FABRICS are from the Sew & Sew collection by Chloe’s Closet for Moda Fabrics (modafabrics.com).
Materials
FOR ONE PILLOWCASE
• 1 1/2 yards total assorted prints (blocks for band)
• 1/3 yard print No. 1 (band)
• 7/8 yard print No. 2 (pillowcase body)

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 1/4" seam allowances for piecing strips and 1/2" seam allowances for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics
Each block in the band is composed of four pieces each of two assorted prints and a square from a third print. To achieve a similar look, refer to the Block Assembly Diagram before cutting pieces and assembling the blocks.

From assorted prints, cut:
• 16—1 1/2" x 5" strips
• 32—1 1/2" x 3" strips
• 16—1 1/2" squares
• 8—1 1/2" center squares

From print No. 1, cut:
• 1—5 1/2" x 40 1/2" strip

From print No. 2, cut:
• 1—25 3/4" x 41" rectangle

Assemble Blocks
Use a 1/4" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. For one block, gather one 1 1/2" center square, two 1 1/2" squares and two 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" strips that match, and two 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" strips and two 1 1/2" x 5 1/2" strips that match.

2. Sew together 1 1/2" center square and remaining 1 1/2" squares (Diagram 1). Press seams away from center square.

3. Referring to Block Assembly Diagram, add rectangles according to color. Press seams away from center to make a block. The block should be 5 1/2" square including seam allowances.

4. Repeat steps 1–3 to make eight blocks total.

Assemble Band
Use a 1/4" seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Join blocks in a row (Band Assembly Diagram). Press seams in one direction. The row should be 5 1/2" x 40 1/2" including seam allowances.

2. Sew together print 5 1/2" x 40 1/2" strip and the block row.

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 print 25 3/4" x 41" rectangle in half to form a 25 3/4" x 20 1/2" rectangle. Using a 1/2" 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 2); pin. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew together through all layers.

3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam toward pillowcase body. Topstitch 1/4" from band edge to secure seam allowance and complete pillowcase (Diagram 3).
Project: Courthouse Steps Band

**BLOCK ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM**

- 1½ x 5½"
- 1½ x 3½"
- 1½ x 3½"
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**DIAGRAM 1**

**BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM**

- 5½ x 40½"

**DIAGRAM 2**

**DIAGRAM 3**