

Project: Pillowcase with Hourglass-Block Band



Pattern 2

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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, trim)
- $\frac{7}{8}$ yard print No. 3 (pillowcase body)

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

Finished block: 4" square

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 specified.

Cut Fabrics

From print No. 1, cut:

- 1— $6\frac{1}{4}\times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " strip
- 3— $5\frac{1}{4}$ " squares, cutting each diagonally twice in an X for 12 triangles total (you will use 10)

From print No. 2, cut

- 1— $6\frac{1}{4}\times 40\frac{1}{2}$ " strip
- 3— $5\frac{1}{4}$ " squares, cutting each in diagonally twice in an X for 12 triangles total (you will use 10)
- 1— $1\frac{1}{2}\times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " strip
- 1— $1\frac{1}{4}\times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " strip

From print No. 3, cut:

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

Assemble Hourglass Blocks

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

1. Sew together two print No. 1 triangles and two print No. 2 triangles in pairs (**Diagram 1**). Press seams in opposite directions. Join pairs to make an hourglass block. Press seam in one direction. The hourglass block should be $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

2. Repeat Step 1 to make five hourglass blocks total.

Assemble Band

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

1. Sew together five hourglass blocks in a row; press seams in one direction. Add print No. 2— $1\frac{1}{2}\times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " and $1\frac{1}{4}\times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " strips to long edges of block row (**Band Assembly Diagram**). Press seams toward print No. 2 strips.
2. Sew print No. 1— $6\frac{1}{4}\times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to a short end of Step 1 unit (**Band Assembly Diagram**). Press seam open.
3. Sew print No. 2— $6\frac{1}{4}\times 40\frac{1}{2}$ " 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Fold print No. 3— $25\frac{1}{2}\times 41$ " rectangle in half to form a $25\frac{1}{2}\times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " 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. Hourglass blocks should be face down against right side of pillowcase body. Sew together through all layers (**Diagram 2**).

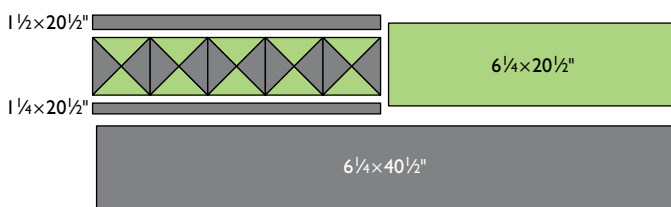
3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seams toward pillowcase body. Topstitch $\frac{1}{16}$ " from band edge on pillowcase body to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase (**Diagram 3**).

Fabrics are from the Dinosaur collection for Timeless Treasures (ttfabrics.com).

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DIAGRAM 1



BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

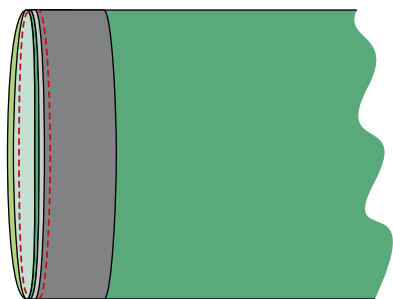


DIAGRAM 2

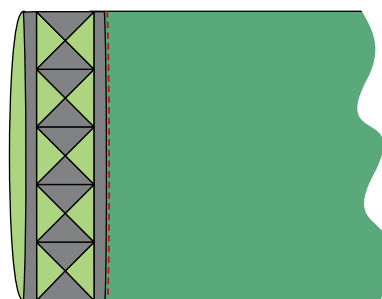


DIAGRAM 3