



Tulip Fields Forever Pillowcase

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Figure 1

Materials: 44"-wide fabric

- 1 1/4 yards white tone-on-tone print for the pillowcase body and block backgrounds
- 1/4 yard red solid or print for the blocks
- 1/4 yard green solid or print for the blocks
- 3/8 yard red-and-white print for the binding

Construction

All seam allowances are 1/4" wide.

1. From the white print, cut a 31" x 40 1/2" panel for the pillowcase body. Then cut (9) 3" squares. Cut each one in half diagonally for a total of 18 triangles.
2. From the green, cut (9) 3" squares. Cut each one in half diagonally for a total of 18 triangles.

3. Make three photocopies of page 3 and cut out 9 foundations for the block or make 9 tracings of the block on foundation paper.

4. Using the white-on-white and the red fabrics for the blocks, paper piece 9 tulip flowers. See Figure 3 on page 2 to see a finished tulip. For paper-piecing how-tos, see one of the many books on the subject by Carol Doak.

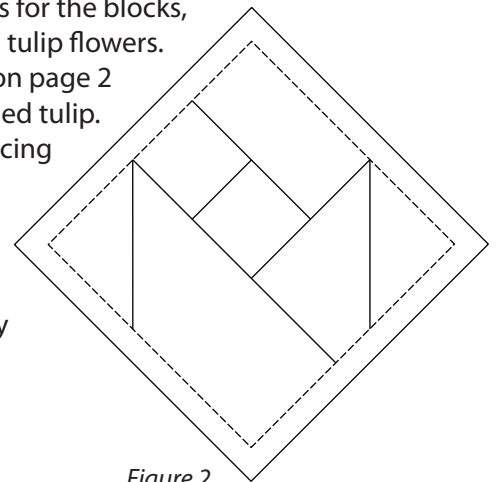


Figure 2



- 5. Sew a green triangle to each edge of a red tulip. Press as directed by the arrows.
- 6. Sew 2 white triangles to the upper edges of the tulip. Press the seams toward the white triangles. Repeat to make 9 tulip blocks.

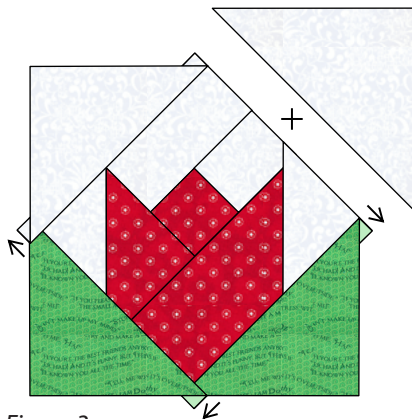


Figure 3

- 10. Position the patchwork strip face up on top and along one long edge of the pillowcase piece with lower raw edges even. Machine-baste in place. Stitch-in-the-ditch of the binding to secure the upper edge to the pillowcase fabric.

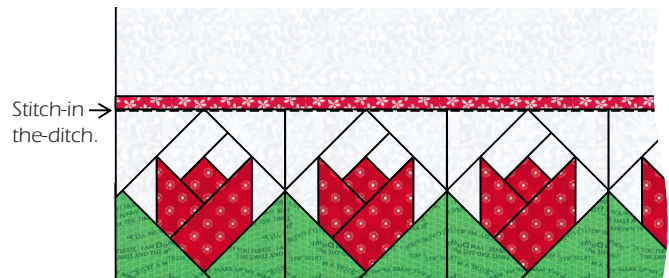
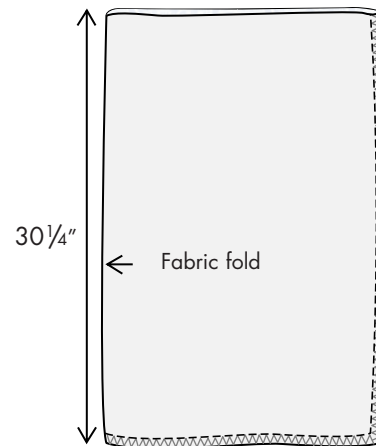


Figure 4

- 7. Sew the blocks together, side by side, to make one strip, 40 1/2" long. Press the seams open between the blocks.
- 8. From the red-and-white fabric for the binding, cut three strips, each 2 1/4" wide. Sew together using bias seams to make one long strip. Fold in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press.
- 9. With right sides together and raw edges even, stitch the binding to the upper edge of the patchwork strip. Cut away excess and set aside. Press the seam toward the binding. Wrap the binding to the underside and press.

- 11. Fold the pillowcase 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.



- 12. Bind the lower raw edge of the case with the remaining binding.

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