FABRICS are from the Lady in Red collection by Ro Gregg for Paintbrush Studio (fabri-quilt.com).
Project: Spools Pillowcase

Materials
- 8—3½" squares assorted prints (band)
- 4—⅞-yard pieces assorted prints (print Nos. 1–4 for band)
- ¼ yard print No. 5 (band)
- ⅛ yard print No. 6 (pillowcase body)

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

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

Measurements include ⅛" seam allowances for piecing blocks and ½" seam allowances for pillowcase construction, except where noted. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics
From print No. 1, cut:
- 8—1⅛×3⅞" rectangles
- 16—⅛" squares
From print No. 2, cut:
- 8—1⅛×3⅞" rectangles
- 16—⅛" squares
From print No. 3, cut:
- 8—1⅞×5⅜" rectangles
From print No. 4, cut:
- 8—1⅞×5⅜" rectangles
From print No. 5, cut:
- 1—5⅜×4½" strip
From print No. 6, cut:
- 1—25⅛×41" rectangle

Assemble Blocks
Use a ¼" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each print No. 1—1⅛" square. (To prevent fabric from stretching as you draw lines, place 200-grit sandpaper under each square.)

2. Align a marked print square with one end of a print No. 3—1⅛×5⅞" rectangle (Diagram 1; note direction of drawn line). Sew on drawn line, then trim excess, leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Press open attached triangle.

3. In same manner, add a second marked print square to opposite end of same rectangle, reversing direction of drawn line (Diagram 2). Stitch, trim, and press as before to make a block segment. The block segment should be 1⅞×5⅞" including seam allowances.

4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to make eight block segments total.

5. Repeat steps 2 and 3 with print No. 2—1⅛" squares and print No. 4—1⅞×5⅜" rectangles to make eight additional block segments.

6. Gather an assorted print 3⅞" square, two matching block segments, and two matching print 1⅞×3⅞" rectangles.

7. Referring to Diagram 3, sew together the print 1⅛×3⅞" rectangles and print 3⅞" square in a horizontal row. Press seams toward square. Join block segments to top and bottom edges of horizontal row to make a Spool block. Press seams in one direction. The spool block should be 5⅞" square including seam allowances.

8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 to make eight Spool blocks total.

Assemble Band
Use a ¼" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Sew together Spool blocks in a row (Band Assembly Diagram). Press seams in one direction. The block row should be 5⅞×40⅞" including seam allowances.

2. Sew together print No. 5—5⅞×40⅞" strip and block row (Band Assembly Diagram) to make a band unit. Press seam in one direction. The band unit should be 10⅞×40⅞" including seam allowances.

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

Assemble Pillowcase
Use a ¼" seam allowance for the following steps, except where noted.

1. Fold print 25⅛×41" rectangle in half to form a 25⅛×20½" rectangle. Sew together long edges and one pair of short edges to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.

2. Slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body, match raw edges, and pin (Diagram 4). Sew together through all layers using a ¼" seam allowance.

3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam toward pillowcase body. Topstitch ⅛" from band edge on pillowcase body to secure the seam allowances and complete pillowcase (Diagram 5).
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DIAGRAM 1

DIAGRAM 2

DIAGRAM 3

BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

DIAGRAM 4

DIAGRAM 5