

Project: It's a Wrap

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Sew custom pillow bands to add pizzazz to plain, store-bought pillows. Piece fabric rectangles into a strip, line them with coordinating fabric, and wrap them around a pillow for an almost-instant room brightener. These easy-to-sew pillow bands are assembled so quickly, you will want to create seasonal sets in a variety of complementary fabrics.

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Materials

- $\frac{3}{8}$ yard each of multicolor stripe and circle print (rectangles)
- $\frac{3}{8}$ yard complementary print (lining)
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ "-diameter wood button
- $\frac{3}{4} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$ " piece fusible hook-and-loop tape
- Purchased pillow: 12×20 " rectangle

Finished Pillow band: 10×28 "

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

Measurements include $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

From multicolor stripe, cut:

- $4 - 5\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

From circle print, cut:

- $4 - 5\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

From complementary print, cut:

- $1 - 10\frac{1}{2} \times 28\frac{1}{2}$ " lining rectangle

Assemble Pillow Wrap

1. Referring to **Diagram 1** for placement, lay out multicolor stripe and circle print rectangles in two rows.
2. Sew together rectangles in each row. Press seams in one direction, alternating direction with remaining row.
3. Join rows to make pillow wrap unit. Press seams in one direction. The pillow wrap unit should be $10\frac{1}{2} \times 28\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.

Finish Pillow Wrap

1. With right sides together, layer pillow wrap unit and $10\frac{1}{2} \times 28\frac{1}{2}$ " lining rectangle. Stitch around all edges, leaving a 6" opening along one long edge for turning (**Diagram 2**).
2. Turn right side out through opening and press. Slip-stitch opening closed.

3. Topstitch $\frac{3}{8}$ " from outer edges to make pillow band (**Diagram 3**).
4. Pin pillow band around pillow, marking overlap; remove band. Fuse hook-and-loop tape to each short end of pillow band at overlap marks, securing one strip to band's right side and the opposite strip to band's wrong side (**Diagram 4**).
5. Referring to photo, sew button to pillow band at intersection of center rectangles. Wrap band around pillow and secure using hook-and-loop tape to complete project.

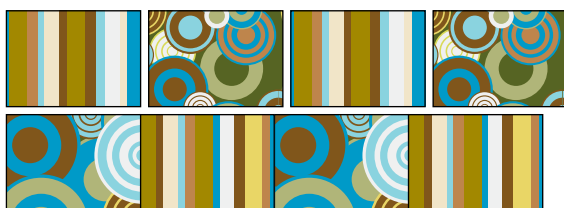


DIAGRAM 1

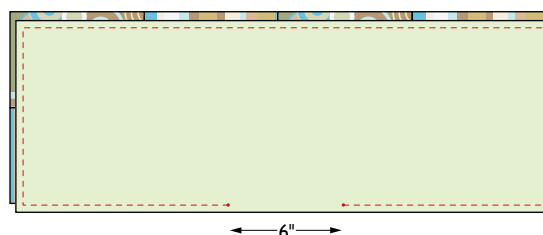


DIAGRAM 2

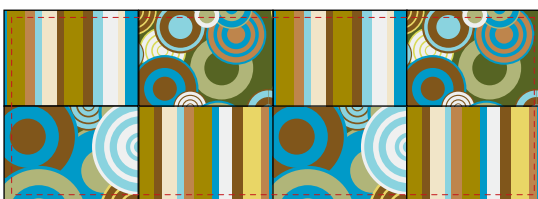


DIAGRAM 3

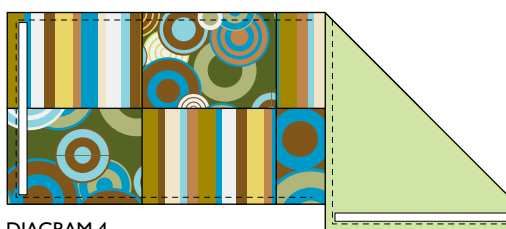


DIAGRAM 4