

Project: Chevron Band Pillowcase



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PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

Pattern 30

**FABRICS** are from the Lavinia, Polygon, and Kiss Dot collections, all from Michael Miller Fabrics ([michaelmillerfabrics.com](http://michaelmillerfabrics.com)).

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**Materials**

- $\frac{1}{3}$  yard print No. 1 (band)
- $\frac{1}{3}$  yard print No. 2 (band)
- $\frac{1}{4}$  yard print No. 3 (band)
- $\frac{7}{8}$  yard print No. 4 (pillowcase body)

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

**Yardages and cutting instructions** are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

**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:

- 40— $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

From print No. 2, cut:

- 20— $2\frac{1}{2}\times 5\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

From print No. 3, cut:

- 1— $5\frac{1}{2}\times 40\frac{1}{2}$ " strip

From print No. 4, cut:

- 1— $25\frac{3}{4}\times 41$ " rectangle

**Assemble Blocks**

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

1. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each print  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square.
2. Align a marked  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square with one end of a print  $2\frac{1}{2}\times 5\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle (**Diagram 1**; note direction of drawn line). Sew on marked line, then trim seam allowances to  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press open attached triangle.

3. Align a marked  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square with opposite end of Step 2 rectangle (**Diagram 2**). Stitch, trim, and press as before to make a Segment A. The segment should be  $5\frac{1}{2}\times 2\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.

4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to make 10 A segments total.

5. Repeat steps 2 and 3, referring to **Diagrams 3 and 4** (note direction of drawn lines), to make a Segment B. The segment should be  $5\frac{1}{2}\times 2\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances. Repeat to make 10 B segments total.

**Assemble Bands**

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

1. Join A segments and B segments in a row (**Band Assembly Diagram**). Press seams in one direction. The row should be  $40\frac{1}{2}\times 5\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
2. Sew together print  $5\frac{1}{2}\times 40\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle and block row along a pair of long edges.
3. Join short edges of Step 2 unit to make a loop. Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

**Assemble Pillowcase**

1. Fold print  $25\frac{3}{4}\times 41$ " rectangle in half to form a  $25\frac{3}{4}\times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. Using a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, sew together long edges and a pair of short edges to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.

2. Matching raw edges, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body with pieced units facing pillowcase body (**Diagram 5**); pin. Using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew together through all layers.

3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowance toward pillowcase body. Topstitch  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from band edge on pillowcase body to secure seam allowance and complete pillowcase (**Diagram 6**).

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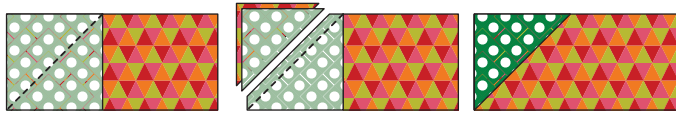


DIAGRAM 1

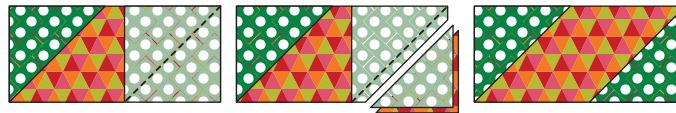


DIAGRAM 2  
Segment A



DIAGRAM 3

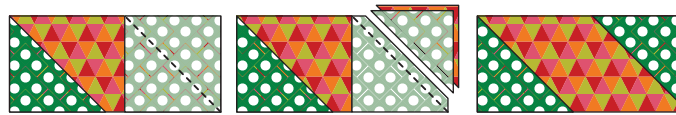
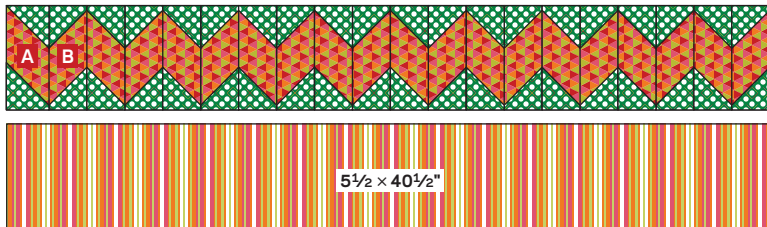


DIAGRAM 4  
Segment B



BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



DIAGRAM 5

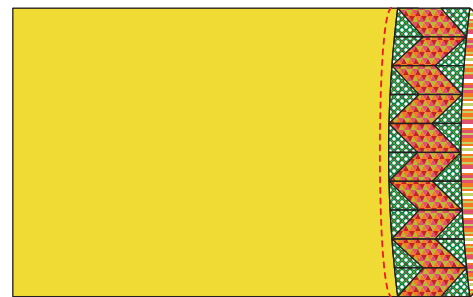


DIAGRAM 6