FABRICS are from the A Festival of Roses collection by Jackie Robinson for Benartex (benartex.com).
Project: Pillowcase Gift Bag with Pocket

Materials
For one pillowcase:
- ½ yard cream print (pocket, ruffle, drawstring)
- ¼ yard green print (band)
- ⅛ yard black floral (pillowcase body)
- Large safety pin

Finished pillowcase: 30\times 20" plus ruffle (fits a standard-size bed pillow)

Quantities are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

Measurements include seam allowances (¼" for drawstring, pocket, and band construction; ⅛" for pillowcase construction). Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics
From cream print, cut:
- 1—2 ⅜\times 42" strip
- 1—6"\times 44" strip (this may need to be pieced depending on your fabric length)
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From green print, cut:
- 1—10\times 41" strip

From black floral, cut:
- 1—26 ⅛\times 41" rectangle

Assemble Pocket, Ruffle, and Drawstring
Use ⅛" seam allowances for the following steps.

1. Sew together cream print pocket pieces, leaving a 3" opening in one edge for turning (Diagram 1).
3. Fold pocket flap over pocket body (see Pocket Pattern fold line). Press flat to make a pocket.
4. Referring to Diagram 2 for location, place pocket on right side of black floral 26 ⅜\times 41" rectangle. Topstitch pocket side and bottom edges through all layers.
5. Fold cream print 6\times 44" strip in half lengthwise with right side inside. Sew across both short ends. Turn right side out. Press flat.
6. Using a long machine stitch (5 mm), sew two rows of basting stitches ⅛" and ⅛" from raw edge of folded strip. Gently pull bobbin threads of basting stitches to gather folded strip into a 19 ⅛"-long ruffle (Diagram 3).
7. Fold cream print 2 ⅛\times 42" strip in half lengthwise with right side inside. Sew long edges together. Turn right side out. Press flat to make drawstring.
8. To complete pillowcase gift bag, thread drawstring through casing twice; machine-stitch through layers to hem. Even hemmed ends in casing; machine-stitch at casing midpoint (opposite casing opening) through all layers to prevent drawstring from being pulled out.

Assemble Pillowcase
Use ⅛" seam allowances for the following steps.

1. Fold green print 10\times 41" strip in half crosswise. Sew short ends together, leaving a 1 ½" opening in seam for drawstring, to make a tube (Diagram 4).
2. Fold tube in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.
3. Fold black floral print 26 ⅛\times 41" rectangle in half to form a 26 ⅛\times 20 ⅛" rectangle. Press to create a centerline; unfold. Center ruffle on half the rectangle, starting at centerline and ending ⅛" from raw edge (Diagram 5); baste.

4. Refold rectangle on centerline; sew together long edges and the short end with ruffle to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out; press flat.
5. Matching raw edges, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body with opening in band seam toward pillowcase body; pin. Sew together through all layers.
6. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seams toward pillowcase body. Referring to Diagram 6, topstitch on pillowcase body ⅛" from band seam to secure seam allowances. Topstitch on band 1 ⅛" from band seam to make casing for drawstring.
7. Pin large safety pin to one end of drawstring. Thread drawstring pin first through casing, keeping drawstring flat.
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Pocket Pattern

Fold Line