

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—25¾×41" 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.
2. Join pieces A and B. Press open, pressing seam toward A piece (**Diagram 2**).
3. Add piece C to joined 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 5½×40½" 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 ½" seam allowance for the following steps, except where noted.

1. Fold print No. 4—25¾×41" rectangle in half crosswise to make a 25¾×20½" 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 ⅛" from band edge on pillowcase body to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase (**Diagram 6**).

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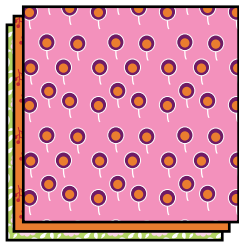


DIAGRAM 1

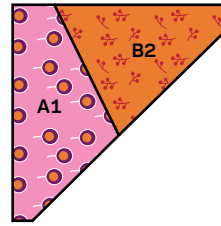


DIAGRAM 2

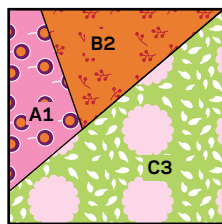


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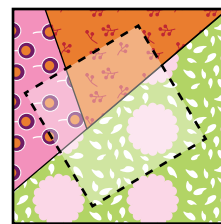
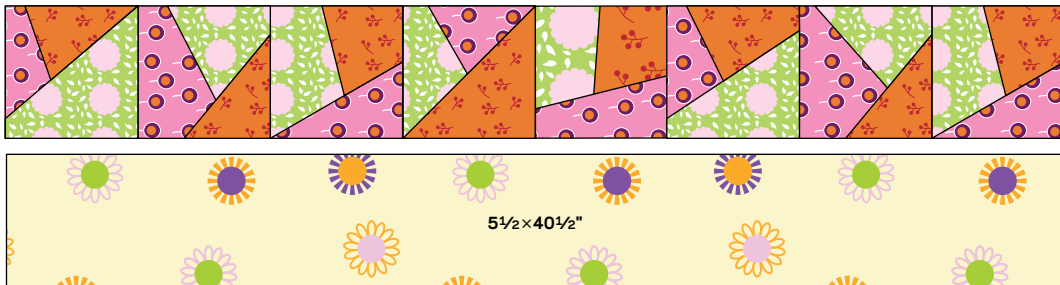


DIAGRAM 4



BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

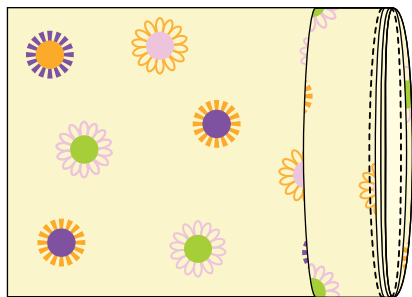


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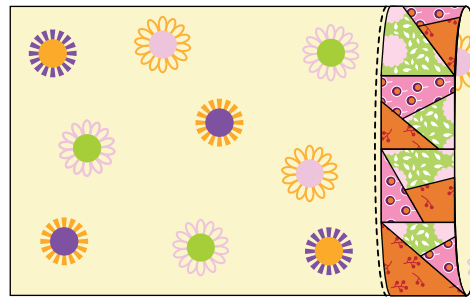
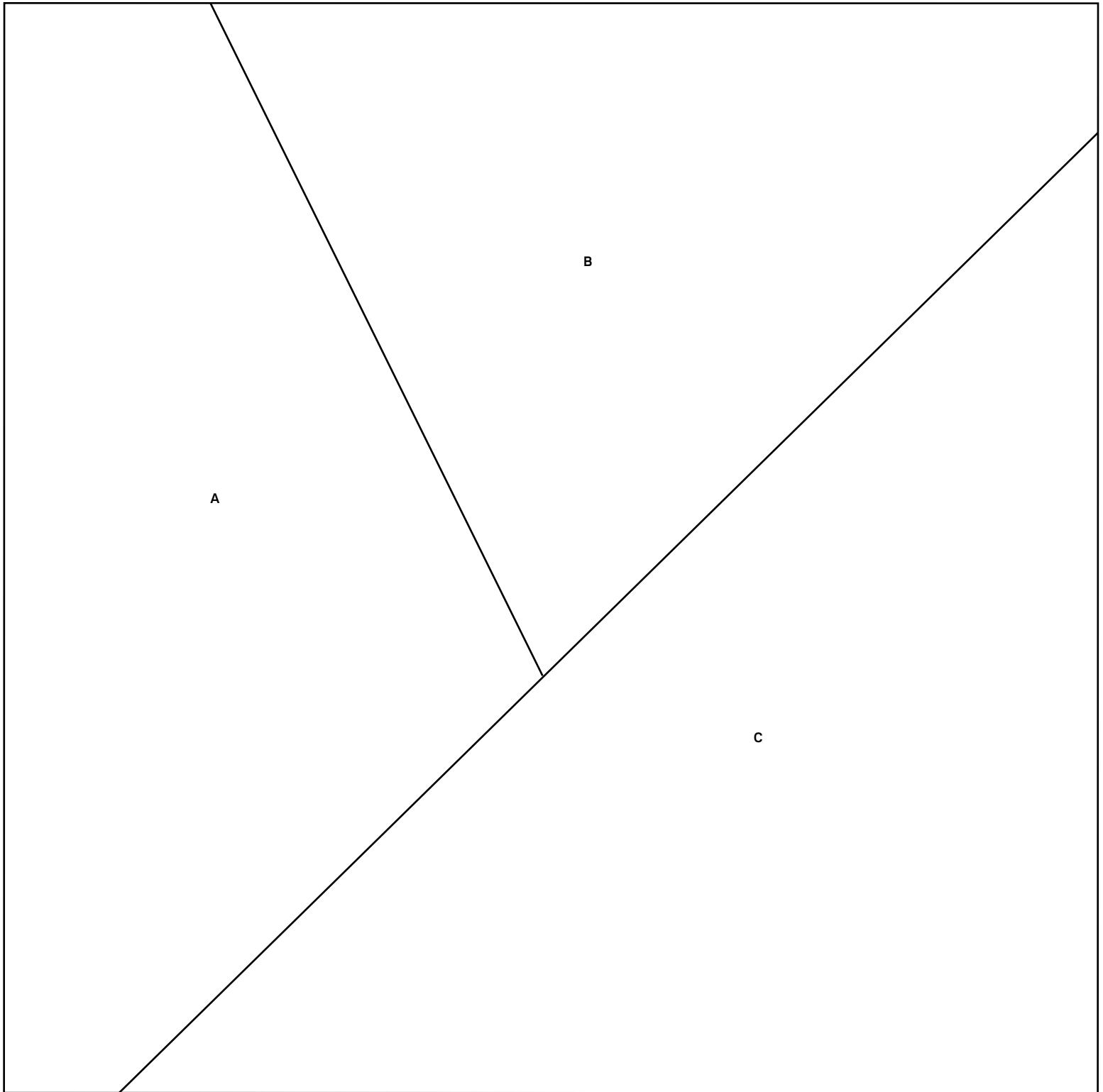


DIAGRAM 6

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CUTTING TEMPLATE

This box should measure 1".



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