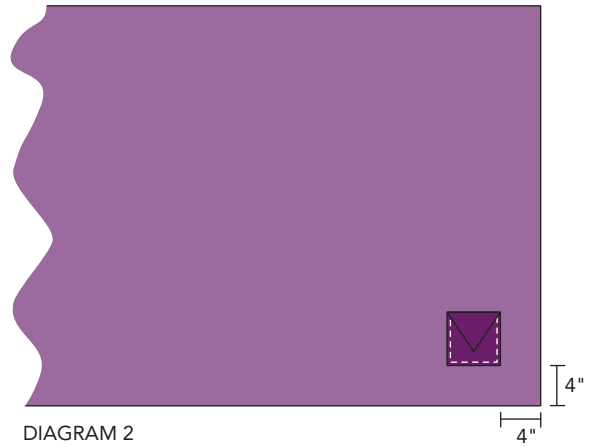


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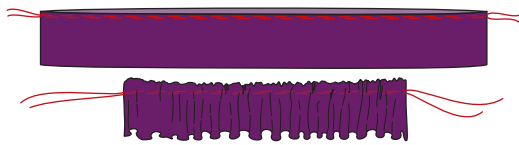


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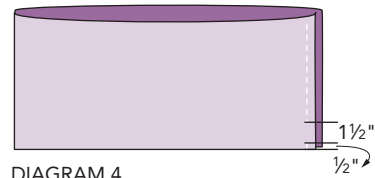


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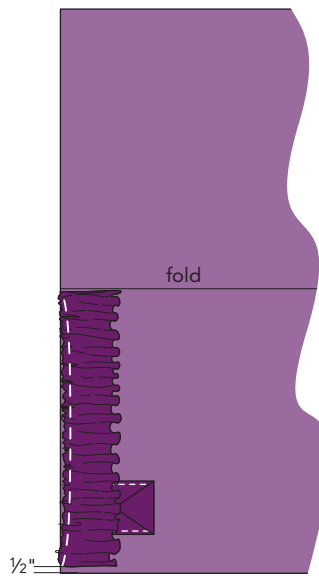


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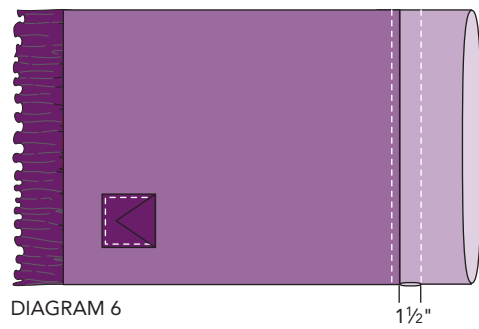
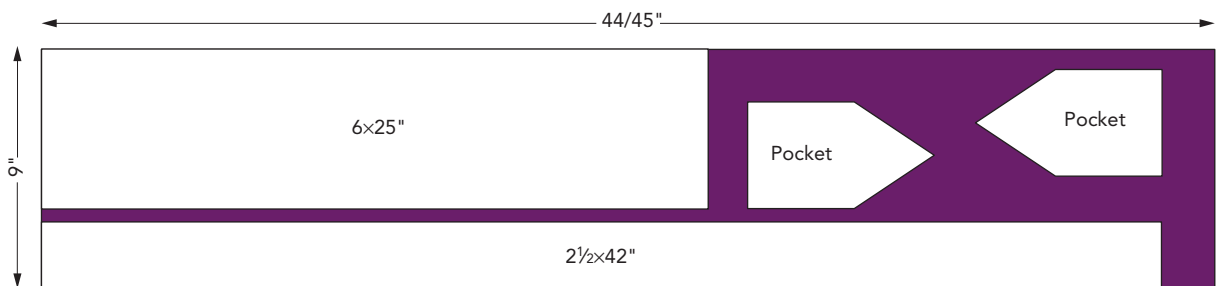
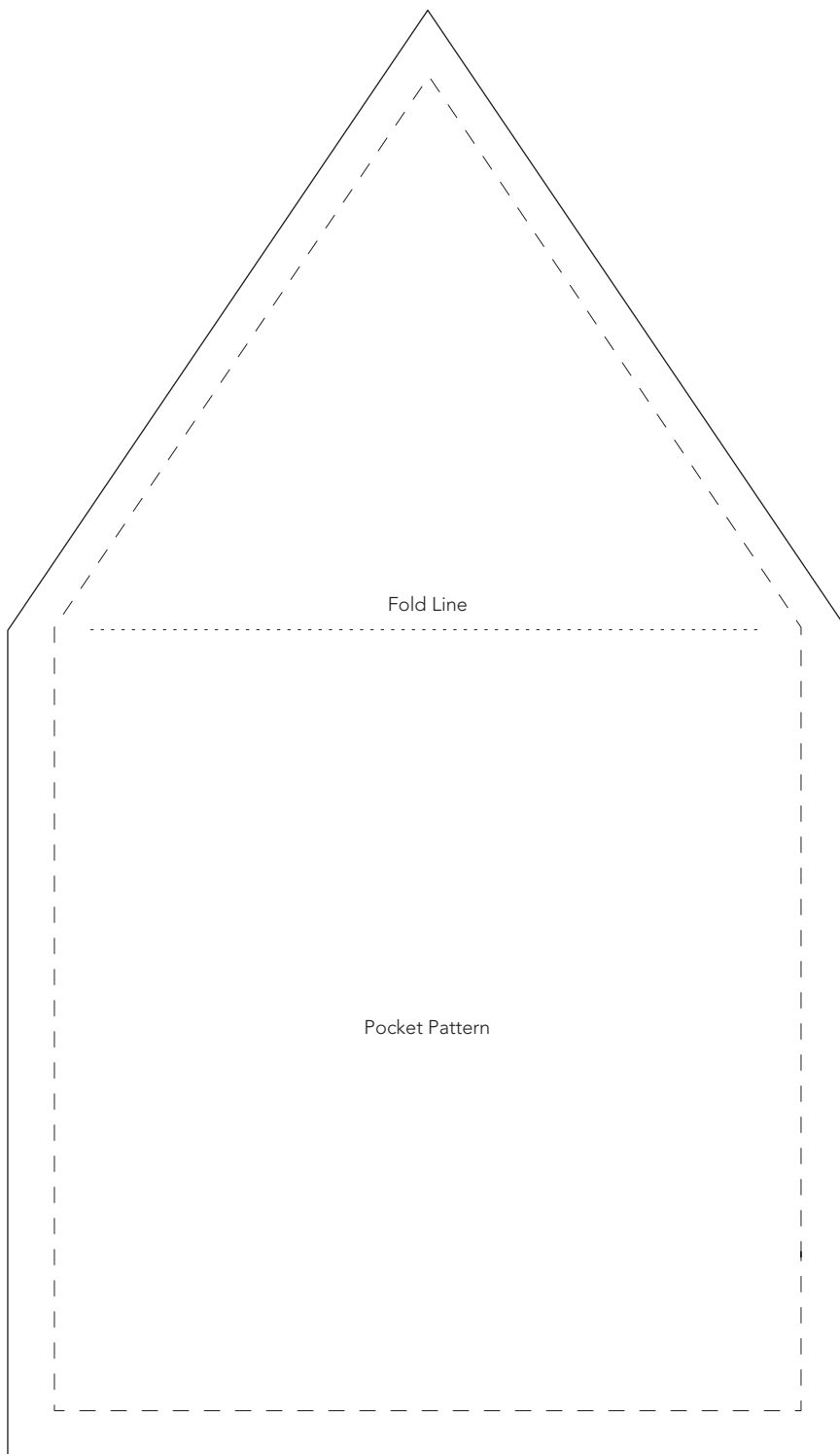


DIAGRAM 6



CUTTING DIAGRAM

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Fold Line

Pocket Pattern