

Free Pinwheel Band Pillowcase Pattern



Pattern Description:

The Pinwheel Band Pillowcase features a decorative band of eight colorful Pinwheel blocks attached to a coordinating pillowcase body.

Measuring 30×20", it fits a standard pillow. The design combines light and dark prints for contrast, using precise piecing with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams and $\frac{1}{2}$ " seams for final assembly, creating a polished, handcrafted finish.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

Material	Yardage Requirement	Cut Pieces
Assorted light prints (band blocks)	$\frac{5}{8}$ yard total	16 - $3\frac{3}{8}$ " squares (8 sets of two matching squares)
Assorted dark prints (band blocks)	$\frac{5}{8}$ yard total	16 - $3\frac{3}{8}$ " squares (8 sets of two matching squares)
Print No. 1 (band)	$\frac{1}{3}$ yard	1 - $5\frac{1}{2}$ × $40\frac{1}{2}$ " strip

Print No. 2 (body)

$\frac{7}{8}$ yard

1 - 25 $\frac{3}{4}$ ×41" rectangle

Finished Size: 30×20" (fits a standard pillow).

Instructions for Making the Pinwheel Band Pillowcase Pattern:



Preparation and Cutting

Before starting, ensure all fabrics are prewashed, pressed, and squared for accuracy. The cutting layout and seam allowances are essential for proper alignment later on.

Seam Allowances

Use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " **seam allowance** when piecing blocks and assembling the band. For the final pillowcase construction, a $\frac{1}{2}$ " **seam allowance** should be used. All sewing steps are completed with **right sides together** unless otherwise noted.

Cutting Instructions

Using the materials listed in the pattern:

- From **assorted light prints**, cut **16 squares**, each measuring **3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "**. Group these into **eight matching pairs**.
- From **assorted dark prints**, cut another **16 squares**, also **3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "** each, and arrange into **eight matching pairs**.

- From **Print No. 1 (band fabric)**, cut **one strip measuring 5½×40½"**.
- From **Print No. 2 (body fabric)**, cut **one rectangle measuring 25¾×41"**.

After all pieces are cut, organize them into labeled groups to streamline the assembly process.

Constructing the Pinwheel Blocks

The Pinwheel blocks form the decorative highlight of this project. Each block is made using four half-square triangle (HST) units created from light and dark fabric pairs.

Step 1: Marking and Pairing

For one Pinwheel block, gather two matching light squares and two matching dark squares. On the wrong side of each light square, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner with a pencil or fabric marker.

Step 2: Stitching the Pairs

Layer each marked light square on top of a dark square, right sides together. Sew a line of stitching ¼" **away from both sides** of the drawn diagonal line. Repeat for the second pair.

Step 3: Cutting and Pressing

Cut along the drawn diagonal line on each pair to create **four triangle units**. Open each unit and press the seam allowance toward the darker fabric to reduce bulk. Each finished triangle unit should measure **3" square**, including seam allowances.

Step 4: Assembling the Pinwheel

Arrange the four triangle-squares into a Pinwheel layout, alternating light and dark triangles to form the spinning design. Sew the units together in pairs, pressing seams in opposite directions.

Then, join the two rows to complete the block, pressing the final seam to one side. The completed Pinwheel block should measure **5½" square**.

Repeat these steps to make a total of **eight matching Pinwheel blocks**.

Assembling the Band

Once the Pinwheel blocks are complete, it's time to join them into a continuous decorative band.

Step 1: Joining Blocks

Align and sew the eight Pinwheel blocks in a single horizontal row using a ¼" **seam allowance**.

Press all seams in one direction for consistency. The assembled row should measure **5½×40½"**, matching the length of the band fabric strip.

Step 2: Adding the Band Fabric

Sew the **Print No. 1 (5½×40½") strip** to one long edge of the Pinwheel block row, right sides together. Press the seam toward the solid strip. Join the short edges of the completed unit to form a loop.

Step 3: Folding and Pressing

Fold the loop in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, aligning raw edges and ensuring the Pinwheel blocks are visible on the outside. Press well to create a crisp, folded edge - this forms the finished pillowcase band.

Constructing the Pillowcase Body

With the band ready, you can now build the main body of the pillowcase.

Step 1: Sewing the Body

Take the **25¾×41" rectangle** cut from Print No. 2. Fold it in half with right sides together, matching the short edges to form a **25¾×20½"** rectangle. Using a **½" seam allowance**, sew along the long edge and one short edge, leaving one short edge open for the pillow opening.

Step 2: Turning and Pressing

Turn the pillowcase body right side out and press the seams flat. Make sure all corners are sharp and edges are even.

Attaching the Band to the Pillowcase

Step 1: Aligning the Band

Slide the prepared band over the open end of the pillowcase body, aligning all raw edges and side seams. Ensure that the pieced side of the band faces the body of the pillowcase. Pin securely around the edge.

Step 2: Stitching the Band

Sew through all layers with a **¼" seam allowance** to attach the band. Press the seam allowance toward the pillowcase body.

Step 3: Finishing Touches

To complete the project, topstitch **¼"** from the seam on the pillowcase body side. This secures the seam allowance and gives the pillowcase a clean, professional finish.

Final Pressing and Display

Give the entire pillowcase a final press, paying special attention to the band seam and corners. Slip a standard 30×20" pillow inside to admire your finished project.

The Pinwheel Band Pillowcase showcases your quilting skill while adding a handmade, decorative charm to any bedding ensemble.