

Project: Two Contrasting Pillowcases



**Basic  
Pattern**

American Patchwork & Quilting

**1 MILLION**  
PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

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This project results in two standard-size pillowcases that contrast one another (for example, one white case with a black band and one black case with a white band).

### Materials

For two contrasting pillowcases:

- 1 $\frac{1}{8}$  yards print No. 1
- 1 $\frac{1}{8}$  yards print No. 2

**Finished pillowcase:** 30×20" (fits a standard-size bed pillow)

**Quantities** are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

**Measurements** include  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise specified.

### Cut Fabrics

**From print No. 1, cut:**

- 1—26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×41" rectangle
- 1—10×41" strip

**From print No. 2, cut:**

- 1—26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×41" rectangle
- 1—10×41" strip

### Assemble Pillowcases

- 1.** Join short ends of print No. 1—10×41" strip to make a loop. Press seam open.
- 2.** Fold loop in half with wrong side inside; press to make pillowcase band.
- 3.** Fold print No. 2—26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×41" rectangle in half to form a 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×20 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. Sew together long edges and one short end to make pillowcase body. Turn right side out and press flat.
- 4.** Matching raw edges, slide pillowcase band over pillowcase body; pin. Sew together through all layers (**Diagram 1**).

- 5.** Press pillowcase band open, pressing seams toward pillowcase body. Topstitch  $\frac{1}{16}$ " from band edge on pillowcase body to secure the seam allowances and complete pillowcase (**Diagram 2**).
- 6.** Using print No. 1—26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×41" rectangle and print No. 2—10×41" strip, repeat steps 1 through 5 to complete second pillowcase.

**Fabrics** are from the Café Noir collection for Timeless Treasures (ttfabrics.com).



DIAGRAM 1

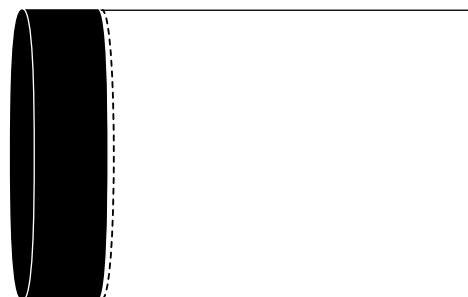


DIAGRAM 2