

Project: Pillowcase with Quilt-As-You-Go Band

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PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

Pattern 14



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Materials

For one pillowcase:

- ¼ yard print No. 1 (square, strips)
- ⅙ yard print No. 2 (strips)
- ⅙ yard print No. 3 (strips)
- 1⅙ yards print No. 4 (strips, pillowcase body, band lining)
- ¼ yard muslin (band foundation)

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—4" square
- 14—1½×6" strips

From each Nos. 2 and 3 print, cut:

- 14—1½×6" strips

From print No. 4, cut:

- 1—25¾×41" rectangle
- 1—5½×40½" strip
- 14—1½×6" strips

From muslin, cut:

- 1—6×42" strip

Assemble Quilt-As-You-Go Strip

Use a ¼" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Lay muslin strip on a work surface. With pencil and ruler, mark center of strip (21" from short edges).
2. Center print 4" square on point, right side up, at marked center of strip (**Diagram 1**); pin in place.

3. With right side down, lay an assorted print 1½×6" strip along one edge of center square, allowing excess strip to extend beyond edge of muslin strip (**Diagram 2**). Sew together through all layers. Finger-press the strip open.

4. Align a second assorted print 1½×6" strip along adjacent edge of center square (**Diagram 3**); sew as before. Finger-press the strip open.

5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 to add assorted print strips to alternating adjacent edges of center square and cover half of muslin strip (**Diagram 4**).

6. Repeat steps 3 and 4 to cover remaining half of muslin strip.

7. With square centered, trim covered muslin strip to 5½×40½" including seam allowances to make quilt-as-you-go strip.

Assemble Band

Use a ¼" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Referring to **Band Assembly Diagram**, sew together quilt-as-you-go strip and print 5½×40½" strip.
2. Join short ends of Step 1 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, except where noted.

1. Fold print 25¾×41" rectangle in half crosswise to make a 25¾×20½" rectangle. Sew together long edges and one pair of short edges to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.
2. Referring to **Diagram 5**, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body with quilt-as-you-go strip facing pillowcase body; align raw edges and pin. Using a ¼" seam allowance, sew together through all layers.
3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowances toward pillowcase body. Topstitch ⅙" from band edge on pillowcase body to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase (**Diagram 6**).

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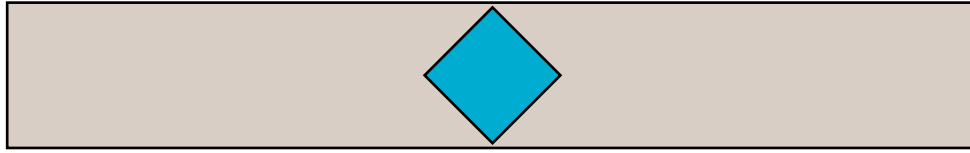


DIAGRAM 1



DIAGRAM 2

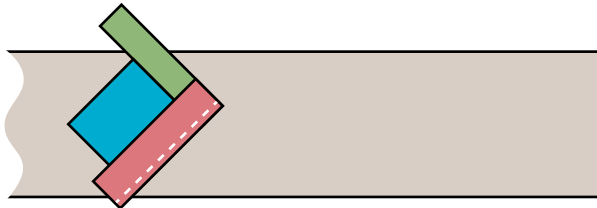
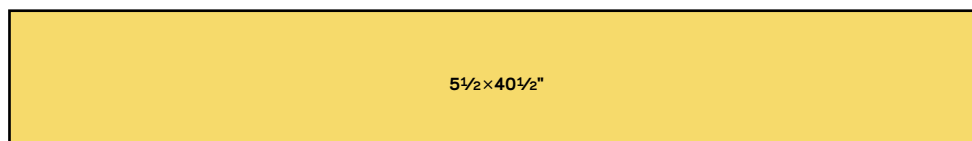


DIAGRAM 3



DIAGRAM 4



BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

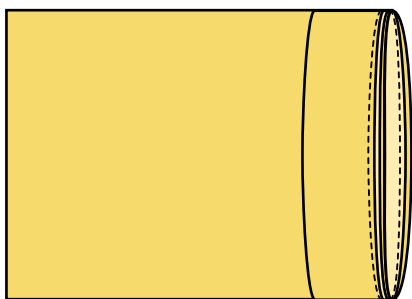


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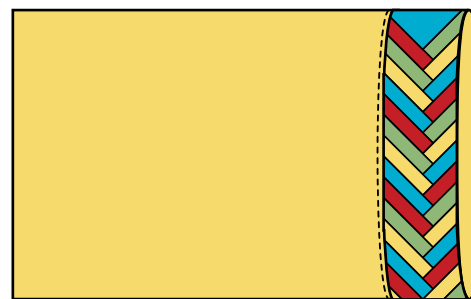


DIAGRAM 6