

Project: Pillowcase with Precut Strips



American Patchwork & Quilting

1 MILLION  
PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

Pattern 26

**FABRICS** are from the Gypsy Caravan collection by Amy Butler for Rowan Fabric ([westminsterfabrics.com](http://westminsterfabrics.com)).

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### Materials

For one pillowcase:

- 26— $2\frac{1}{2}\times 44/45$ " precut strips or  $2\frac{1}{4}$  yards total assorted prints (pillowcase body, band)

**Finished pillowcase:**  $30\times 20$ " (fits a standard-size bed pillow)

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

**Measurements** include  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances.

### Cut Fabrics

**From  $2\frac{1}{2}\times 44/45$ "- wide strips, cut:**

- 6— $2\frac{1}{2}\times 40\frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- 20— $2\frac{1}{2}\times 24\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

### Assemble Band

1. Referring to **Diagram 1**, sew together long edges of six assorted print  $2\frac{1}{2}\times 40\frac{1}{2}$ " strips. Press seams in one direction. Topstitch through all layers  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from each seam, holding seam allowances in place.
2. Join short ends of Step 1 unit to make a loop. Press seam open. Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

### Assemble Pillowcase

1. Referring to **Diagram 2**, sew together long edges of 20 assorted print  $2\frac{1}{2}\times 24\frac{1}{2}$ " strips to make a pieced rectangle. The pieced rectangle should be  $24\frac{1}{2}\times 40\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances. Press seams in one direction. Topstitch through all layers  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from each seam, holding seam allowances in place.

2. Fold pieced rectangle in half crosswise to form a  $24\frac{1}{2}\times 20\frac{1}{4}$ " rectangle. Sew together long edges and one pair of short edges to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.
3. Referring to **Diagram 3**, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body; align raw edges and pin. Sew together through all layers.
4. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowances toward pillowcase body. Topstitch  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from band edge on pillowcase body to secure the

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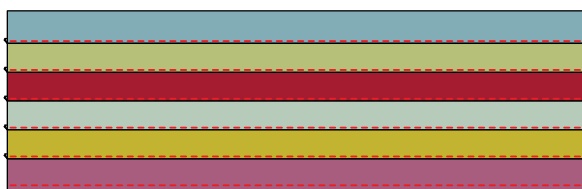


DIAGRAM 1



DIAGRAM 2

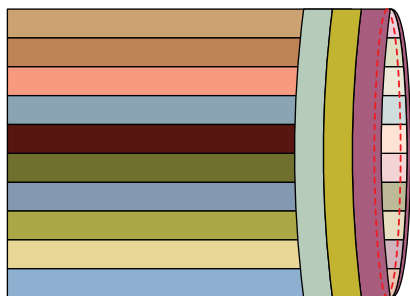


DIAGRAM 3

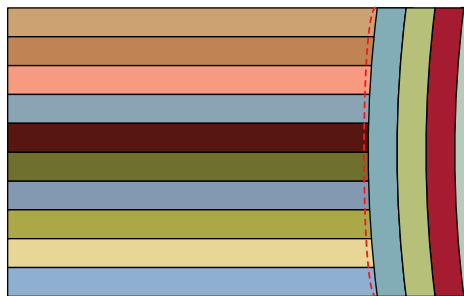


DIAGRAM 4