

Project: Pillowcase with Rail Fence Band



Pattern 7

American Patchwork & Quilting

1 MILLION
PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

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Materials

For one pillowcase:

- ¼ yard print No. 1 (band)
- ⅜ yard print No. 2 (band)
- ⅞ yard print No. 3 (pillowcase body)

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:

- 4—1¾×42" strips

From print No. 2, cut:

- 1—5½×40½" strip
- 4—1¾×42" strips

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—1¾×42" strips and two print No. 2—1¾×42" strips to make a strip set. Press seams in one direction. Repeat to make a second strip set.
2. Cut strip sets into a total of eight 5½"-wide segments.
3. Sew together eight 5½"-wide segments in a row, alternating direction with each segment, to make a Rail Fence strip (**Band Assembly Diagram**). The Rail Fence strip should be 5½×40½" including seam allowances.
4. Referring to **Band Assembly Diagram**, sew print No. 2—5½×40½" strip to one long edge of Rail Fence strip.
5. Join short ends of Step 4 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 Rail Fence units facing pillowcase body; pin. Using a ¼" seam allowance, sew together through all layers (**Diagram 2**).
3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam toward pillowcase body. Topstitch ⅛" from band edge on pillowcase body to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase (**Diagram 3**).

Fabrics are from the Toy Poodle collection by Kinkame for Clothworks (clothworks.com).

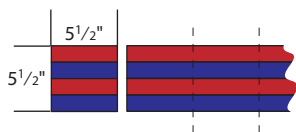


DIAGRAM 1

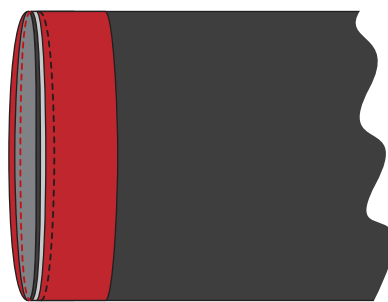


DIAGRAM 2

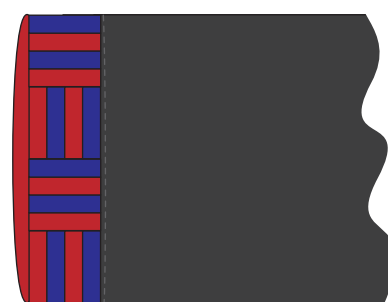
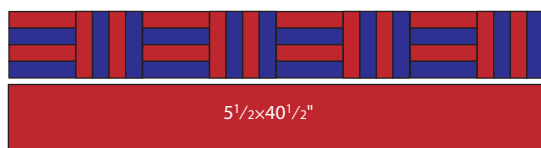


DIAGRAM 3



BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM