

Project: Turned Bricks Pillowcase

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PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

Pattern 92



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Materials

FOR ONE PILLOWCASE

- ½ yard total assorted plaid and gingham prints (pillowcase band)
- 9×21" piece (fat eighth) dark denim print (pillowcase band)
- 9×21" piece (fat eighth) light denim print (pillowcase band)
- ¼ yard denim stripe (pillowcase band)
- 1¼ yard denim labels print (pillowcase body)

Finished pillowcase: 30¾×21" (fits a standard-size bed pillow)

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

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances for piecing strips and ½" seam allowances for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Press seams in directions indicated by arrows on diagrams. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric.

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

From assorted plaid and gingham prints, cut:

- 14—3½" squares

From dark denim print, cut:

- 8—2×6½" rectangles

From light denim print, cut:

- 6—2×6½" rectangles

From denim stripe, cut:

- 1—6½×42½" rectangle

From denim labels print, cut:

- 1—26×43" rectangle

Assemble Band

1. Referring to **Diagram 1**, sew together two assorted plaid or gingham print 3½" squares to make a center unit. The center unit should be 3½×6½"

including seam allowances. Repeat to make seven center units total.

2. Sew together one center unit and dark denim print 2×6½" rectangles to make a dark denim block. The block should be 6½" square including seam allowances (**Diagram 2**). Repeat to make four dark denim blocks total.

3. Repeat Step 2 using remaining center units and light blue denim print 2×6½" rectangles to make three light denim blocks.

4. Referring to **Band Assembly Diagram**, alternate dark and light denim blocks in a row. Sew blocks together, pressing seams toward the dark denim blocks, to make a pieced row. The row should be 6½×42½" including seam allowances.

5. Join pieced row to denim stripe 6½×42½" rectangle (**Band Assembly Diagram**).

6. Join short ends of Step 5 unit to make a loop. Press seam open. Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

pillowcase body (**Diagram 3**); pin. Sew together band and pillowcase body.

3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowances toward pillowcase body. Topstitch ⅛" from band edge to secure seam allowance and complete pillowcase (**Diagram 4**).

Assemble Pillowcase

1. Fold denim labels print 26×43" rectangle in half to form a 26×21½" rectangle. Using a ½" seam allowance, sew together long edges and a set of short edges to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out; press flat.
2. Matching raw edges and seams, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body with pieced side of band facing right side of

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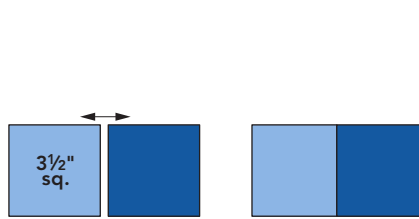


DIAGRAM 1

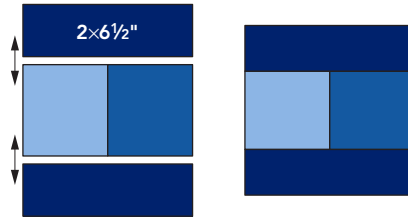
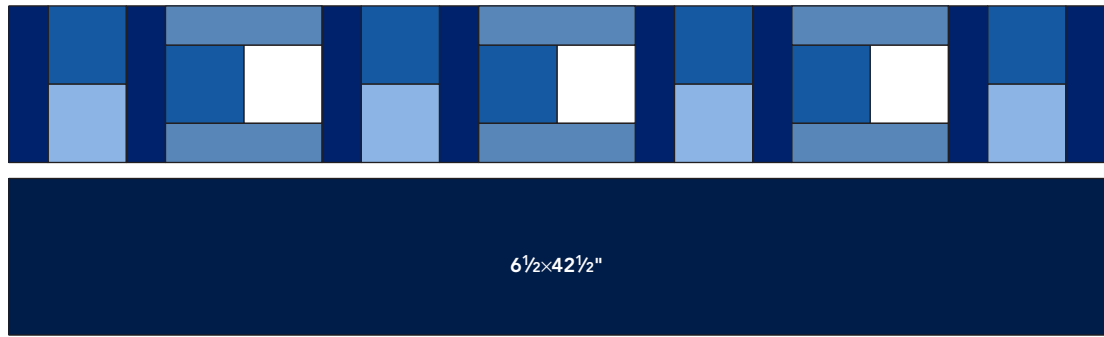


DIAGRAM 2



BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



DIAGRAM 3

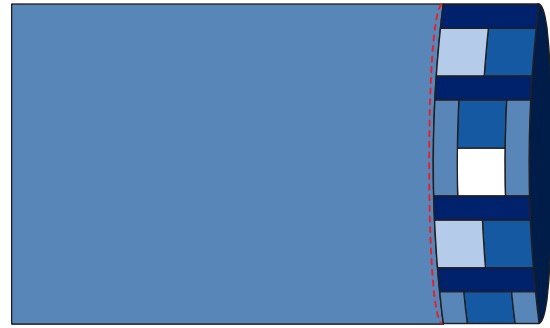


DIAGRAM 4