Project: Pillowcase with Diamond Band

FABRICS are Monkey Business, Rain Basic, Sketch Basic, and Soho Solids by Timeless Treasures Fabrics (ttfabrics.com).
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Materials
For one pillowcase:
- \( \frac{3}{8} \) yard each of 8 assorted prints (pillowcase band)
- \( \frac{3}{8} \) yard background print (pillowcase band)
- \( \frac{7}{8} \) yard main print (pillowcase body, band)

Finished pillowcase: 30\( \times \)20” (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 piecing blocks and for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics
From assorted prints, cut:
- 32—2 \( \frac{1}{4} \)" squares
From background print, cut:
- 8—6" squares, cutting each diagonally twice in an X for 32 triangles total
From main print, cut:
- 1—25 \( \frac{1}{2} \times 40 \frac{1}{2} \)" rectangle
- 1—5 \( \frac{1}{2} \times 40 \frac{1}{2} \)" strip

Assemble Blocks
1. Gather four assorted print 2 \( \frac{1}{4} \)" squares and four background print triangles.
2. Sew together the assorted print 2 \( \frac{1}{4} \)" squares in pairs (Diagram 1). Press seams in opposite directions.
3. Join pairs to make a Four-Patch unit. Press seam in one direction. The unit should be 4" square including seam allowances.
4. Join background print triangles to opposite edges of Four-Patch unit (Diagram 2). Press seams toward triangles. Join background print triangles to remaining edges to make a block. Press as before Trim block to 5\( \frac{1}{4} \)" square including seam allowances.
5. Repeat steps 1–4 to make eight blocks total.

Assemble Band
1. Referring to Band Assembly Diagram, lay out blocks in a horizontal row. Sew together the blocks in a row to make a 5\( \frac{1}{2} \times 40 \frac{1}{2} \)" pieced strip.
2. Join pieced strip and main print 5\( \frac{1}{2} \times 40 \frac{1}{2} \)" strip (Band Assembly Diagram).

Assemble Pillowcase
1. Fold the 25\( \frac{1}{2} \times 40 \frac{1}{2} \)" main print rectangle in half crosswise to form a 25\( \frac{1}{2} \times 20 \frac{1}{2} \)" rectangle. Sew together long edges and a pair of short edges to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.
2. Referring to Diagram 3, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body; align raw edges and pin. Sew together through all layers.
3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowances toward pillowcase body. Topstitch through pillowcase body \( \frac{1}{4} \)" from band seam to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase (Diagram 4).
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Diagram 1
2¼ × 2¼”

Diagram 2
2¼ × 2¼”

Band Assembly Diagram
5½ × 40½”

Diagram 3

Diagram 4