Pattern 59

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Project: Plus Sign Band

Materials
FOR ONE PILLOWCASE
• 3/8 yard print No. 1 (band)
• 6—5” squares assorted prints (band)
• 3/4 yard print No. 2 (band)
• 7/8 yard print No. 3 (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 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
Cut pieces in the following order.
From print No 1, cut:
• 2—1¼×40½” strips
• 2—4×7½” rectangles
• 2—3×4” rectangles
• 24—1½” squares
From each assorted print, cut:
• 1—2×4” rectangle
• 2—1½×2” rectangles
From print No. 2, cut:
• 1—5½×40½” strip
From print No. 3, cut:
• 1—25½×41” rectangle

Assemble Blocks
Use a 1/4” seam allowance for the following steps.
1. Lay out in three rows four print 1½” squares and two 1½×2” rectangles and one 2×4” rectangle from the same assorted print. Join the pieces in top and bottom rows; press seams toward assorted print rectangles. Join rows to make a plus sign block; press seams toward the center row. The plus sign block should be 4” square including seam allowances.

2. Repeat Step 1 to make six plus sign blocks total.

Assemble Band
Use a 1/4” seam allowance for the following steps.
1. Sew together three plus blocks in a row. The row should be 4×11” including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second block row.

2. Referring to Band Assembly Diagram, join block rows, two print 3×4” rectangles, and two print 4×7½” rectangles. Press seams in one direction. Add print 1½×40½” strips. Press seams toward center.

3. Join Step 2 pieced strip to print 5½×40½” strip.

4. Join short ends of Step 3 unit to make a loop. Press seam open. Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

Assemble Pillowcase
1. Fold print 25½×41” rectangle in half to form a 25½×20½” 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).
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**DIAGRAM 1**

- 1½" × 2"
- 1½" × 2"
- 2 × 4"
- 1½" × 2"
- 1½" × 2"
- 1½"

**DIAGRAM 2**

BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

- 1½ × 40½"
- 3 × 4"
- 4 × 7½"
- 4 × 7½"
- 1½ × 40½"
- 1½ × 40½"
- 5½ × 40½"
- 4 × 7½"
- 3 × 4"

**DIAGRAM 3**

- 1¼ × 40½"
- 3 × 4"
- 1¼ × 40½"
- 4 × 7½"