Coming Up Roses Pillowcase

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Materials: 45"-wide fabric*

- *41" of usable width after preshrinking
- ⁷/₈ yard white-on-white fabric for the pillowcase
- 1/8 yard Pink #1 (dark), for the rosebud tips and the lower-edge binding
- 1/8 yard Pink #2 (light) for the blocks
- ¹/₄ yard Pink #3 (medium) for the blocks
- ¹/₄ yard Green for the leaves and binding upper edge of patchwork strip

Cutting

Cut all strips across the fabric width (crosswise grain).

White-on-white

- 1 piece, $31'' \ge 40\frac{1}{2}''$ for the pillowcase;
- 1 strip, 3¹/₄" wide; crosscut 9 squares, each 3¹/₄" x 3¹/₄". Cut each in half once diagonally for a total of 18 triangles for the block backgrounds.

Pink #1

- 1 strip, 1¹/₄" x 15; crosscut 9 squares, each 1¹/₄" x 1¹/₄";
- 1 strip, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 41", for the lower-edge binding.

Pink #2

1 strip, $1\frac{1}{2}$ wide, for the blocks.

Pink #3

2 strips, each $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide, for the blocks.

Green

- 1 strip, $1'' \ge 40\frac{1}{2}''$, for binding the upper edge of the patchwork strip
- 1 strip, 3¹/₄" wide; crosscut 9 squares, each 3¹/₄" x 3¹/₄". Cut each in half once diagonally for a total of 18 triangles for the leaves.

Block Construction

All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide.

Make 9 rosebud blocks.

2. Cut apart and

press the seam

away from the

darker square.

1. With right sides together, sew each 11/4" square of Pink #1 to the strip of Pink #2. Leave a bit of space between each square as you chain piece these units.



3. Sew the resulting pieces to the remainder of the strip of Pink #1. Take care to position the units correctly on the strip, so that tip of the rosebud (Pink #1) is always at the upper end as you stitch each unit to the strip.



4. Cut apart and press the seams away from Pink #1.





Press.

- 5. In the same manner, add a round of Pink #3 to adjacent edges of the unit (from step 4). Neither strip you add should touch the square of Pink #1. Press the seams away from the dark square. You should have a total of 9 rosebuds, each 3¹/₂" x 3¹/₂".
- 6. Sew a green triangle to opposite sides of the completed rosebuds. Press the seams toward the triangle. Add white triangles to the remaining upper edges of the rosebud. Press seams in the direction of the arrows.



Make nine Rosebud blocks.

- Trim the blocks to 4¹/₂" square, making sure you center the flower so that you have ¹/₄"-wide seam allowances beyond all four points of the rosebud.
- 8. Sew the blocks together, side by side, to make one strip, $40\frac{1}{2}$ " long. Press the seams open between the blocks.
- 9. With right sides together and raw edges even, stitch the 1"-wide green binding strip to the upper edge of the patchwork strip. Press the seam toward the binding. Wrap the binding to the underside over the seam edge and press. Pin baste the binding in place.

Making the Pillowcase

All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide.

- 1. Position the patchwork strip face up with its lower raw edge even with a long raw edge of the pillowcase panel. Pin in place and stitch in the ditch of the upper-edge binding to secure the patchwork band to the pillowcase panel.
- 2. Machine baste the lower edge of the band to the pillowcase fabric.
- 3. Fold the fabric in half with right sides together and machine stitch 1⁄4″ from the short and long raw edges. Zigzag or serge to finish the seam edges. Turn right side out
- 4. Cut one end of the 2¼"-wide strip of Pink #1 at a 45-degree angle. Turn under and press ¼". Fold the strip in half with wrong sides together and press.
- 5. Position the folded end of the binding strip a few inches from the pillowcase seam with raw edges even. Stitch 1/4" from the raw edges.
- 6. Wrap the binding to the underside over the raw edges and press. Pin in place. On the right side, stitch in the ditch to catch the binding on the underside.



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