Project: Barcode Band Pillowcase

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Materials
For one pillowcase:
• 3⁄4 yard solid (pillowcase band, piping)
• 3⁄4 yard each of four assorted prints (pillowcase band)
• 1 yard main print (pillowcase body, band)

Finished pillowcase: 30×20” (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 pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics
From solid, cut:
• 1—1½×40½” strip
• 30—1×2½” rectangles

From two assorted prints, cut:
• 10 matching sets of 2—2½×2½” rectangles

From remaining two assorted prints, cut:
• 10 matching sets of 1—2½×2½” rectangle and 2—1½×2½” rectangles

From main print, cut:
• 1—25½×40½” rectangle
• 1—1½×40½” strip

Assemble A Blocks
1. Gather a solid 1×2½” rectangle and a matching set of two print 2½×2½” rectangles.

2. Referring to Diagram 1, sew a print 2½×2½” rectangle to each long edge of solid 1×2½” rectangle to make Block A. Press seams toward print pieces. Block A should be 2½×5½” including seam allowances.

Assemble B Blocks
1. Gather two solid 1×2½” rectangles and a matching set of one print 2½×2½” rectangle and two print 1½×2½” rectangles.

2. Referring to Diagram 2, sew a solid 1×2½” rectangle to each short end of print 2½×3” rectangle. Join a print 1½×2½” rectangle to each solid rectangle to make Block B. Press seams toward print pieces. Block B should be 2½×5½” including seam allowances.

3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 to make 10 B blocks total.

Assemble Band
1. Lay out 10 A blocks and 10 B blocks in an alternating pattern (Diagram 3). Sew together the blocks in a row to make a 5½×40½” pieced strip.

2. Join pieced strip and main print 5½×40½” strip.

3. Join short ends of Step 2 unit to make a loop. Press seam open. Fold loop in half with the wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

Assemble Pillowcase
1. Fold the main print 25½×40½” rectangle in half crosswise to form a 25½×20½” rectangle. Sew together long edges and the pair of short edges without piping to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.

2. Referring to Diagram 5, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body; align raw edges and pin. Sew together through all layers.

3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing piping and seam allowances toward pillowcase body. Topstitch on piping and through pillowcase body ¼” from band seam to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase (Diagram 6).