Project: Argyle Band

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PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

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FABRICS are from the Connector Playmats collection by Deborah Edwards for Northcott (northcott.net).
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Materials
FOR ONE PILLOWCASE
• \( \frac{3}{8} \) yard total assorted car prints (blocks)
• \( \frac{1}{8} \) yard solid red (blocks)
• \( \frac{3}{4} \) yard green car print (band)
• \( \frac{1}{4} \) yard stripe (pillowcase body)

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

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42” of usable fabric width.
Measurements include \( \frac{1}{4} \)” seam allowances for piecing strips and \( \frac{1}{2} \)” seam allowances for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated. Press seams in direction indicated by arrows on diagram. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric.

Cut Fabrics
From assorted car prints, cut:
• 32—2\( \frac{3}{4} \)” squares (8 sets of 4 matching squares)
From solid red, cut:
• 8—1\( \times \)5\( \frac{1}{2} \)” strips
• 16—1\( \times \)2\( \frac{3}{4} \)” strips
From green car print, cut:
• 1—5\( \frac{1}{2} \)\( \times \)40\( \frac{1}{2} \)” strip
From stripe, cut:
• 1—25\( \frac{3}{4} \)\( \times \)41” rectangle

Assemble Blocks
Use a \( \frac{1}{4} \)” seam allowance for the following steps.
1. For one block, gather a set of four matching car print 2\( \frac{3}{4} \)” squares, one solid red 1\( \times \)5\( \frac{1}{2} \)” strip, and two solid red 1\( \times \)2\( \frac{3}{4} \)” strips.
2. Referring to Block Assembly Diagram, sew together pieces to make a block. The block should be 5\( \frac{1}{2} \)” square including seam allowances.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 to make eight blocks total.

Assemble Band
Use a \( \frac{1}{2} \)” 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\( \frac{1}{2} \)\( \times \)40\( \frac{1}{2} \)” including seam allowances.
2. Sew together green car print 5\( \frac{1}{2} \)\( \times \)40\( \frac{1}{2} \)” strip and 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 stripe 25\( \frac{3}{4} \)\( \times \)41” rectangle in half to form a 25\( \frac{3}{4} \)\( \times \)20\( \frac{1}{2} \)” rectangle. Using a \( \frac{1}{2} \)” 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 1); pin. Using a \( \frac{1}{4} \)” seam allowance, sew together through all layers.
3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam toward pillowcase body. Topstitch \( \frac{1}{8} \)” from band edge to secure seam allowance and complete pillowcase (Diagram 2).
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**Block Assembly Diagram**

- 2 3/4" sq.
- 1 x 2 3/4" x 1 x 5/4"

**Band Assembly Diagram**

- 5 1/2 x 40 1/2"

**Diagram 1**

**Diagram 2**

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