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1 MILLION PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

Pattern 36

FABRICS are from the Pot Luck collection by American Jane for Moda Fabrics (modafabrics.com).
Project: Pillowcase with Rows of Ruffles

Materials
For one pillowcase:
• 4—\( \frac{3}{4} \) yard pieces assorted prints (ruffles)
• \( \frac{1}{2} \) yard print (band)
• \( \frac{3}{4} \) yard print (pillowcase body)

Finished pillowcase: 30\( \frac{1}{2} \)"x20"
(fits a standard-size bed pillow)

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

Measurements
include \( \frac{1}{4} \)" seam
allowances for band construction
and \( \frac{1}{2} \)" seam allowances for
pillowcase construction. Sew with
right sides together unless
otherwise specified.

Cut Fabrics
From each of three ruffle
prints, cut:
• 2—4\( \times \)31" strips
From remaining ruffle print, cut:
• 2—4\( \frac{1}{2} \times \)31"
From band print, cut:
• 1—7\( \frac{1}{4} \times \)41" strip
• 1—2\( \frac{1}{2} \times \)41" strip
• 2—2\( \times \)41" strips
From body print, cut:
• 1—26\( \times \)41" rectangle

Assemble Ruffles
Use \( \frac{1}{4} \)" seam allowances for the
following steps.

1. Sew together two matching
print 4\( \times \)31" strips along one
pair of short edges to make a
4\( \times \)61\( \frac{1}{2} \)" strip. Fold strip in half
lengthwise with right side inside.
Sew across short ends to make a
2\( \times \)61\( \frac{1}{2} \)" strip. Turn right side out;
press.

2. Using a long machine stitch, sew
two rows of basting stitches \( \frac{1}{4} \)"
and \( \frac{3}{4} \)" from long raw edges of
folded strip (Diagram 1). Gently
pull up bobbin threads of basting
stitches to make a 40"-long
gathered ruffle.

3. Using remaining print 4\( \times \)31"
strips, repeat steps 1 and 2 to
make three 2\( \times \)40" gathered
ruffles total.

4. Using print 4\( \frac{1}{2} \times \)31"
strips, repeat steps 1 and 2 to make a
2\( \frac{1}{2} \times \)40" gathered ruffle.

5. Matching raw edges, center
remaining band print 2\( \times \)41" strip
on top of second basted ruffle;
pin. Sew together through all layers
(Diagram 3).

6. Matching raw edges, center
the remaining 2\( \times \)40" gathered
ruffle on Step 5 unit; baste as before.

7. Matching raw edges, center
band print 2\( \frac{1}{2} \times \)41" strip on top of
third basted ruffle \( \frac{1}{2} \)" from
short edges. Pin and sew as before.
Press open. Topstitch \( \frac{1}{4} \)" from
narrow strip (Diagram 6).

8. Matching raw edges, center
the 2\( \frac{1}{2} \times \)40" gathered ruffle
on Step 7 unit \( \frac{1}{2} \)" from
short edges; baste as before
(Diagram 7).

9. Using a \( \frac{1}{2} \)" seam, join short
edges of Step 8 unit to make a
loop, taking care to not catch
ruffle ends in seam (Diagram 8).
Press seam open. Fold loop
in half with wrong side inside;
pin to make pillowcase band.
The band unit should be 6\( \times \)20"
including seam allowances (not
including the ruffle).

Assemble Band
Use \( \frac{1}{2} \)" seam allowances for the
following steps except where
noted.

1. Matching raw edges, center a
2\( \times \)40" gathered ruffle on a long
edge of band print 7\( \frac{1}{4} \times \)41" strip
\( \frac{1}{2} \)" from short edges; baste
(Diagram 2).

2. Matching raw edges, center a
band print 2\( \times \)41" strip on top of
basted ruffle; pin. Sew together
through all layers (Diagram 3).

3. Press open. Topstitch \( \frac{1}{4} \)" from
narrow strip (Diagram 4).

4. Matching raw edges, center
another 2\( \times \)40" gathered ruffle
on Step 3 unit \( \frac{1}{2} \)" from
short edges; baste.

5. Matching raw edges, center
remaining band print 2\( \times \)41" strip
on top of second basted ruffle;
pin and sew as before. Press
open. Topstitch \( \frac{1}{4} \)" from
narrow strip (Diagram 5).

6. Matching raw edges, center
the remaining 2\( \times \)40" gathered
ruffle on Step 5 unit; baste as before.

7. Matching raw edges, center
band print 2\( \frac{1}{2} \times \)41" strip on top of
third basted ruffle \( \frac{1}{2} \)" from
short edges. Pin and sew as before.
Topstitch \( \frac{1}{4} \)" from
narrow strip (Diagram 6).

8. Matching raw edges, center
the 2\( \frac{1}{2} \times \)40" gathered ruffle
on Step 7 unit \( \frac{1}{2} \)" from
short edges; baste as before
(Diagram 7).

9. Using a \( \frac{1}{2} \)" seam, join short
edges of Step 8 unit to make a
loop, taking care to not catch
ruffle ends in seam (Diagram 8).
Press seam open. Fold loop
in half with wrong side inside;
pin to make pillowcase band.
The band unit should be 6\( \times \)20"
including seam allowances (not
including the ruffle).

Assemble Pillowcase
Use \( \frac{1}{2} \)" seam allowances for the
following steps.

1. Fold body print 26\( \times \)41" rectangle
in half crosswise to form a 26\( \times \)20\( \frac{1}{2} \)" 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. Sew together
through all layers (Diagram 9).

3. Press pillowcase band
open, pressing seam toward
pillowcase body. Topstitch \( \frac{1}{4} \)"
from band edge on pillowcase
body to secure the seam
allowances and complete
pillowcase (Diagram 10).
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Diagram 1

Diagram 2

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Diagram 4

Diagram 5

Diagram 6

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DIAGRAM 8

DIAGRAM 9

DIAGRAM 10