Project: Pillowcase with Churn Dash Band

The FABRICS are from the French Twist collection by Lonni Rossi for Andover Fabrics (andoverfabrics.com).
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Materials
For one pillowcase:
• 1/2 yard cream print (band)
• 1/4 yard each of four assorted prints (band)
• 1 1/8 yard dark print fabric (pillowcase body, band lining)

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

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

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

Cut Fabrics
From cream print, cut:
• 16—2 7/8” squares
• 32—1 1/2”×2 1/2” rectangles

From each of four assorted prints, cut:
• 4—2 7/8” squares
• 2—1 1/2” squares

From dark print, cut:
• 1—25 1/2”×41” rectangle
• 1—5 1/2”×40 1/2” strip

Assemble Churn Dash Blocks
1. Gather two cream print 2 7/8” squares, four cream print 1 1/2”×2 1/2” rectangles, two matching assorted print 2 7/8” squares and one contrasting assorted print 1 1/2” square.

2. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each cream print 2 7/8” square.

3. Layer each marked cream print square atop an assorted print 2 7/8” square. Sew each pair together with two seams, stitching 3/8” on each side of drawn line (Diagram 1).

4. Cut a pair apart on drawn line to make two triangle units (Diagram 1). Open triangle units and press seams toward assorted print to make two triangle squares. Each triangle square should be 2 5/8” square including seam allowances. Repeat with remaining pair to make four matching triangle-squares total.

5. Referring to Diagram 2, lay out triangle-squares, four cream print 1 1/2”×2 1/2” rectangles, and contrasting assorted print 1 1/2” square in three rows. Sew together pieces in each row. Press seams toward rectangle units. Join rows to make a Churn Dash block. Press seams in one direction. The block should be 5 1/2” square including seam allowances.

6. Repeat steps 1–5 to make eight Churn Dash blocks total.

Assemble Band
1. Sew together eight Churn Dash blocks in a row to make a 5 1/2”×40 1/2” Churn Dash strip (Diagram 3).

2. Referring to Diagram 3, sew together Churn Dash strip and dark print 5 1/2”×40 1/2” strip.


Assemble Pillowcase
1. Fold dark print 25 1/2”×41” rectangle in half crosswise to form a 25 1/2”×20 1/2” rectangle. Sew together long edges and one pair of short edges to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.
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DIAGRAM 1

DIAGRAM 2

DIAGRAM 3

DIAGRAM 4

DIAGRAM 5