FABRICS are from the Bonfire Batiks collection by Moda Fabrics (modafabrics.com).
Project: Starry Echoes Pillowcase Band

Materials
- ¾ yard cream batik (blocks)
- 4—10” squares light batiks in green, blue, orange, and purple (blocks)
- 4—10” squares dark batiks in green, blue, orange, and purple (blocks)
- ¾ yard black batik (sashing)
- ¾ yard pink batik (cornerstones)
- 1 yard rainbow batik (pillowcase body, band)

Finished pillowcase: 31×20”
(fits a standard-size pillow)
Finished block: 4” square

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42” of usable fabric width.

Measurements include ¼” seam allowances for piecing blocks and pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Press seams in directions indicated by arrows on diagrams. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric.

Cut Fabrics
From cream batik, cut:
- 32—1½” squares
- 32—1½” squares

From each light batik, cut:
- 8—1½” squares
- 8—1½” squares

From each dark batik, cut:
- 8—1½” squares
- 8—1½” squares

From black batik, cut:
- 24—1½×4½” sashing strips

From pink batik, cut:
- 16—1½” cornerstone squares

From rainbow batik, cut:
- 1—25½×40½” rectangle
- 1—6½×40½” strip

Assembly Blocks
1. Gather four cream batik 1½” squares, four cream batik 1½” squares, four light green batik 1½” squares, and a four dark green batik 1½” squares.
2. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of the four cream batik 1½” squares and two light green batik 1½” squares. (To prevent fabric from stretching as you draw lines, place 220-grit sandpaper under each square.)

3. Layer a marked cream batik square atop a dark green batik 1½” square. Sew together with two seams, stitching ¼” on each side of drawn line (Diagram 1). Cut pair apart on drawn line. Press open to make two dark green triangle-squares. Each triangle-square should be 1½” square including seam allowance. Repeat to make four dark green triangle-squares total.
4. Repeat Step 3 pairing marked cream batik squares with the unmarked light green batik 1½” squares to make four light green triangle-squares.
5. Repeat Step 3 using marked light green batik squares and dark green batik 1½” squares to make four light-and-dark-green triangle-squares.
6. Referring to Diagram 2, lay out triangle-squares and cream batik 1½” squares in four rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows to make a green block. The block should be 4½” square including seam allowances.
7. Repeat steps 1–6 using the same arrangement of dark, light, and cream batiks to make eight blocks total (two green, two blue, two orange, and two purple).

Assemble Band
1. Referring to Band Assembly Diagram, lay out blocks, black batik sashing strips, and pink batik cornerstones in three rows. Sew together the pieces in rows. Join rows to make a 6½×40½” pieced strip.
2. Join pieced strip and rainbow batik 6½×40½” strip (Band Assembly Diagram).

Assemble Pillowcase
1. Fold rainbow batik 25½×40½” rectangle in half crosswise to form a 25½×20½” rectangle. Using a ½” seam allowance, sew together long edges and a pair of short edges to make 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 ½” seam allowance, sew together through all layers.
3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowances toward pillowcase body. Topstitch through pillowcase body ¼” from band seam (Diagram 4) to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase.
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DIAGRAM 1

DIAGRAM 2

BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

DIAGRAM 3

DIAGRAM 4