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Project: May Basket Band

Materials
FOR ONE PILLOWCASE
- 1⁄4 yard orange print (pillowcase band, blocks, appliqués)
- 1⁄2 yard blue print (pillowcase band, blocks)
- 10” square pink print (blocks)
- 7⁄8 yard blue floral (pillowcase body)
- Lightweight fusible web

Finished pillowcase: 30 1⁄4 x 20” (fits a standard-size bed pillow).

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

Measurements include 1⁄4” seam allowances for piecing strips and 1⁄2” seam allowances for pillowcase construction. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics
The Basket Handle Pattern is on page 4. To cut out basket handle appliqués, complete the following steps.

1. Lay fusible web, paper side up, over pattern. Use a pencil to trace pattern three times, leaving 1⁄4” between tracings. Cut out each fusible-web shape roughly 1⁄4” outside traced lines.


From orange print, cut:
- 1—6 1⁄4 x 21 1⁄2” strip
- 3—2 1⁄2” squares, cutting each in half diagonally for 6 small triangles total
- 3 of Basket Handle Pattern
- 1—1 1⁄2 x 6 1⁄2” rectangle

From blue print, cut:
- 1—6 1⁄4 x 40 1⁄2” strip
- 3—4 1⁄4” squares, cutting each in half diagonally for 6 large triangles total
- 6—2 1⁄2” squares

From pink print, cut:
- 2—4 1⁄4” squares, cutting each in half diagonally for 4 large triangles total (you will use 3)


Assemble Basket Blocks
1. Referring to Diagram 1, center a prepared orange print basket handle appliqué on right side of a blue print large triangle. Following manufacturer’s instructions, press appliqué in place; let cool. Using a zigzag or blanket stitch, machine-stitch appliqué edges.

2. Sew together appliquéd blue print triangle and a pink print large triangle to make an appliquéd triangle-square (Diagram 1). Press seam toward pink print triangle. The triangle-square should be 4 1⁄4” square, including seam allowance.

3. Sew an orange print small triangle to a blue print 2 1⁄2” square to make a basket foot (Diagram 2). Repeat to make a second basket foot.

4. Sew basket feet to adjacent edges of appliquéd triangle-square (Diagram 3). Press seam allowances toward basket feet.

5. Join a blue print large triangle to basket feet edge to make a Basket block (Diagram 3). Press the seam allowance toward blue print large triangle. The block should be 6 1⁄4” square, including seam allowance.

6. Repeat steps 1–5 to make three Basket blocks total.

Assemble Band
Use a 1⁄4” seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Referring to Band Assembly Diagram, sew together orange print 1 1⁄2 x 6 1⁄2” strip, Basket blocks, and orange print 6 1⁄4 x 21 1⁄2” strip to make a pieced strip.

2. Sew together pieced strip and blue print 6 1⁄4 x 40 1⁄2” strip.

3. Join short edges of Step 2 unit to make a loop. Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.

Assemble Pillowcase
Use a 1⁄4” seam allowance for the following steps.

1. Fold blue floral 26 x 41” rectangle in half to form a 26 x 20 1⁄4” rectangle. Sew together set of long edges and one set of short edges to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out; press flat.

2. Matching raw edges and seams, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body with pieced side of band facing right side of pillowcase body (Diagram 4); pin. Sew together band and pillowcase body.

3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowances toward pillowcase body. Topstitch 1⁄4” from band edge on pillowcase body (Diagram 5) to secure seam allowance and complete pillowcase.
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Diagram 1

Diagram 2

Diagram 3

Diagram 4

Diagram 5

Band Assembly Diagram
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