

Free Cute as a Button Pillowcase Pattern



Pattern Description:

The Cute-as-a-Button Pillowcase is a charming sewing project that transforms a standard-size bed pillowcase into a delightful decorative piece.

It features a band of pieced fabric blocks designed to resemble buttons, adding a playful and handmade touch.

The finished pillowcase measures approximately 30¾ by 20 inches, and each block within the design finishes at 6 inches square.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

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Fabric Amount Use Gray print ¼ yard Blocks Medium blue print ⅛ yard each Blocks Light blue print ⅛ yard each Blocks Dark blue print 10-inch square Blocks Tan print 1½ yards Blocks, pillowcase band, and pillowcase body

Measurements and Allowances

- **Finished pillowcase size:** 30¾ × 20 inches (fits a standard-size bed pillow)
- **Finished block size:** 6-inch square

- **Seam allowances:**
 - ¼-inch for piecing blocks
 - ½-inch for pillowcase construction

Instructions for Making the Cute as a Button Pillowcase Pattern:

1. Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order (based on 42 inches of usable fabric width):

From gray print, cut:

- 12 pieces - $1\frac{1}{4} \times 4$ inches
- 12 pieces - $1\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ inches
- 48 pieces - 1-inch squares

From dark blue print, cut: 24 pieces - $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch squares

From medium blue print, cut:

- 6 pieces - $1\frac{3}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ inches
- 6 pieces - $1\frac{3}{4} \times 4$ inches

From light blue print, cut:

- 6 pieces - $1\frac{3}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ inches
- 6 pieces - $1\frac{3}{4} \times 4$ inches

From tan print, cut:

- 1 piece - 26×41 inches
- 1 piece - $6\frac{1}{2} \times 40\frac{1}{2}$ inches
- 2 pieces - $1\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ inches
- 4 pieces - $1 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ inches
- 24 pieces - $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch squares

2. Assemble Blocks

- **Prepare Corner Squares:** Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each gray 1-inch square using a pencil. To prevent stretching, place 220-grit sandpaper underneath the fabric while marking.

- **Create Center Subunits:**
 - Align one marked gray square with a corner of a dark blue $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch square (see Diagram 1a for direction).
 - Sew along the drawn line and trim excess fabric, leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch seam allowance.
 - Repeat for the opposite corner (Diagram 1b).
 - The finished subunit should measure **$1\frac{1}{2}$ inches square** (including seam allowances).
 - Make **24 subunits total**.
- **Construct Center Units:**
 - Following Diagram 2, sew four center subunits together in pairs, then join the pairs to create one center unit.
 - Each unit should measure **$2\frac{1}{2}$ inches square** (including seam allowances).
 - Make **six center units**.
- **Frame the Center Unit:**
 - Sew gray $1\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch rectangles to opposite sides of a center unit (Diagram 3).
 - Add gray $1\frac{1}{4} \times 4$ -inch rectangles to the remaining sides.
 - Finished size: **4 inches square** (including seam allowances).
 - Make **six framed center units**.
- **Create Medium Blue Block Units:**
 - Sew medium blue $1\frac{3}{4} \times 4$ -inch rectangles to opposite edges of a framed center unit (Diagram 4).
 - Add medium blue $1\frac{3}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ -inch rectangles to the remaining sides.
 - Finished size: **$6\frac{1}{2}$ inches square** (including seam allowances).
 - Make **three medium blue block units**.
- **Create Light Blue Block Units:**
 - Repeat the previous step using light blue rectangles.

- Make **three light blue block units**.
- **Add Final Corners:**
 - Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each tan $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch square.
 - Align one square on each corner of a medium blue block (see Diagram 5).
 - Sew along the drawn lines, trim excess fabric, leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch seam allowance.
 - Repeat for all corners.
 - Make **three medium blue blocks**.
- **Complete Light Blue Blocks:**
 - Repeat the corner-adding process for the light blue block units.
 - Make **three light blue blocks**.

3. Assemble the Band

- **Form the Pieced Row:**
 - Arrange all blocks, tan $1 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ -inch rectangles, and tan $1\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ -inch rectangles as shown in Diagram 6.
 - Sew using $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch seam allowances.
 - Press seams toward the tan rectangles.
 - Finished size: **$6\frac{1}{2} \times 40\frac{1}{2}$ inches** (including seam allowances).
- **Join Band Pieces:**
 - Attach the pieced row to the tan $6\frac{1}{2} \times 40\frac{1}{2}$ -inch rectangle (see Band Assembly Diagram).
- **Create the Loop:**
 - Join the short ends of the unit to form a loop and press the seam open.
 - Fold the loop in half with wrong sides together and press flat to create the pillowcase band.

4. Assemble the Pillowcase

- **Construct the Pillowcase Body:**
 - Fold the tan 26×41 -inch rectangle in half to create a **$26 \times 20\frac{1}{2}$ -inch** rectangle.

- Sew the long edges and one short edge to form the main pillowcase body.
- Turn right side out and press flat.
- **Attach the Band:**
 - With right sides together, slide the band over the pillowcase body, matching raw edges and seams (see Diagram 7).
 - Sew around the opening to attach the band.
- **Finish the Pillowcase:**
 - Press the band open, directing seam allowances toward the pillowcase body.
 - Topstitch $\frac{1}{8}$ inch from the seam to secure it (see Diagram 8).