Project: Plaid Band

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Materials
FOR ONE PILLOWCASE
- 1/8 yard each print Nos. 1 and 2 (band)
- 8—3” squares assorted prints (band)
- 1/4 yard print No. 3 (band)
- 7/8 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 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
From print No. 1, cut:
- 16—1 3/4×3” rectangles
- 16—1 3/4” squares

From print No. 2, cut:
- 16—1 3/4×3 rectangles
- 16—1 3/4” squares

From print No. 3, cut:
- 1—5 1/2×40 1/2” strip

From main print, cut:
- 1—25 3/4×41” rectangle

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

1. Lay out four print No. 1—1 3/4” squares, four print No. 2—1 3/4×3” rectangles, and one assorted print 3” square in three horizontal rows (Diagram 1). Sew together pieces in rows. Press seams in one direction, alternating direction with each row. Join rows to make an A block. Press seams in one direction. The block should be 5 1/2” square, including seam allowances.

2. Repeat Step 1 to make four A blocks total.

3. Referring to Diagram 2, repeat Step 1 using four print No. 2—1 3/4” squares, four print No. 1—1 3/4×3” rectangles, and one assorted print 3” square to make a B block. The block should be 5 1/2” square, including seam allowances.

4. Repeat Step 3 to make four B blocks total.

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

1. Alternate A and B blocks in a row (Band Assembly Diagram). Sew blocks together, pressing seams in one direction. The row should be 5 1/2×40 1/2” including seam allowances.

2. Join Step 1 pieced strip to print No. 3—5 1/2×40 1/2” strip.


Assemble Pillowcase
1. Fold main print 25 3/4×41” rectangle in half to form a 25 3/4×20 1/2” rectangle. Using a 1/2” seam allowance, sew together set of 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 right side of pillowcase body (Diagram 3); 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 4).
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**BLOCK A**

**DIAGRAM 1**

1 3⁄4" sq.

1 3⁄4" × 3"

3" sq.

**BLOCK B**

**DIAGRAM 2**

1 3⁄4" sq.

1 3⁄4" × 3"

3" sq.

**BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM**

5 1⁄2" × 40 1⁄2"

**DIAGRAM 3**

**DIAGRAM 4**