Project: Pillowcase with Hourglass-Block Band

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**Materials**
For one pillowcase:
- 1/4 yard print No. 1 (blocks)
- 3/8 yard print No. 2 (blocks, trim)
- 7/8 yard print No. 3 (pillowcase body)

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

Finished block: 4" square

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

Measurements include 1/4" seam allowances for piecing blocks and
1/2" seam allowances for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise specified.

**Cut Fabrics**
From print No. 1, cut:
- 1 — 6 1/4 x 20 1/2" strip
- 3 — 5 1/4" squares, cutting each diagonally twice in an X for 12 triangles total (you will use 10)

From print No. 2, cut:
- 1 — 6 1/4 x 40 1/2" strip
- 3 — 5 1/4" squares, cutting each in diagonally twice in an X for 12 triangles total (you will use 10)
- 1 — 1 1/4 x 20 1/2" strip
- 1 — 1 1/4 x 20 1/2" strip

From print No. 3, cut:
- 1 — 25 1/2 x 41" rectangle

**Assemble Hourglass Blocks**
Use a 1/4" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Sew together two print No. 1 triangles and two print No. 2 triangles in pairs (Diagram 1).
Press seams in opposite directions. Join pairs to make an hourglass block. Press seam in one direction. The hourglass block should be 4 1/2" square including seam allowances.

2. Repeat Step 1 to make five hourglass blocks total.

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

1. Sew together five hourglass blocks in a row; press seams in one direction. Add print No. 2 — 1 1/4 x 20 1/2" and 1 1/4 x 20 1/2" strips to long edges of block row (Band Assembly Diagram).
Press seams toward print No. 2 strips.

2. Sew print No. 1 — 6 1/4 x 20 1/2" strip to a short end of Step 1 unit (Band Assembly Diagram).
Press seam open.

3. Sew print No. 2 — 6 1/4 x 40 1/2" strip to a long edge of Step 2 unit (Band Assembly Diagram).
Press seam open.

4. Join 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 1/2" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Fold print No. 3 — 25 1/2 x 41" rectangle in half to form a 25 1/2 x 20 1/2" rectangle. Sew together long edges and one short end to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.

2. Matching raw edges, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body; pin. Hourglass blocks should be face down against right side of pillowcase body. Sew together through all layers (Diagram 2).

3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seams toward pillowcase body. Topstitch 1/8" from band edge on pillowcase body to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase (Diagram 3).

Fabrics are from the Dinosaur collection for Timeless Treasures (ttfabrics.com).
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**Diagram 1**

1 1/2 x 20 1/2”

1 1/4 x 20 1/2”

6 1/4 x 40 1/2”

**Band Assembly Diagram**

**Diagram 2**

**Diagram 3**