Project: Pillowcase with Button Band

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Materials
FOR ONE PILLOWCASE
- ¼ yard blue print (blocks)
- ½ yard black print No. 1 (blocks)
- ¼ yard orange print (blocks)
- 13” square black print No. 2 (blocks)
- 1⅛ yards floral print (blocks, pillowcase band, pillowcase body)

Finished pillowcase: 30⅛x20” (fits a standard-size bed pillow).

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42” of usable fabric width.
Measurements include ⅛” seam allowances for piecing strips and ⅛” seam allowances for 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
Cut pieces in the following order.

From blue print, cut:
- 12—1⅛x4” rectangles
- 12—1⅛x2⅝” rectangles
- 48—1” squares

From black print No. 1, cut:
- 24—1⅛” squares

From orange print, cut:
- 6—1⅛x6⅝” rectangles
- 6—1⅛x4” rectangles

From black print No. 2, cut:
- 6—1⅛x6⅝” rectangles
- 6—1⅛x4” rectangles

From floral print, cut:
- 1—26x41” rectangle
- 1—6⅝x40¾” rectangle
- 2—1⅛x6⅝” rectangles
- 4—1⅛x6⅝” rectangles
- 24—1⅛” squares

Assemble Blocks
1. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each blue print 1” square. (To prevent fabric from stretching as you draw lines, place 220-grit sandpaper under each square.)

2. Align a marked blue print square with a corner of a black print 1⅛” square (Diagram 1a; note direction of drawn line). Sew on drawn line; trim excess fabric, leaving ⅛” seam allowance. Repeat in opposite corner (Diagram 1b) to make a center subunit. The subunit should be 1½” square including seam allowances. Repeat to make 24 center subunits total.

3. Referring to Diagram 2, sew together four center subunits in pairs. Join pairs to make a center unit. The unit should be 2⅜” square including seam allowances. Repeat to make six center units total.

4. Sew blue print 1⅛x2½” rectangles to opposite edges of a center unit (Diagram 3). Sew blue print 1⅛x4” rectangles to remaining edges to make a framed center unit. The unit should be 4” including seam allowances. Repeat to make six framed center units total.

5. Sew orange print 1⅜x4” rectangles to opposite edges of a framed center unit (Diagram 4). Sew orange print 1⅛x6⅝” rectangles to remaining edges to make an orange print block unit. The unit should be 6⅝” square including seam allowances. Repeat to make three orange print block units.

6. Repeat Step 5 using black print rectangles to make three black print block units.

7. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each floral print 1⅛” square.

8. Align a marked floral print square with a corner of an orange print block unit (Diagram 5; note direction of drawn line). Sew on drawn line; trim excess fabric, leaving ⅛” seam allowance. Repeat in remaining corners to make an orange block. Repeat to make three orange blocks total.

9. Repeat Step 8 with black print block units to make three black blocks.

Assemble Band
1. Using ⅛” seam allowances and referring to Diagram 6, lay out blocks in an alternating pattern, floral print 1x6⅝” rectangles, and floral print 1⅛x6⅝” rectangles. Sew pieces together, pressing seams toward floral print rectangles, to make a pieced row. The row should be 6⅝x40½” including seam allowances.

2. Join pieced row to floral print 6⅝x40½” rectangle (Band Assembly Diagram).


Assemble Pillowcase
1. Fold floral print 26x41” rectangle in half to form a 26x20½” rectangle. Sew
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together long edges and a 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 7); pin. Sew together band and pillowcase body.

3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowances toward pillowcase body. Topstitch \( \frac{1}{4} \)" from band edge to secure seam allowance and complete pillowcase (Diagram 8).
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Diagram 1

Diagram 2

Diagram 3

Diagram 4

Diagram 5

Diagram 6
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BAND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

6 1/2 x 40 1/2"