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Materials
For one pillowcase:
- 1\(\frac{3}{4}\) yard print No. 1 (band)
- 3\(\frac{7}{8}\) yard print No. 2 (band)
- 7\(\frac{3}{8}\) yard print No. 3 (band, pillowcase body)

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

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

Measurements include \(\frac{1}{4}\)" seam allowances for piecing blocks and \(\frac{1}{2}\)" seam allowances for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise specified.

Cut Fabrics
From print No. 1, cut:
- 1—1\(\frac{3}{4}\)×20\(\frac{1}{2}\)" strip
- 1—1\(\frac{7}{8}\)×15" strips

From print No. 2, cut:
- 1—6\(\frac{3}{4}\)×40\(\frac{7}{8}\)" strip
- 1—6\(\frac{1}{2}\)×20\(\frac{1}{2}\)" strip
- 2—2×15" strips

From print No. 3, cut:
- 1—25\(\frac{7}{8}\)×41" rectangle
- 4—1\(\frac{1}{2}\)×15" strips

Assemble Segments
Use a \(\frac{1}{4}\)" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Referring to Diagram 1, join one print No. 1—1×15" strip, one print No. 2—2×15" strip, and two print No. 3—1\(\frac{1}{2}\)×15" strips to make a strip set. Press seams toward print No. 3. Repeat to make a second strip set.

2. Cut strip sets into a total of five 4\(\frac{7}{8}\)"-square segments.

Assemble Band
Use a \(\frac{3}{4}\)" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Sew together five 4\(\frac{7}{8}\)"-square segments in a row; press seams in one direction. Add print No. 1—1\(\frac{3}{8}\)×20\(\frac{1}{2}\)" and 1\(\frac{3}{4}\)×20\(\frac{1}{2}\)" strips to long edges of pieced row (Band Assembly Diagram). Press seams toward print No. 1 strips.

2. Sew print No. 2—6\(\frac{3}{4}\)×20\(\frac{1}{2}\)" strip to a short end of Step 1 unit (Band Assembly Diagram). Press seam open.

3. Sew print No. 2—6\(\frac{3}{4}\)×40\(\frac{7}{8}\)" 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 \(\frac{1}{2}\)" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Fold print No. 3—25\(\frac{7}{8}\)×41" rectangle in half to form a 25\(\frac{7}{8}\)×20\(\frac{1}{2}\)" 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. Strip-pieced segments should be facedown against right side of pillowcase body. Sew together through all layers (Diagram 2).

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

Fabrics are from the Mingle collection by Monaluna and the Pimatex collection for Robert Kaufman Fabrics (robertkaufman.com).