

Free Show the Love Pillowcase Pattern



Pattern Description:

The Show the Love Pillowcase pattern uses two simple blocks constructed with red and pink fabrics to form a pillowcase band that appears more complex than it is.

The fabrics used are from the **Prim collection by Lori Holt for Riley Blake Designs**.

The finished size of the pillowcase is **30¾ × 21 inches**, fitting a standard-size bed pillow. Each finished block measures **6 inches square**.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

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

Material	Yardage / Initial Piece	Cuts
Red print (for Hourglass blocks)	9 × 21 piece (fat eighth)	2 - 7¼" squares
Solid red (for Hourglass and Economy blocks)	¼ yard	2 - 7¼" squares; 6 - 4½" squares (each cut in half diagonally for 12 large triangles total)

Solid white (for Economy blocks)	10" square	6 - 3½" squares (each cut in half diagonally to make 12 small triangles total)
Pink print (for pillowcase band)	¾ yard	1 - 6½ × 42½" rectangle; 3 - 3½" squares
Red polka dot print (for pillowcase body)	1¼ yards	1 - 26 × 43" rectangle

Instructions for Making the Show the Love Pillowcase Pattern:

Fabric Preparation and Cutting

All yardages and cutting instructions are based on **42 inches of usable fabric width**.

- From the **red print (9 × 21 fat eighth)**, cut **two 7¼" squares**.
- From the **solid red (¾ yard)**, cut **two 7¼" squares** and **six 4½" squares**. Cut each 4½" square diagonally to make **12 large triangles total**.
- From the **solid white (10" square)**, cut **six 3½" squares**. Cut each diagonally to make **12 small triangles total**.
- From the **pink print (¾ yard)**, cut **one 6½ × 42½" rectangle** and **three 3½" squares**.
- From the **red polka dot print (1¼ yards)**, cut **one 26 × 43" rectangle**.

Assemble Hourglass Blocks

- Measurements include ¼" **seam allowances**. Sew with right sides together. Press seams as indicated or toward the darker fabric.
- Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each **red print 7¼" square**. Place **220-grit sandpaper** beneath the fabric while marking to prevent stretching.
- Layer a marked **red print square** atop a **solid red 7¼" square**. Sew ¼" on each side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the line and press open to create **two triangle-squares**, each measuring **6½" square**, including seam allowances. Repeat to make **four triangle-squares**.
- Mark a new diagonal line on two of the triangle-squares, perpendicular to the first seam line.
- Layer one marked triangle-square atop an unmarked one so that **each red print triangle faces a solid red triangle**. Sew ¼" on each side of the line. Cut apart and press open to create **two hourglass blocks**.

- Each finished **hourglass block** measures **6½" square**, including seam allowances.
- Repeat to make **four hourglass blocks total**.

Assemble Economy Blocks

- The pattern requires **three Economy blocks**.
- Center two **solid white small triangles** on opposite edges of a **pink print 3½" square** and sew. Add the remaining white triangles to the other two edges to form the block center.
- Trim the block center ¼" from each pink corner, resulting in a **4¾" square**, including seam allowances.
- Add two **solid red large triangles** to opposite sides, then the remaining two to complete the block.
- Trim each finished **Economy block** to **6½" square**, including seam allowances.
- Repeat to make **three Economy blocks total**.

Assemble Band

- Arrange the **Hourglass** and **Economy blocks** alternately in a row and sew together. Press seams open.
- The pieced row should measure **6½ × 42½"**, including seam allowances.
- Sew the **pink print 6½ × 42½" rectangle** to the row.
- Join the short ends of this unit to form a loop. Press the seam open.
- Fold the loop in half with wrong sides together and press to form the **pillowcase band**.

Assemble Pillowcase

- Fold the **red polka dot print 26 × 43" rectangle** in half to make a **26 × 21½" rectangle**.
- Using a **½" seam allowance**, sew together the long edges and one short edge to form the **pillowcase body**.
- Turn right side out and press flat.
- Slide the **pillowcase band** over the body, matching raw edges and seams, with right sides together. Pin in place.
- Sew the band and body together with a **½" seam allowance**.
- Press the band open, pressing the seam allowances toward the body.

To finish, **topstitch** $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the band edge to secure.