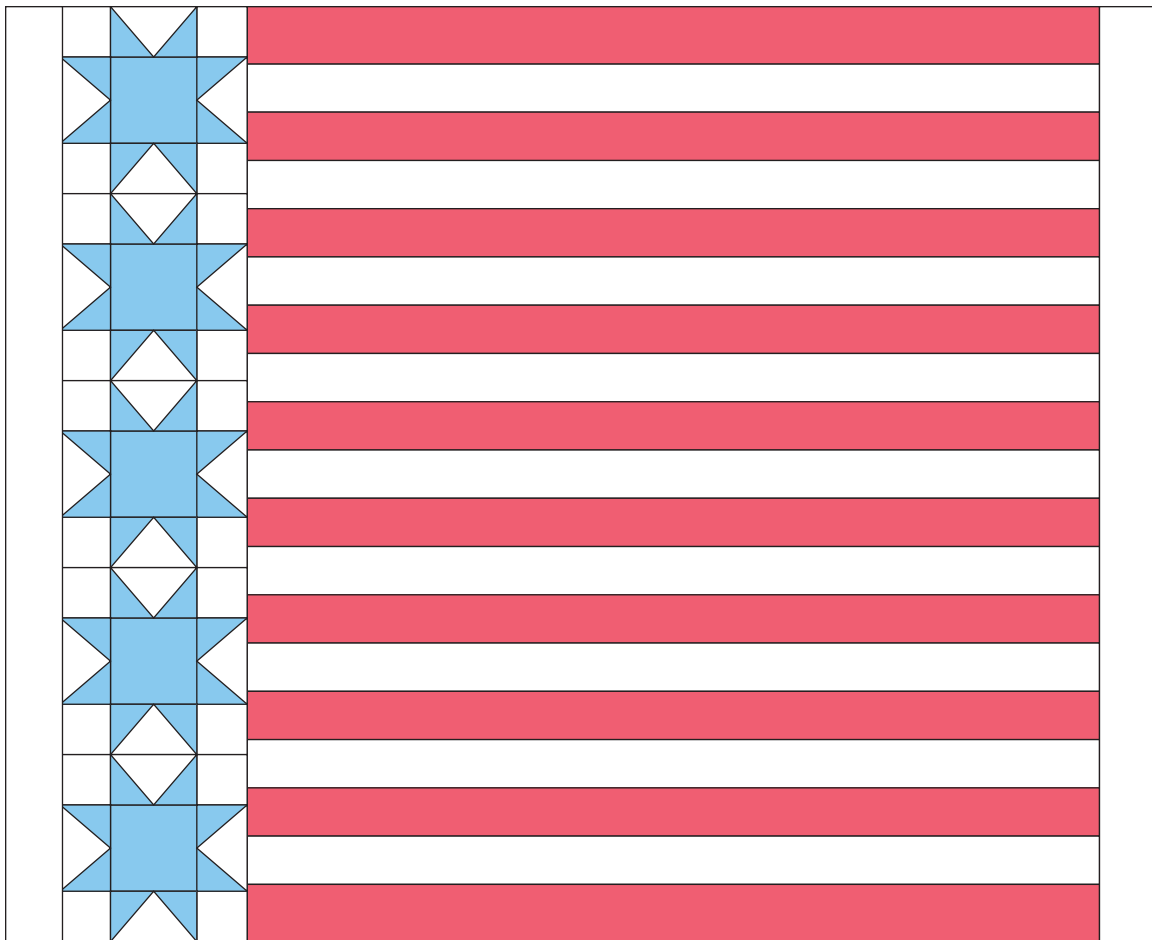


Stripes & Stars Pillow

Finished size: 20" x 20"



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FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

Assorted scraps of blue, red, and white/cream/low volume (background) fabrics:

- Up to 5 blue prints, up to 10 red prints, and up to 11 background prints
- You'll need at a few red and background prints with at least 14" in length for the stripes and a couple of background prints with at least 21" in length for the side sashings.

Additional supplies:

- 22" x 22" square each of batting and lightweight muslin (if you decide to quilt your pillow top)
- 20 ½" x 20 ½" square of coordinating fabric for the pillow back
- Coordinating zipper, at least 15" long (if you decide to make a zippered closure)

CUTTING

FROM **EACH** OF 5 ASSORTED BLUE PRINTS, CUT:

- (4) 1 ⅞" x 1 ⅞" squares
- (1) 2 ½" x 2 ½" square

FROM THE ASSORTED RED PRINTS, CUT:

- (8) 1 ½" x 14" strips
- (2) 2" x 14" strips

FROM THE ASSORTED BACKGROUND PRINTS:

*For the star blocks, pick 5 prints. From **each** of those 5 prints, cut:*

- (4) 1 ½" x 1 ½" squares (or a total of 20, if you are using fewer prints)
- (1) 3 ¼" x 3 ¼" square (or a total of 5, if you are using fewer prints)

For the stripes, cut:

- (9) 1 ½" x 14" strips

For the side sashings, cut:

- (2) 2 ½" x 21" strips

PIECING

Use a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance throughout. Press seams as noted.

Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of each blue print $1\frac{7}{8}$ " square.

With right sides together, place 2 matching blue print squares on opposite corners of a background print $3\frac{1}{4}$ " square as shown.

Stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides of the marked line. Cut on the marked line and press the blue print triangles out.

With right sides together, place a matching blue print square on the large background print triangle as shown.

Stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides of the marked line as before. Cut on the marked line and press the blue print triangles out to make a flying geese unit.

Each background print square and 4 blue print squares will make 4 matching flying geese. Make 5 sets of flying geese.

Trim units to $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".

For the star block, gather the following pieces:

- (4) matching flying geese units
- (1) matching blue print $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square
- (4) matching background print $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

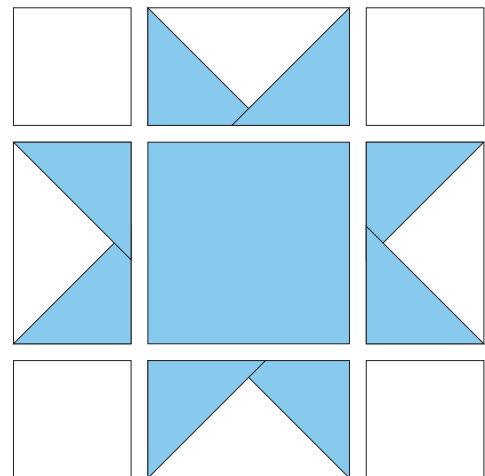
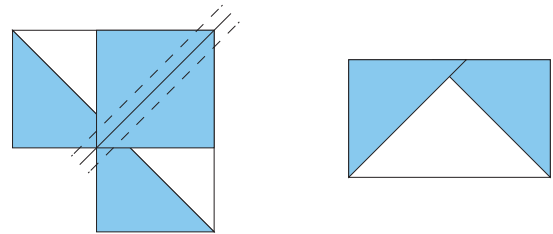
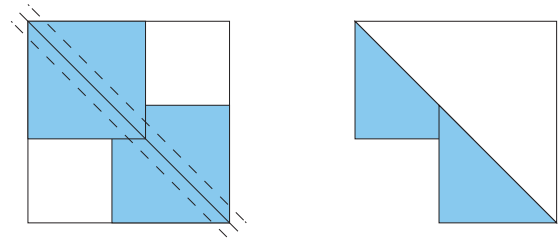
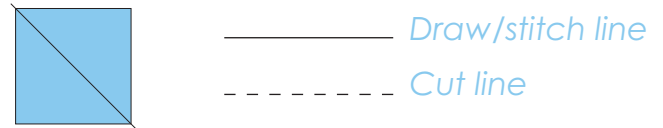
Lay out the pieces as shown.

Join the pieces to make 3 horizontal rows. Press the seams open or toward the background corner squares and the center print square.

Join the rows to make a completed star block. Press seams open or toward the center row.

Repeat to make 5 star blocks.

Trim star blocks to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



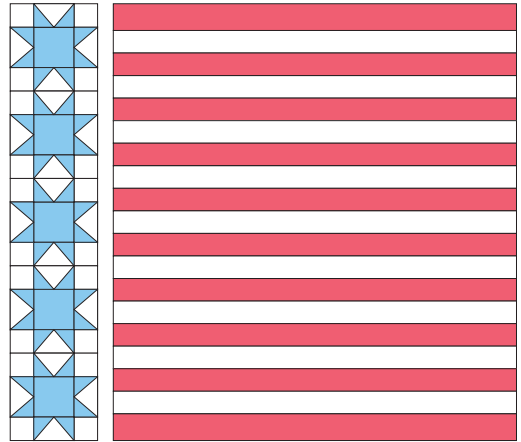
PIECING continued

Lay out the star blocks in a row of 5.

Join the blocks to make a completed star row that measures 4 ½" x 20 ½". Press the seams open or in one direction.

With the red print 2" x 14" strips at the top and bottom, lay out the red print and background print 1 ½" x 14" strips, alternating colors as shown.

Join the strips with a scant ¼" seam allowance to create a stripe panel that measures 21" x 14". Press seams open or toward the background prints.

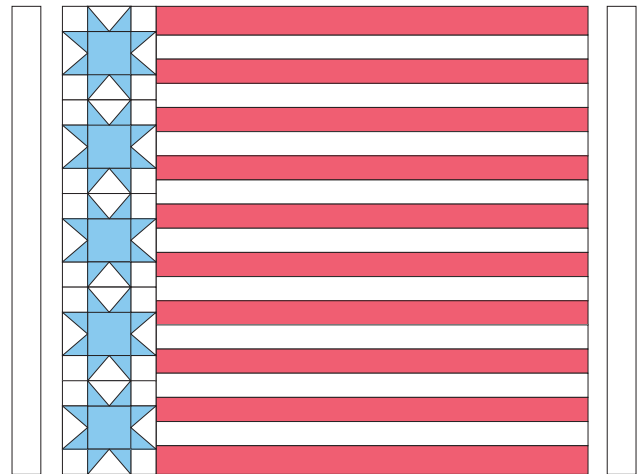


Trim the stripe panel to measure 20 ½" x 12 ½".

Join the star row to one side of the stripe panel. Press the seam open or toward the stripe panel.

Join the background print 2 ½" x 21" strips to the left and right sides of your stars and stripes unit. Press seams toward the background print.

Trim pillow top to 20 ½" x 20 ½".



ASSEMBLY

If desired, quilt the pillow top. For quilting pillow tops, Carrie likes to use a thin cotton batting and the thinnest bleached muslin she can find for the backing.

Finish the pillow in your preferred method. If you'd like to make a zipper closure for your pillow but you're not sure how to begin, check out this quick zipper tutorial by Carrie on the Moda blog: <https://my.modafabrics.com/inspiration-resources/scrapbook-quilts-week-5>.

Insert a 20" x 20" pillow form and enjoy!