

Project: Pillowcase with Churn Dash Band

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1 MILLION PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

Pattern 27



FABRICS are from the French Twist collection by Lonni Rossi for Andover Fabrics (andoverfabrics.com).

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Materials

For one pillowcase:

- ½ yard cream print (band)
- ¼ yard each of four assorted prints (band)
- 1⅞ yard dark print fabric (pillowcase body, band lining)

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 pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise specified.

Cut Fabrics

From cream print, cut :

- 16—2⅞" squares
- 32—1½×2½" rectangles

From each of four assorted prints, cut:

- 4—2⅞" squares
- 2—1½" squares

From dark print, cut:

- 1—25½×41" rectangle
- 1—5½×40½" strip

Assemble Churn Dash Blocks

- 1.** Gather two cream print 2⅞" squares, four cream print 1½×2½" rectangles, two matching assorted print 2⅞" squares and one contrasting assorted print 1½" square.
- 2.** Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each cream print 2⅞" square.
- 3.** Layer each marked cream print square atop an assorted print 2⅞" square. Sew each pair together with two seams, stitching ¼" on each side of drawn line (**Diagram 1**).

- 4.** Cut a pair apart on drawn line to make two triangle units (**Diagram 1**). Open triangle units and press seams toward assorted print to make two triangle squares. Each triangle square should be 2½" square including seam allowances. Repeat with remaining pair to make four matching triangle-squares total.
- 5.** Referring to **Diagram 2**, lay out triangle-squares, four cream print 1½×2½" rectangles, and contrasting assorted print 1½" square in three rows. Sew together pieces in each row. Press seams toward rectangle units. Join rows to make a Churn Dash block. Press seams in one direction. The block should be 5½" square including seam allowances.
- 6.** Repeat steps 1-5 to make eight Churn Dash blocks total.

Assemble Band

- 1.** Sew together eight Churn Dash blocks in a row to make a 5½×40½" Churn Dash strip (**Diagram 3**).
- 2.** Referring to **Diagram 3**, sew together Churn Dash strip and dark print 5½×40½" strip.
- 3.** Join short ends of Step 2 unit to make a loop. Press seam open. Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

Assemble Pillowcase

- 1.** Fold dark print 25½×41" rectangle in half crosswise to form a 25½×20½" 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 4**, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body with Churn Dash blocks facing pillowcase body; align raw edges and pin. Using ¼" seam allowance, sew together through all layers.
- 3.** Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowances toward pillowcase body. Topstitch on pillowcase body ⅛" from band seam to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase (**Diagram 5**).

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