

Project: Starry Echoes Pillowcase Band

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PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

Pattern 70



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### Materials

- ¼ 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)
- ¼ yard black batik (sashing)
- ⅙ 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—1⅞" squares
- 32—1½" squares

**From each light batik, cut:**

- 8—1⅞" squares

**From each dark batik, cut:**

- 8—1⅞" 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

### Assemble Blocks

1. Gather four cream batik 1⅞" squares, four cream batik 1½" squares, four light green batik

1⅞" squares, and a four dark green batik 1⅞" squares.

2. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of the four cream batik 1⅞" squares and two light green batik 1⅞" 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 1⅞" 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 1⅞" squares to make four light green triangle-squares.

5. Repeat Step 3 using marked light green batik squares and dark green batik 1⅞" 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**).
3. Join short ends of Step 2 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 rainbow batik 25½×40½" rectangle in half crosswise to form a 25½×20½" rectangle. Using a ¼" 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 ¼" seam allowance, sew together through all layers.
3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowances toward pillowcase body. Topstitch through pillowcase body ⅙" from band seam (**Diagram 4**) to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase.

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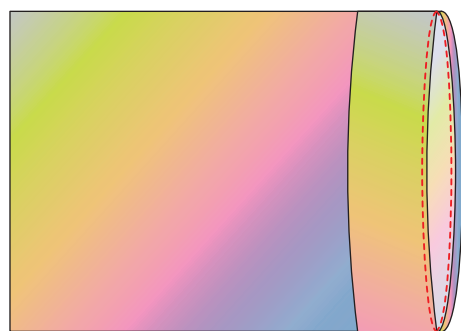
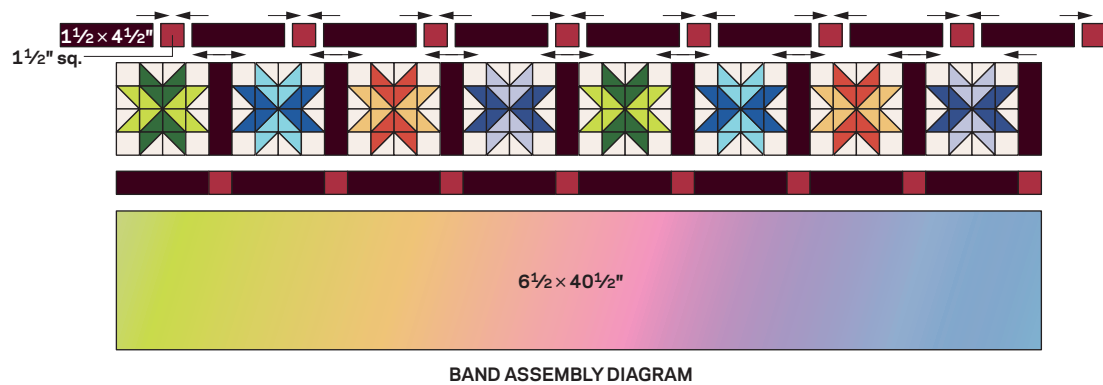
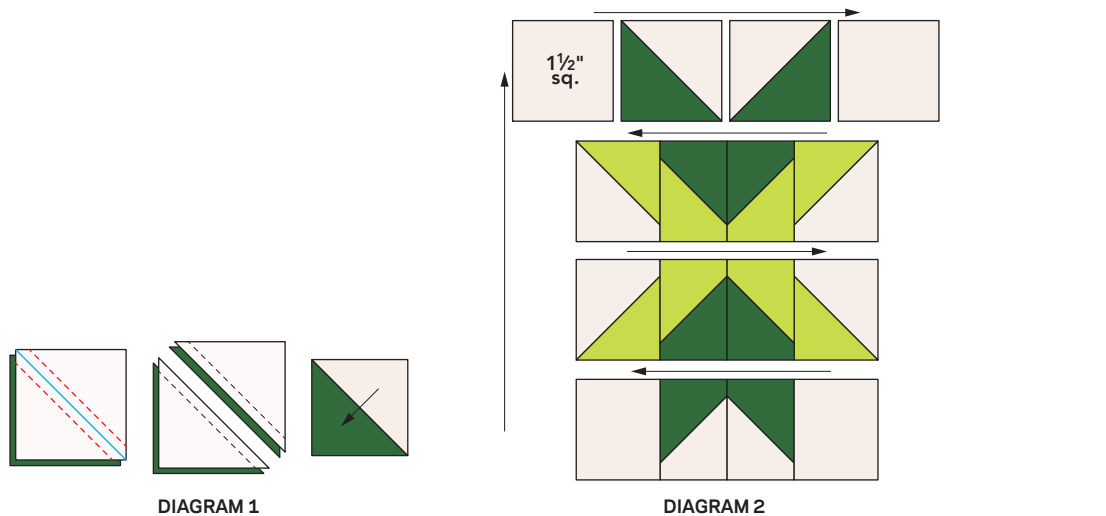


DIAGRAM 3

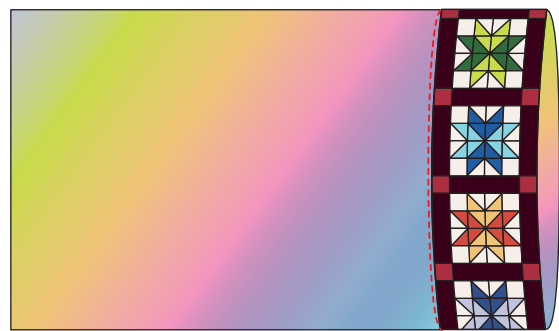


DIAGRAM 4