

Project: Pillowcase with Checkerboard Band



Pattern 6

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)
- ⅞ yard print No. 3 (pillowcase body)

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

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

- 16—3" squares

From print No. 2, cut:

- 1—5½×40½" strip
- 16—3" squares

From print No. 3, cut:

- 1—25¾×41" rectangle

Assemble Band

Use a ¼" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Referring to **Diagram 1**, sew together two print No. 1—3" squares and two print No. 2—3" squares in pairs. Press seams in opposite directions. Join pairs to make a Four-Patch unit. Press seam in one direction. The unit should be 5½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make eight Four-Patch units total.
2. Join Four-Patch units to make a checkerboard strip (**Band Assembly Diagram**). The checkerboard strip should be 5½×40½" including seam allowances.
3. Referring to **Band Assembly Diagram**, sew print No. 2—5½×40½" strip to one long edge of checkerboard 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. 3—25¾×41" rectangle in half to form 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. Matching raw edges, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body with Four-Patch units facing pillowcase body; pin. Using a ¼" seam allowance, 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 the Floral Vignettes collection by Paintbrush Studio (fabri-quilt.com).

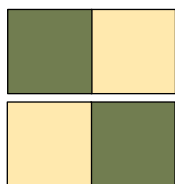


DIAGRAM 1

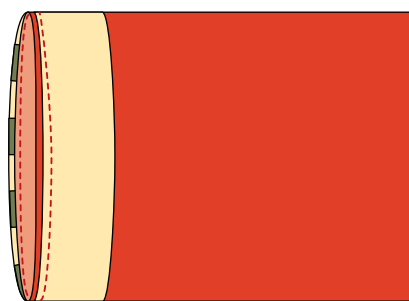


DIAGRAM 2

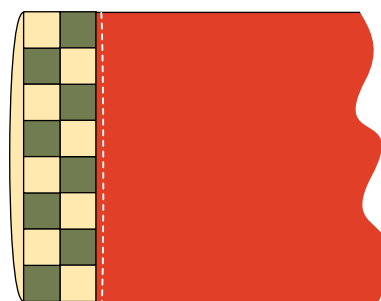
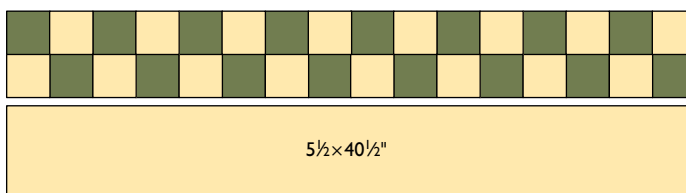


DIAGRAM 3



BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM