Project: Basic Pillowcase Pattern

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1 MILLION PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

Basic Pattern

FABRICS are from the Daysail collection by Bonnie & Camille for Moda Fabrics (modafabrics.com).
This project results in two contrasting standard-size pillowcases—one floral case that has a red band and one red case that has a floral band, for example.

**Materials**

For two contrasting pillowcases:
- 1 1/8 yards print No. 1
- 1 1/8 yards print No. 2

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

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

**Measurements** include 1/2" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise specified.

**Cut Fabrics**

From print No. 1, cut:
- 1—26 1/2 x 41" rectangle
- 1—10 x 41" strip

From print No. 2, cut:
- 1—26 1/2 x 41" rectangle
- 1—10 x 41" strip

**Assemble Pillowcases**

1. Join short ends of print No. 1—10 x 41" strip to make a loop. Press seam open.

2. Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

3. Fold print No. 2—26 1/2 x 41" rectangle in half crosswise to form a 26 1/2 x 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.

4. Referring to Diagram 1, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body; align raw edges and pin. Sew together through all layers.

5. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowances toward pillowcase body. Topstitch 1/8" from band edge on pillowcase body to secure the seam allowances and complete pillowcase (Diagram 2).

6. Using print No. 1—26 1/2 x 41" rectangle and print No. 2—10 x 41" strip, repeat steps 1–5 to complete second pillowcase.