

Project: Pinwheel Band

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1 MILLION
PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

Pattern 58



FABRICS are from the Pinwheel collection by Alice Kennedy for Timeless Treasures Fabrics (ttfabrics.com).

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Materials

FOR ONE PILLOWCASE

- $\frac{5}{8}$ yard total assorted light prints (band blocks)
- $\frac{5}{8}$ yard total assorted dark prints (band blocks)
- $\frac{1}{3}$ yard print No. 1 (band)
- $\frac{7}{8}$ yard print No. 2 (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 strips and $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowances for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

From assorted light prints, cut:

- 16— $3\frac{3}{8}$ " squares (8 sets of two matching squares)

From assorted dark prints, cut:

- 16— $3\frac{3}{8}$ " squares (8 sets of two matching squares)

From print No. 1, cut:

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

From print No. 2, cut:

- 1— $25\frac{3}{4}$ ×41" rectangle

Assemble Blocks

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

1. For one block, gather two matching light print $3\frac{3}{8}$ " squares and two matching dark print $3\frac{3}{8}$ " squares.
2. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each light print square.

3. Layer marked square on dark print $3\frac{3}{8}$ " square. Sew together pair with two seams, stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of drawn line (**Diagram 1**).
4. Cut pair apart on drawn line to make two triangle units. Press open each triangle unit, pressing seam toward darker print, to make two matching triangle-squares. Each triangle-square should be 3" square including seam allowances.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 to make four matching triangle-squares total.
6. Sew together triangle-squares in pairs (**Diagram 2**). Press seams in opposite directions. Join pairs to make a Pinwheel block. Press seam in one direction. The block should be $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.
7. Repeat steps 1–6 to make eight blocks total.

Assemble Band

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

1. Join blocks in a row (**Band Assembly Diagram**). Press seams in one direction. The row should be $5\frac{1}{2}$ × $40\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
2. Sew together print $5\frac{1}{2}$ × $40\frac{1}{2}$ " strip and the block row.
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 $25\frac{3}{4}$ ×41" rectangle in half to form a $25\frac{3}{4}$ × $20\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. Using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, sew together long edges and one set of short edges to make the pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.
2. Matching raw edges and seams, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body with pieced side of band facing pillowcase body (**Diagram 3**); pin. Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew together through all layers.
3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam toward pillowcase body. Topstitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " from band edge to secure seam allowance and complete pillowcase (**Diagram 4**).

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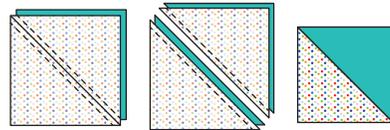


DIAGRAM 1

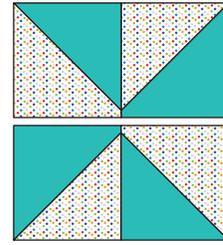
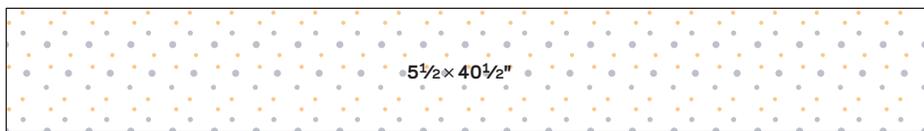
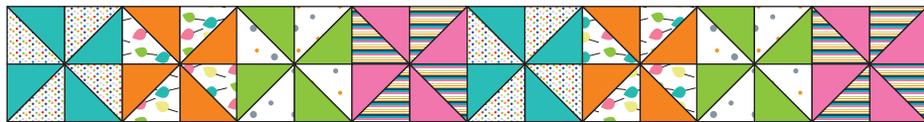


DIAGRAM 2



BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

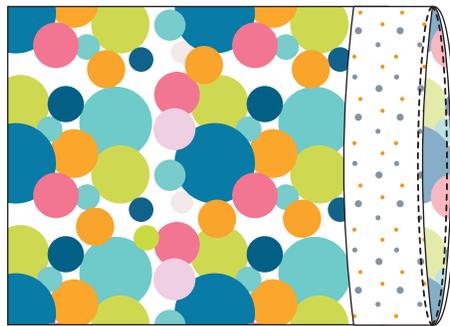


DIAGRAM 3

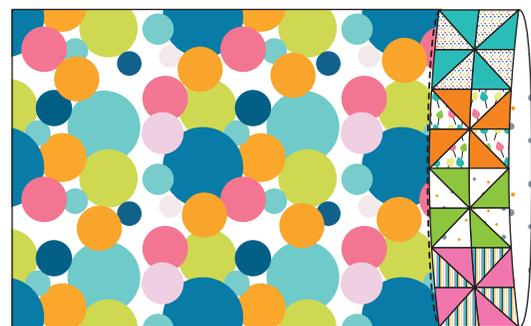


DIAGRAM 4