FABRICS are from the Pocket Full of Poppies collection by Kathy Davis for FreeSpirit (freespiritfabric.com).
Materials
- 1/3 yard assorted prints (band)
- 1/3 yard print No. 1 (band)
- 7/8 yard print No. 2 (pillowcase body)
- Tear-away stabilizer

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

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42” of usable fabric width.

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 assorted prints, cut:
- 64—1 3/4 x 3” strips
From print No. 1, cut:
- 1—5 1/2 x 40 1/2” strip
From print No. 2, cut:
- 1—25 3/4 x 41” rectangle

Assemble Band
1. Sew together two assorted print 1 3/4 x 3” strips to make a pieced block (Diagram 1). Press seam in one direction. The pieced block should be 3” square including seam allowances. Repeat to make 32 blocks total.
2. Lay out blocks in two horizontal rows, alternating block direction as shown in Band Assembly Diagram. Sew together blocks in each row. Press seams in one direction, alternating direction with each row. Join rows to make a Rail Fence strip. Press seam in one direction. The Rail Fence strip should be 40 1/2 x 5 1/2” including seam allowances.

3. With tear-away stabilizer beneath Rail Fence strip, add decorative machine stitches atop seams. Change thread color and stitches as desired.

4. Referring to Band Assembly Diagram, sew together print 5 3/4 x 40 1/2” rectangle and Rail Fence strip along a pair of long edges.

5. Join short edges of Step 3 unit to make a loop. Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

Assemble Pillowcase
1. Fold print 25 3/4 x 41” rectangle in half to form a 25 3/4 x 20 1/2” rectangle. Using a 1/2” seam allowance, sew together long edges and a 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 blocks facing pillowcase body (Diagram 2); pin. Using a 1/4” seam allowance, sew together through all layers.
3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowance toward pillowcase body. Topstitch 1/8” from band edge on pillowcase body to secure seam allowance and complete pillowcase (Diagram 3).