

Project: Pillowcase with Piano Key Band



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**1 MILLION**  
PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

Pattern 16

**FABRICS** are from the Blue Skies collection by Sharon Holland Designs for Paintbrush Studio ([fabri-quilt.com](http://fabri-quilt.com)).

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### Materials

For one pillowcase:

- $\frac{1}{3}$  yard each of three assorted prints (band)
- $\frac{7}{8}$  yard print No. 4 (pillowcase body)

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

**Quantities** are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

**Measurements** include  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances for piecing blocks and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowances for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise specified.

### Cut Fabrics

You can use the AccuQuilt GO! fabric cutter die No. 55017 to cut  $2\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide strips in the amounts indicated.

**From each of three assorted prints, cut:**

- 7— $2\frac{1}{2}$ ×11" strips (you will use 20 strips total)

**From print No. 4, cut:**

- 1—26×41" rectangle

### Assemble Band

Use a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Sew together long edges of 20 assorted print  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ×11" strips in a row to make an  $11$ × $40\frac{1}{2}$ " pieced unit (Diagram 1). Press seams open.
2. Join short ends of pieced unit to make a loop. Press seam open.
3. Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

### Assemble Pillowcase

Use a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Fold print 26×41" rectangle in half to make a  $26$ × $20\frac{1}{2}$ " 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 so raw edges are aligned; pin (Diagram 2). Sew together through all layers.
3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam toward pillowcase body. Topstitch  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from band edge on pillowcase body to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase (Diagram 3).



DIAGRAM 1



DIAGRAM 2

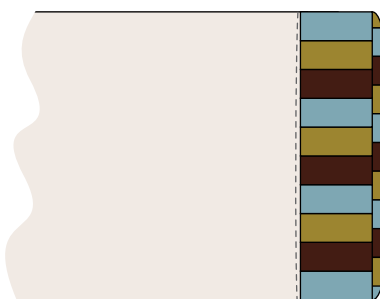


DIAGRAM 3