

Project: Pillowcase with Bow Tie Block Band



Pattern 4

American Patchwork & Quilting

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PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

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Materials

For one pillowcase:

- ¼ yard print No. 1 (blocks)
- ⅜ yard print No. 2 (blocks, trim)
- ⅞ yard print No. 3 (pillowcase body)

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

Finished block: 4" 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 stated.

Cut Fabrics

From print No. 1, cut:

- 5—5¼" squares, cutting each diagonally twice in an X for 20 triangles total

From print No. 2, cut

- 1—6¼×40½" strip
- 1—1¼×40½" strip
- 5—5¼" squares, cutting each diagonally twice in an X for 20 triangles total

From print No. 3, cut:

- 1—25½×41" rectangle
- 1—1½×40½" strip

Assemble Blocks

Use a ¼" 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 a bow tie block. Press seam in one direction. The block should be 4½" square including seam allowances.
2. Repeat Step 1 to make 10 bow tie blocks total.

Assemble Band

Use a ¼" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Sew together 10 bow tie blocks in a row, rotating blocks as shown (**Band Assembly Diagram**). Press seams in one direction. The block row should be 4½×40½" including seam allowances.
2. Add print Nos. 2 and 3—1¼×40½" strips to long edges of block row (**Band Assembly Diagram**). Press seams toward print strips. Then add print No. 2—6¼×40½" strip. Press seam open. The unit should be 12×40½" including seam allowances.
3. Join ends of Step 2 unit to make a loop. Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

Assemble Pillowcase

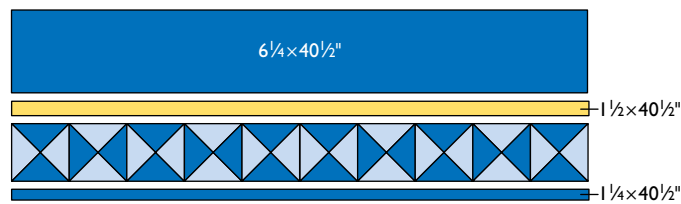
Use a ½" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Fold print No. 3—25½×41" rectangle in half to form a 25½×20½" rectangle. Sew together long edges and one pair of short edges to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.
2. Matching raw edges, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body; pin. Sew together through all layers (**Diagram 2**).
3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seams toward pillowcase body. Topstitch ⅛" from band edge on pillowcase body to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase (**Diagram 3**).

Fabrics are from A Stitch in Time with Mother Goose collection by Amy Barickman for Red Rooster Fabrics (redroosterfabrics.com).



DIAGRAM 1



BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

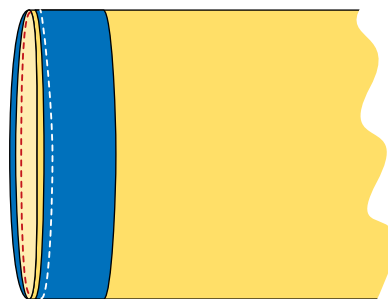


DIAGRAM 2

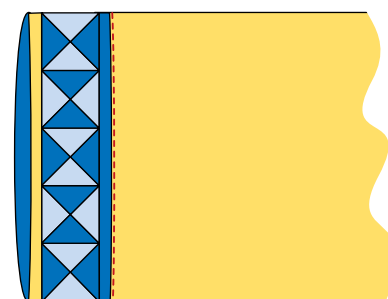


DIAGRAM 3