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Project: Bowtie Band

Materials
FOR ONE PILLOWCASE
- ¼ yard red print (band)
- ½ yard total assorted prints (band)
- ¼ yard yellow print (band)
- ¼ yard blue print (band)
- ¾ yard white floral (pillowcase body)

Finished pillowcase: 30×20" (fits a standard-size pillow)

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.

Cut Fabrics
Pillowcase band blocks were made using fabric-cutting dies Half Square Triangle and Bowtie from the AccuQuilt GO! Qube 8" Corners Companion Set. If you wish to use scissors or a rotary cutter instead, we’ve included the cutting instructions.

From red print, cut:
- 40—1" squares or Half Square Triangles
From assorted prints, cut:
- 20—2½" squares or Bowties (10 sets of two matching squares)
From yellow print, cut:
- 20—2½" squares or Bowties
From blue print, cut:
- 1—5½×40½" strip
- 1—1½×40½" strip
From white floral, cut:
- 1—25¾×41" rectangle

Assemble Bowtie Blocks
The instructions that follow result in one bowtie block. Repeat to make 10 bowtie blocks total.

1. Gather four red print 1" squares or Half Square Triangles, two matching assorted print 2½" squares or Bowties, and two yellow print 2½" squares or Bowties.
2. With a pencil, draw a diagonal line on wrong side of red print 1" squares. (To prevent fabric from stretching as you draw the lines, place 220-grit sandpaper under the squares.) If you’re using Half Square Triangles, your seam line is already marked.
3. Align a marked red print 1" square or a Half Square Triangle with one corner of an assorted print 2½" square or Bowtie (Diagram 1; note direction of drawn line).
4. Sew on marked line. (If using a die cut shape, use a ¼" seam allowance). Trim excess, leaving ¼" seam allowance. (If you’re using die cuts, you won’t need to trim the seam allowance.) Press attached triangle open to make a pieced unit.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 using remaining squares to make four pieced units (two matching assorted and two yellow) total.
6. Referring to Diagram 2, sew together pieced units in pairs. Press seams in opposite directions. Join pairs to make a bowtie block. Press seam in one direction. The block should be 4½" square including seam allowances.

Assemble Band
1. Lay out bowtie blocks in a row (Band Assembly Diagram). Sew blocks together, pressing seams in one direction, to make a pieced row. The row should be 4½×40½" including seam allowances.
2. Join blue print 5¼×40½" and 1½×40½" strips to pieced row, pressing toward blue print strips.
3. Join short ends of Step 2 unit to make a loop. Press seams open. Fold loop in half with wrong side inside to make pillowcase band; press.

Assemble Pillowcase
1. Fold white floral 25½×41" rectangle in half to form a 25½×20½" rectangle. Using a ½" 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 bowtie blocks facing pillowcase body (Diagram 3); pin. Using a ¼" seam allowance, sew together through all layers.
3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowance toward pillowcase body. Topstitch through pillowcase body ¼" from band seam (Diagram 4) to secure seam allowances and complete pillowcase.
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BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

5 1/2 x 40 1/2"

1 1/2 x 40 1/2"

DIAGRAM 1

DIAGRAM 2

DIAGRAM 3

DIAGRAM 4