Project: Pillowcase with Log Cabin Band

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Materials
For one pillowcase:
- \(\frac{1}{2}\) yard total assorted prints (blocks for band) (Blocks in the featured pillowcase contain eight different prints.)
- 6” square of coordinating print (block centers)
- 1 yard main print (pillowcase body, band)

Finished pillowcase: 30\(\times\)20” (fits a standard-size bed pillow)

Finished block: 5” square

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

Measurements include 1/4” seam allowances for piecing blocks and 1/8” seam allowances for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics
From assorted prints, cut:
- 8—1 \(\frac{3}{4}\)\(\times\)5 \(\frac{1}{2}\)” rectangles (position 8)
- 16—1 \(\frac{3}{4}\)\(\times\)4 \(\frac{1}{2}\)” rectangles (positions 6 and 7)
- 16—1 \(\frac{3}{4}\)\(\times\)3 \(\frac{1}{2}\)” rectangles (positions 4 and 5)
- 16—1 \(\frac{3}{4}\)\(\times\)2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)” rectangles (positions 2 and 3)
- 8—1 \(\frac{1}{2}\)” squares (position 1)

From coordinating print, cut:
- 8—1 \(\frac{3}{4}\)” squares (center square)

From main print, cut:
- 1—25 \(\frac{3}{4}\)\(\times\)41” rectangle
- 1—5 \(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\times\)40 \(\frac{1}{2}\)” rectangle

Assemble Blocks
Use a \(\frac{1}{4}\)” seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Sew together center square and position 1 square (Diagram 1). Press seam toward position 1 square.

2. Referring to Diagram 2, add rectangles 2–8 in numerical order, working clockwise and pressing seams away from center, to make a Log Cabin block. The Log Cabin block should be 5 \(\frac{1}{2}\)” square including seam allowances.

3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 to make eight Log Cabin blocks total.

Assemble Band
Use a \(\frac{1}{4}\)” seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Join Log Cabin blocks in a row (Band Assembly Diagram). Press seams in one direction. The row should be 5 \(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\times\)40 \(\frac{1}{2}\)” including seam allowances.

2. Sew together the main print 5 \(\frac{3}{4}\)\(\times\)40 \(\frac{1}{2}\)” rectangle and block row along a pair of long edges.

3. Join short edges of Step 2 unit to make a loop. Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

Assemble Pillowcase
1. Fold body print 25 \(\frac{3}{4}\)\(\times\)41” rectangle in half to form a 25 \(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\times\)20 \(\frac{1}{2}\)” rectangle. Using a \(\frac{1}{2}\)” seam allowance, sew together long edges and a pair of short edges to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.

2. Matching raw edges, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body with Log Cabin units facing pillowcase body (Diagram 3); pin. Using a \(\frac{1}{4}\)” seam allowance, sew together through all layers.

3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seams toward pillowcase body. Topstitch \(\frac{1}{8}”\) from band edge on pillowcase body to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase (Diagram 4).