Project: Pillowcase with Crazy-Patch Blocks

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Materials
For one pillowcase:
- ¼ yard print No. 1 (blocks)  
- ¼ yard print No. 2 (blocks)  
- ¼ yard print No. 3 (blocks)  
- 1 yard print No. 4 (pillowcase body, band lining)  
- Freezer paper  
- Tear-away stabilizer

Finished pillowcase: 30×20” (fits a standard-size bed pillow)
Finished block: 5” square

Quantities are for 44/45”-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

Measurements include ¼” seam allowances for piecing blocks and ½” seam allowances for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise specified.

Cut Fabrics
From print No. 1, cut:
- 3—8” squares
From print No. 2, cut:
- 3—8” squares
From print No. 3, cut:
- 3—8” squares
From print No. 4, cut:
- 1—25¼×41” rectangle
- 1—5½×40½” strip

Cut and Prepare Block Pieces
The Cutting Template is on page 4.

1. Lay freezer paper, shiny side down, over full-size Cutting Template. Use a pencil to trace template, tracing all lines, letters. Trim freezer-paper template outside of drawn square.
2. Stack the nine 8” squares right sides up, aligning edges.
3. Position freezer-paper Cutting Template, shiny side down, on stacked squares. Using a hot dry iron, press template onto top square; let cool.
4. Using a rotary cutter with cutting mat and acrylic ruler, press firmly on stack and cut through freezer-paper template and all squares beginning on line that separates section C from sections A and B; then cut on remaining line to separate sections A and B (Diagram 1).
5. Remove freezer-paper from stacked fabric pieces.

Assemble Blocks
Use a ¼” seam allowance for the following steps.

1. For one crazy-patch block, gather one print No. 1 A piece, one print No. 2 B piece, and one print No. 3 C piece.
3. Add piece C to jointed section; press open, pressing seam toward C piece to make a pieced unit (Diagram 3).
4. Fussy-cut a 5½” square from pieced unit to make a crazy-patch block (Diagram 4).
5. Repeat steps 1–4, rotating fabric selections so no prints are repeated within a block, to make eight crazy-patch blocks total. (You will have one piece of each of print leftover.)

Assemble Band
Use a ¼” seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Sew together eight crazy-patch blocks in a row to make a 5½×40¾” crazy-patch strip (Band Assembly Diagram).
2. With tear-away stabilizer beneath crazy-patch strip, add decorative machine stitches atop seams. Change thread color and stitches as desired.
3. Referring to Band Assembly Diagram, sew together crazy-patch strip and print No. 4—5½×40½” strip.
4. Join short ends of Step 3 unit to make a loop. Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

Assemble Pillowcase
Use a ¼” seam allowance for the following steps, except where noted.

1. Fold print No. 4—25¼×41” rectangle in half crosswise to make a 25¼×20⅞” rectangle. Sew together long edges and one pair of short edges to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.
2. Referring to Diagram 5, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body with crazy-patch blocks facing pillowcase body; align raw edges and pin. Using a ¼” seam allowance, sew together through all layers.
3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowances toward pillowcase body. Topstitch ¼” from band edge on pillowcase body to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase (Diagram 6).
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Diagram 1

Diagram 2

Diagram 3

Diagram 4

Diagram 5

Diagram 6

Band Assembly Diagram

5 1/2 x 40 1/2"
CUTTING TEMPLATE

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