

Project: Wonky Blocks Pillowcase Band

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Pattern 71



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### Materials

- ½ yard total assorted prints (pillowcase band)
- ½ yard teal print (pillowcase band)
- ¼ yard leaf print (pillowcase band)
- ⅞ yard nature print (pillowcase body)
- Template plastic

**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 blocks and ½" seam allowance for pillowcase constructions. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

### Cut Fabrics

**From assorted prints, cut:**

- 8—3½" squares

**From teal print, cut:**

- 16—2½×7½" rectangles
- 16—2½×3½" rectangles

**From leaf print, cut:**

- 1—5½×40½" strip

**From nature print, cut:**

- 1—25¾×41" rectangle

### Assemble Blocks

The pattern for cutting is on page 4. To make a template of the pattern, top it with template plastic and trace. Cut out the template on outer edges, then cut away the center square.

1. Gather one assorted print 3½" square, two teal print 2½×3½" rectangles, and two teal print 2½×7½" rectangles.
2. Referring to **Diagram 1**, join the print square and two teal print

2½×3½" rectangles. Press seams away from center square.

3. Add teal print 2½×7½" rectangles to remaining edges. Press seams away from center square to make a unit (**Diagram 2**). Repeat to make eight units total.
4. Place template atop a unit, aligning template center window with unit center square (**Diagram 3**). Mark outer template edges. Cut on marked lines to make a 5½" square block. Repeat to make four blocks total.
5. Turn template over and repeat with remaining units to make four reversed blocks total (**Diagram 3**).

2. Matching raw edges and seams, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body with pieced side of band facing pillowcase body (**Diagram 4**); 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 (**Diagram 5**) to secure seam allowance and complete pillowcase.

### Assemble Band

1. Alternate blocks and reversed blocks in a row. Sew together to make a 5½×40½" pieced strip (**Band Assembly Diagram**).
2. Sew together the pieced strip and leaf print 5½×40½" strip.
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 nature print 25¾×41" rectangle in half to form a 25¾×20½" rectangle. Using a ½" seam allowance, sew together long edges and one set of short edges to make the pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.

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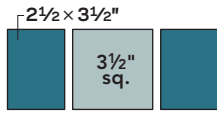


DIAGRAM 1

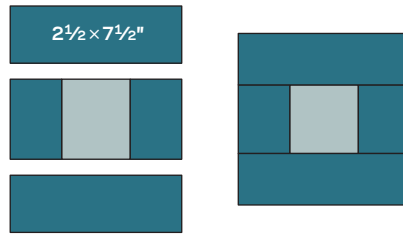


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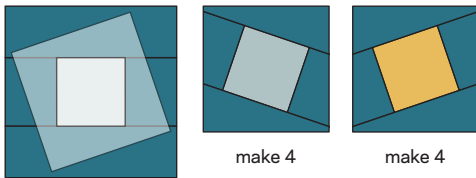
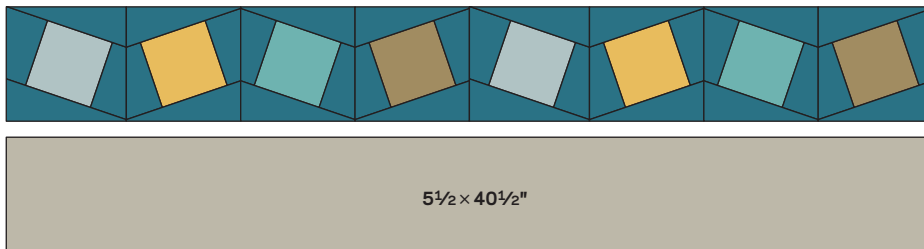


DIAGRAM 3



BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

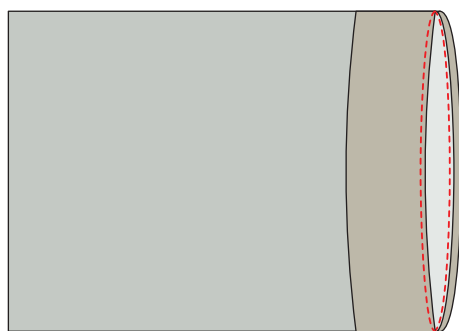
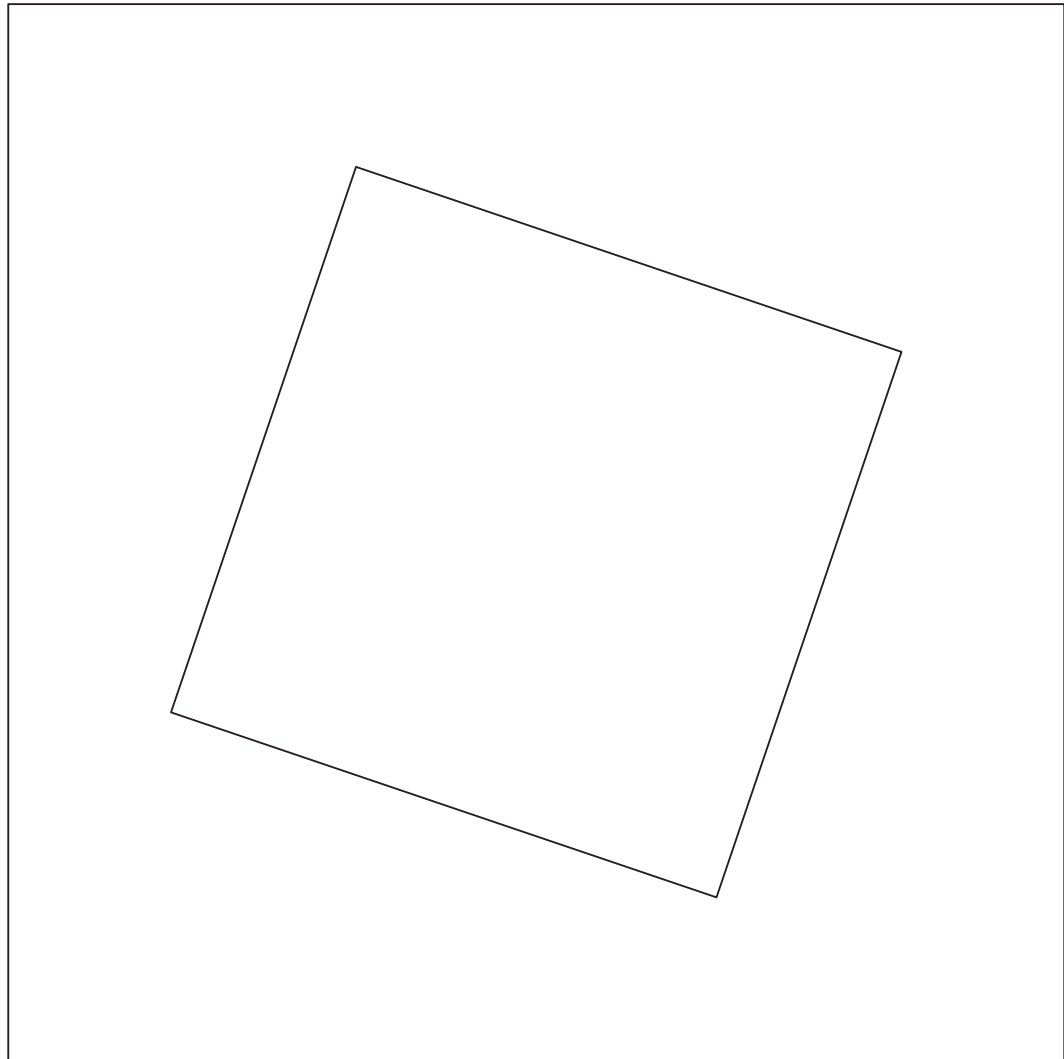


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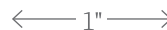
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TEMPLATE PATTERN

This box should measure 1".



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