Project: Nine-Patch Band

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Materials
FOR ONE PILLOWCASE
• 1—5” square each of 10 assorted prints (blocks)
• ¼ yard background print (band)
• ¼ yard main print (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 ¼” seam allowances for piecing strips and ½” seam allowances for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics
From assorted prints, cut:
• 72—1¼” squares

From background print, cut:
• 8—6” squares, cutting each diagonally twice in an X for 32 triangles total

From main print, cut:
• 1—25¼×41” rectangle
• 1—5½×40½” strip

Assemble Blocks
Use a ¼” seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Gather nine assorted print 1½” squares and four background print triangles.
2. Referring to Diagram 1, lay out the assorted print squares in three rows.
3. Sew together squares in rows. Press seams in one direction, alternating direction with each row.
4. Join rows to make a Nine-Patch unit. Press seams in one direction. The unit should be 3¼” square, including seam allowances.
5. Join background print triangles to opposite edges of Nine-Patch unit (Diagram 2). Press seams toward triangles. Join remaining background print triangles to remaining Nine-Patch edges to make a block. Press as before. Trim block to 5½” square, including seam allowances.
6. Repeat steps 1–5 to make eight blocks total.

Assemble Band
Use a ¼” seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Referring to Band Assembly Diagram, lay out blocks in a row. Sew together the blocks to make a 5½×40½” pieced strip.
2. Join pieced strip and main print 5½×40½” strip (Band Assembly Diagram).
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 main print 25¼×41” rectangle in half to form a 25¼×20½” rectangle. Using a ¼” 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 3); 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 4).
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**Diagram 1**

1½" sq.

**Diagram 2**

**Diagram 3**

5½ x 40½"

**Diagram 4**