

Project: Sawtooth Star Band

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PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

Pattern 46



FABRICS are from the Sweet Things collection by Jackie Von Tobel and Sweet Things Coordinating Toscana collection by Deborah Edwards, both for Northcott (northcott.net).

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Materials

For one pillowcase:

- 8— $\frac{1}{4}$ yard total assorted prints (blocks)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ yard black print (blocks)
- 1 yard cupcake print (pillowcase body, band)

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

Finished block: 5" square

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

Measurements include $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances for piecing blocks and pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

From each assorted print, cut:

- 1—3" square
- 8— $1\frac{3}{4}$ " squares

From black print, cut:

- 32— $1\frac{3}{4}$ ×3" rectangles
- 32— $1\frac{3}{4}$ " squares

From cupcake print, cut:

- 1— $25\frac{1}{2}$ × $40\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle
- 1— $5\frac{1}{2}$ × $40\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle

Assemble Sawtooth Star Blocks

1. Gather eight matching assorted print $1\frac{3}{4}$ " squares and four black print $1\frac{3}{4}$ ×3" rectangles.
2. Mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each assorted print $1\frac{3}{4}$ " square.
3. Align a marked assorted print $1\frac{3}{4}$ " square with one end of a black print $1\frac{3}{4}$ ×3" rectangle (Diagram 1; note direction of drawn line.) Sew on drawn line. Trim excess fabric, leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Press open attached triangle. Align

a second marked assorted print $1\frac{3}{4}$ " square with opposite end of rectangle. Stitch, trim, and press as before to make a Flying Geese unit. The unit still should be 3 × $1\frac{3}{4}$ " including seam allowances. Repeat to make four Flying Geese units.

4. Referring to Diagram 2, lay out four Flying Geese units, four black print $1\frac{3}{4}$ " squares, and one matching assorted print 3" square in three horizontal rows. Sew together pieces in each row. Press seams away from Flying Geese units. Join rows to make a Sawtooth Star block. Press seams in one direction. The block should be $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.
5. Repeat steps 1-4 to make eight Sawtooth Star blocks total.

Assemble Band

1. Sew together eight Sawtooth Star blocks in a row to make a $5\frac{1}{2}$ × $40\frac{1}{2}$ " Sawtooth Star strip.
2. Referring to Band Assembly Diagram, sew together Sawtooth Star strip and cupcake print $5\frac{1}{2}$ × $40\frac{1}{2}$ " 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 cupcake print $25\frac{1}{2}$ × $40\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle in half crosswise to form a $25\frac{1}{2}$ × $20\frac{1}{4}$ " rectangle. Sew together long edges and one pair of short edges to make a pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.

2. Referring to Diagram 3, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body with Sawtooth Star blocks facing pillowcase body; align raw edges and pin. Using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew together through all layers.
3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowances toward pillowcase body. Topstitch on pillowcase body $\frac{1}{8}$ " from band seam (Diagram 4) to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase.

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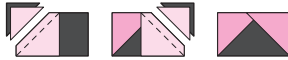


DIAGRAM 1

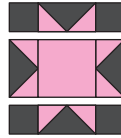
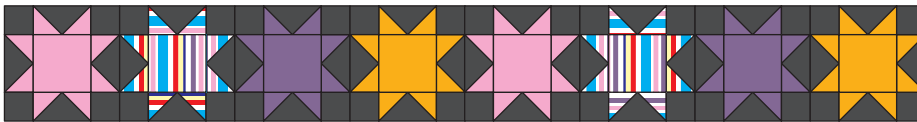


DIAGRAM 2



5½ × 40½"

BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

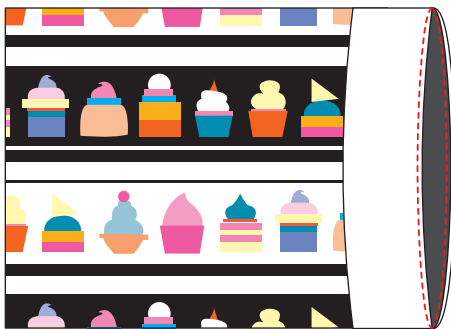


DIAGRAM 3

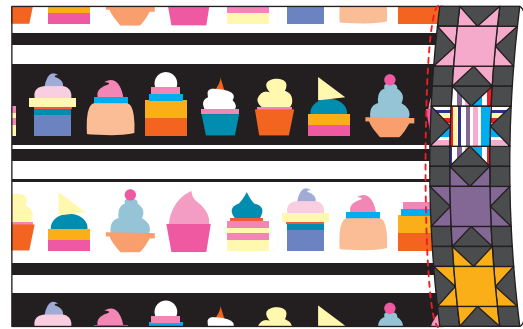


DIAGRAM 4