Project: Pillowcase with Precut Strips

FABRICS are from the Gypsy Caravan collection by Amy Butler for Rowan Fabric (westministerfabrics.com).
Materials
For one pillowcase:
• 26—2 1/2"x44/45" precut strips
or 2 1/4 yards total assorted
prints (pillowcase body, band)

Finished pillowcase: 30x20" (fits a
standard-size bed pillow)

Quantities are for 44/45"-wide,
100% cotton fabrics.
Measurements include 1/4" seam
allowances.

Cut Fabrics
From 2 1/2"x44/45"- wide strips, cut:
• 6—2 1/2"x40 1/2" strips
• 20—2 1/2"x24 1/2" strips

Assemble Band
1. Referring to Diagram 1, sew
together long edges of six
assorted print 2 1/2"x40 1/2" strips.
Press seams in one direction.
Topstitch through all layers 1/8"
from each seam, holding seam
allowances in place.

2. Join short ends of Step 1 unit to
make a loop. Press seam open.
Fold loop in half with wrong side
inside; press to make pillowcase
band.

Assemble Pillowcase
1. Referring to Diagram 2, sew
together long edges of 20
assorted print 2 1/2"x24 1/2" strips
to make a pieced rectangle.
The pieced rectangle should be
24 1/2"x40 1/2" including seam
allowances. Press seams in one
direction. Topstitch through
all layers 1/8" from each seam,
holding seam allowances in
place.

2. Fold pieced rectangle in half
crosswise to form a 24 1/2"x20 1/2"
rectangle. Sew together long
dges and one pair of short
ges to make pillowcase body.
Turn right side out and press
flat.

3. Referring to Diagram 3, slide
pillowcase band over pillowcase
body; align raw edges and pin.
Sew together through all layers.

4. Press pillowcase band open,
pressing seam allowances
toward pillowcase body.
Topstitch 1/8" from band edge on
pillowcase body to secure the
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DIAGRAM 1

DIAGRAM 2

DIAGRAM 3

DIAGRAM 4