

Project: Pillowcase with Friendship Star Block Band



Pattern 8

American Patchwork & Quilting

1 MILLION

PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

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Materials

For one pillowcase:

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

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

Finished block: 4½" square

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 stated.

Cut Fabrics

From print No. 1, cut:

- 16—2×3½" rectangles
- 32—2" squares

From print No. 2, cut:

- 1—7×40½" strip
- 8—2×5" rectangles
- 16—2" squares

From print No. 3, cut:

- 1—25×41" rectangle
- 2—1½×40½" strips
- 4—1½×5" rectangles

Assemble Blocks

Use a ¼" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Use a quilter's pencil to mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of two print No. 1 squares and two print No. 2 squares. (To prevent the fabric from stretching as you draw the lines, place 220-grit sandpaper under the squares.)
2. Align a marked print No. 2 square with one end of a print No. 1 rectangle (see **Diagram 1**, noting the direction of the drawn diagonal line). Stitch on the drawn line. Trim the seam allowance to ¼" and press

attached triangle open to make a rectangle unit A. The pieced rectangle unit should still measure 2×3½" including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second rectangle unit A.

3. Align a marked print No. 1 square with each end of a print No. 2 rectangle (see **Diagram 2**, noting the direction of the drawn diagonal lines). Stitch on the drawn lines. Trim the seam allowances to ¼" and press the attached triangles open to make a rectangle unit B. The pieced rectangle unit should still measure 2×5" including seam allowances.
4. Referring to **Diagram 3** for placement, lay out the A and B rectangle units and two print No. 1 squares in three rows. Sew together the pieces in the top and bottom rows. Then join the rows to make a Friendship Star block. Press seam allowances in one direction. The pieced Friendship Star block should measure 5" square including seam allowances.
5. Repeat steps 1-4 to make eight Friendship Star blocks total.

Assemble Band

Use a ¼" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Sew together four Friendship Star blocks in a row. Add a print No. 3—1½×5" rectangle to each short end of pieced Friendship Star row (**Band Assembly Diagram**). Press seams in one direction. Repeat with remaining Friendship Star blocks and print No. 3—1½×5" rectangles. Join pieced rows to make block row. The block row should be 5×40½" including seam allowances.

2. Sew print No. 3—1½×40½" strips to long edges of block row (**Band Assembly Diagram**). Press seams toward block row. Then add print No. 2—7×40½" strip. Press seam open. The unit should be 13½×40½" including seam allowances.
3. Join ends of Step 2 unit to make a loop. Fold loop in half lengthwise 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 No. 3—24½×41" rectangle in half to form a 24½×20½" rectangle. Sew together long edges and one pair of short edges to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.
2. Slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body, match raw edges, and pin. Sew together through all layers using a ¼" seam allowance (**Diagram 4**).
3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam toward pillowcase body. Topstitch ⅛" from band edge on pillowcase body to secure the seam allowances and complete pillowcase (**Diagram 5**).

Fabrics are from the Summer Solstice collection from RJR Fabrics (rjrfabrics.com).

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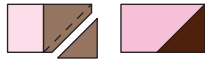


DIAGRAM 1

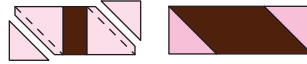


DIAGRAM 2

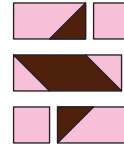
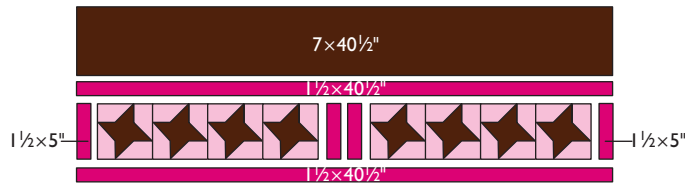


DIAGRAM 3



BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

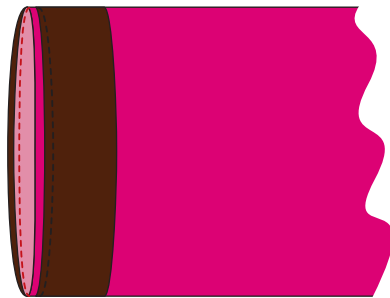


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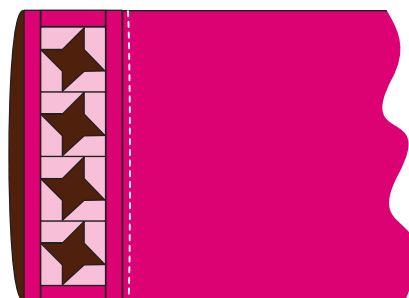


DIAGRAM 5