Project: Building Blocks Band

FABRICS are from the Dryad collection by Shannon Brinkley for Paintbrush Studio (fabri-quilt.com).
Materials
FOR ONE PILLOWCASE:
- ¼ yard solid (band)
- ¼ yard total assorted prints (band)
- ⅛ yard print No. 1 (band)
- ⅛ yard print No. 2 (pillowcase body)

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

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42” of usable fabric width.
Measurements include ⅛” seam allowances for piecing blocks and ⅜” seam allowance for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics
From solid, cut:
- 8—2½” squares

From assorted prints, cut:
- 32—2×4” rectangles

From print No. 1, cut:
- 1—5¼×40⅛” strip

From print No. 2, cut:
- 1—25⅞×41” rectangle

Assemble Blocks
1. Gather one solid 2½” square and four assorted print 2×4” rectangles.

2. Referring to Diagram 1, partially join the square and an assorted print rectangle (stitching about 1¼”). Press seam away from center square.

3. Add remaining assorted print rectangles to the square with full seams (Diagram 2). Press seams away from center square.

4. Finish stitching the first (partial) seam to make a block (Diagram 3). Press remainder of seam away from center square. The block should be 5⅛” square including seam allowances.

5. Repeat steps 1–4 to make eight blocks total.

Assemble Band
1. Sew together eight blocks in a row to make a 5½×40⅝” strip.

2. Referring to Band Assembly Diagram, sew together the strip and print 5⅝×40⅝” strip.


Assemble Pillowcase
1. Fold print 25⅞×41” rectangle in half to form a 25⅞×20⅔” rectangle. Using a ⅜” seam allowance, sew together long edges and one set of short edges to make the pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.

2. Matching raw edges and seams, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body with pieced side of band facing pillowcase body (Diagram 4); pin. Using a ¼” seam allowance, sew together through all layers.

3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam toward pillowcase body. Topstitch ⅛” from band edge to secure seam allowance and complete pillowcase (Diagram 5).
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### Diagram 1

### Diagram 2

### Diagram 3

### Diagram 4

### Diagram 5

Band Assembly Diagram

5 1/2 x 40 1/2"