

Project: Simply Squares Band

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1 MILLION  
PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

Pattern 52



FABRICS are from the Fabulous Foxes collection by Andie Hanna for Robert Kaufman Fabrics ([robertkaufman.com](http://robertkaufman.com)).

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### Materials

#### FOR ONE PILLOWCASE

- 10—4 1/2" squares assorted prints (pillowcase band)
- 3/8 yard solid (pillowcase band)
- 7/8 yard print (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 1/4" seam allowances for piecing strips and 1/2" seam allowances for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

### Cut Fabrics

#### From solid, cut:

- 1—6×40 1/2" strip
- 1—1×40 1/2" strip

#### From body print, cut:

- 1—25 3/4×41" rectangle

### Assemble Band

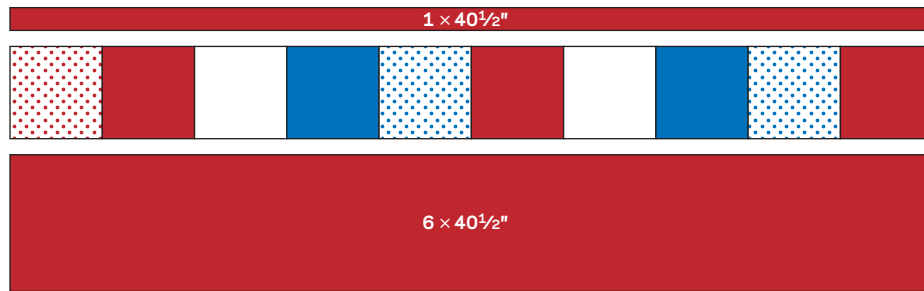
Use a 1/4" seam allowance for the following steps.

- 1.** Referring to **Band Assembly Diagram**, lay out the ten 4 1/2" squares in a row; sew together. Press seams open. The row should be 40 1/2×4 1/2" including seam allowances.
- 2.** Sew solid 1×40 1/2" strip and solid 6×40 1/2" strip to long edges of block row. Press seams open.
- 3.** Join short edges of Step 2 unit to make a loop. Fold loop in half lengthwise with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

### Assemble Pillowcase

- 1.** Fold body print 25 3/4×41" rectangle in half to form a 25 3/4×20 1/2" rectangle. Using a 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 1**); pin. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew together through all layers.
- 3.** Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam toward pillowcase body. Topstitch 1/8" from band edge to secure seam allowance and complete pillowcase (**Diagram 2**).

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BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



DIAGRAM 1



DIAGRAM 2