FABRICS are from the Deer Christmas collection by Urban Chiks for Moda Fabrics (modafabrics.com).
Project: Bursting Star Pillowcase

Materials
FOR ONE PILLOWCASE
- ⅝ yard red print (blocks)
- ⅜ yard white print (blocks, pillowcase band)
- 10”-square aqua print (blocks)
- 10”-square green plaid (blocks)
- ⅛ yard blue deer print (blocks)
- ⅛ yard pink plaid (pillowcase band)
- ⅝ yard green deer print (pillowcase body)

Finished pillowcase: 30⅛”×20” (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 red print, cut:
- 4—1×20” strips
- 1—1×14” strip

From white print, cut:
- 1—6⅝×21⅜” rectangle
- 1—1⅛×6⅝” rectangle
- 7—1×20” strips
- 1—1×14” strip
- 2—1×6⅝” rectangles
- 6—1×3⅛” rectangles
- 6—1×2⅛” rectangles
- 12—1×2” rectangles

From aqua print, cut:
- 16—2” squares

From green plaid, cut:
- 8—2” squares

From blue deer print, cut:
- 3—2⅛” squares

From pink plaid, cut:
- 1—6⅝×4⅜” rectangle

From green deer print, cut:
- 1—26×42” rectangle

Assemble Blocks
1. Referring to Diagram 1, sew together red print 1×14” strip and white print 1×14” strip to make Strip Set A. Cut strip set into twelve 1”-wide A segments.
2. Referring to Diagram 2, sew together one red print 1×20” strip and one white print 1×20” strip to make Strip Set B. Cut strip set into twelve 1½”-wide B segments.
3. Referring to Diagram 3, sew together an A segment and a B segment. Add a white print 1×2” rectangle to top edge to make a corner unit (Diagram 4). The unit should be 2” square including seam allowances. Repeat to make 12 corner units total.
4. Referring to Diagram 5, sew together two white print 1×20” strips and one red print 1×20” strip to make Strip Set C. Repeat to make three C strips sets total. Cut strip sets into twelve 3⅛”-wide C segments.
5. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of aqua print and green plaid 2” squares. (To prevent fabric from stretching as you draw lines, place 220-grit sandpaper under each square.)
6. Align a marked aqua print square with one end of a C segment (Diagram 6; note direction of marked line). Sew on marked line. Trim seam allowance to ⅛”; press open attached triangle. Add a second marked aqua print square to opposite end of segment to make an aqua Flying Geese unit. The unit should be 2×3⅛” including seam allowances. Repeat to make eight aqua Flying Geese units total.
7. Repeat Step 6 to make four green plaid Flying Geese units.
8. Sew white print 1×2⅛” rectangles to opposite edges of a blue deer print 2⅛” square (Diagram 7). Add white print 1×3⅛” rectangles to remaining edges to make block center (Diagram 8). The block center should be 3½” square including seam allowances. Repeat to make three block centers total.
9. Referring to Diagram 9, lay out four corner units, four matching Flying Geese units, and one block center in three rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows to make a block. The block should be 6½” square including seam allowances. Repeat to make three blocks total.

Assemble Band
1. Using ⅛” seam allowances and referring to Diagram 10, lay out blocks, white print 1⅝×6⅝” rectangle, white print 1×6⅝” rectangles, and white print 6⅝×21⅝” rectangle. Sew pieces together to make a pieced row. The row should be 6⅝×41⅝” including seam allowances.
2. Join pieced row to pink plaid 6⅝×41⅝” rectangle (Band Assembly Diagram).

Assemble Pillowcase
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1. Fold green deer print 26x42” rectangle in half to form a 26x21” rectangle. Using a ½” seam allowance, sew 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 11); pin. Sew together band and pillowcase body.

3. Press pillowcase band open, pressing seam allowances toward pillowcase body. Topstitch ¼” from band edge to secure seam allowance and complete pillowcase (Diagram 12).
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Diagram 1

Diagram 2

Diagram 3

Diagram 4

Diagram 5

Diagram 6

Diagram 7

Diagram 8

Diagram 9
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