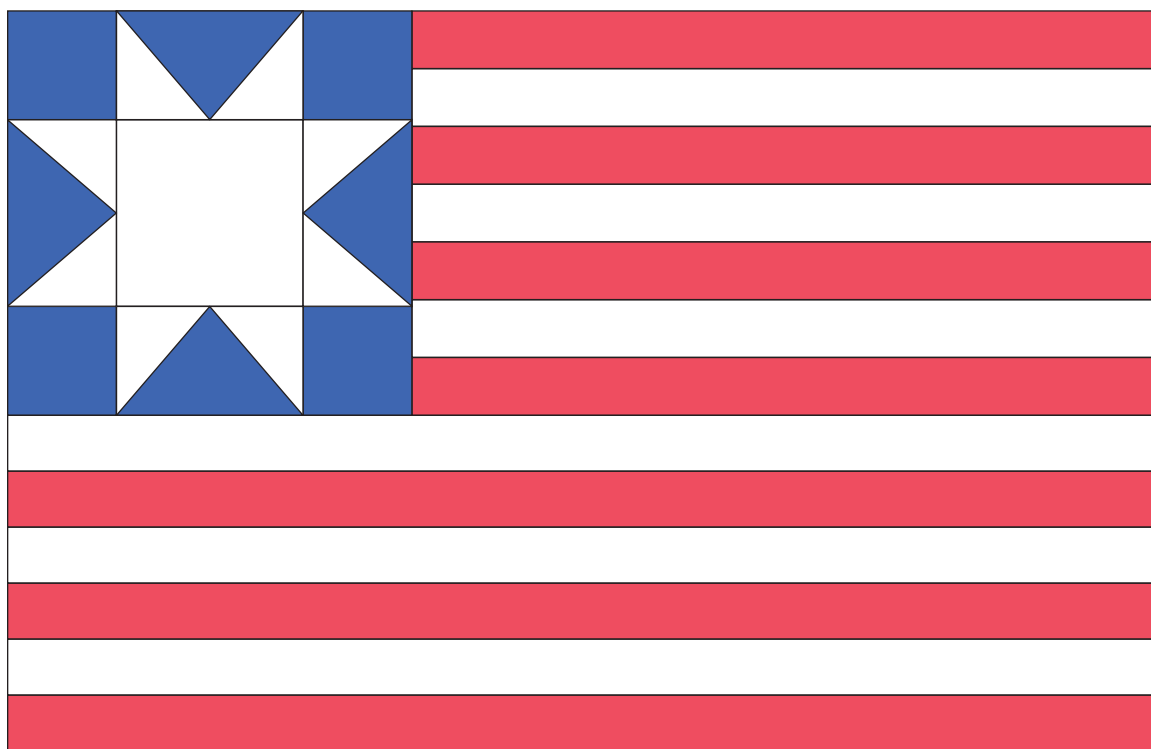# Stripes & One Star Pillow

Finished size: 12" x 24"

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FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

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

- Just 1 blue print, up to 7 red prints, and up to 7 background prints
- You'll need at a few red and background prints with at least 26" in length for some of the long stripes.

Additional supplies:

- 14" x 26" rectangle each of batting and lightweight muslin (if you decide to quilt your pillow top)
- 12 ½" x 24 ½" rectangle of coordinating fabric for the pillow back
- Coordinating zipper, at least 18" long (if you decide to make a zippered closure)

CUTTING

FROM THE BLUE PRINT, CUT:

- (4) 2" x 2" squares
- (1) 4 ¼" x 4 ¼" square

FROM THE ASSORTED RED PRINTS, CUT:

- (4) 1 ⅜" x 20" strips
- (3) 1 ½" x 26" strips

FROM THE ASSORTED BACKGROUND PRINTS:

For the star block, pick one print and cut:

- (4) 2 ⅜" x 2 ⅜" squares
- (1) 3 ½" x 3 ½" square

For the stripes, cut:

- (4) 1 ⅜" x 20" strips
- (3) 1 ½" x 26" strips

PIECING

Use a scant ¼" seam allowance throughout. Press seams as noted.

Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of each background print 2 ⅜" square.

Draw/stitch line
Cut line

With right sides together, place 2 matching background print squares on opposite corners of the blue print 4 ¼" square as shown.

Stitch a scant ¼" seam on both sides of the marked line. Cut on the marked line and press the background print triangles out.

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

Stitch a scant ¼" seam on both sides of the marked line as before. Cut on the marked line and press the background print triangles out to make a flying geese unit.

The blue print square and 4 background print squares will make 4 matching flying geese. Make 1 set of flying geese. Trim units to 2" x 3 ½".
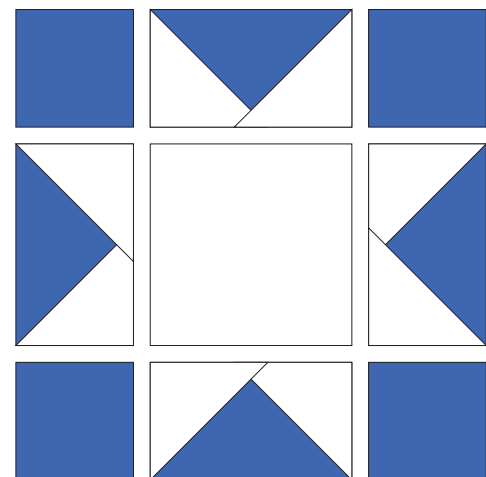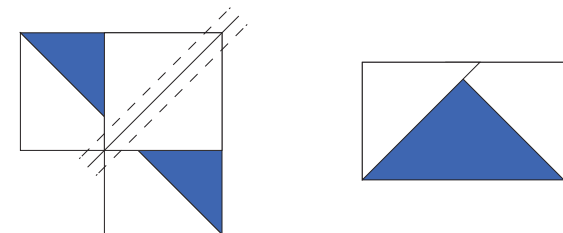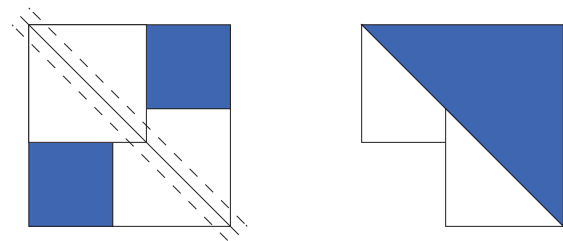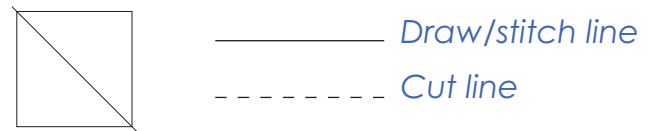
For the star block, gather the following pieces:
- (4) matching flying geese units
- (1) matching background print 3 ½" square
- (4) matching blue print 2" squares

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.

Trim star block to 6 ½" square.

PIECING continued
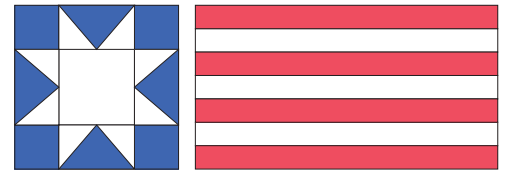
With red print strips at the top and bottom, lay out the red print and background print 1 ⅜" x 20" strips, alternating colors as shown.

Join the strips with a scant ¼" seam allowance to create a stripe panel that measures roughly 6 ⅝" x 20". Press seams open.

Trim the short stripe panel to measure 6 ½" x 18 ½".

Join the star block to the left side of the stripe panel. Press the seam open or toward the stripe panel.
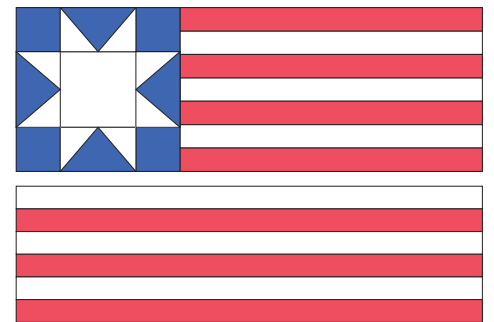
Lay out the red print and background print 1 ½" x 26" strips, alternating colors as shown. There will be a cream strip at the top and a red strip at the bottom.

Join the strips with a scant ¼" seam allowance to create a stripe panel that measures roughly 6 ½" x 26". Press seams open.

Trim the long stripe panel to measure 6 ½" x 24 ½".

Join the long stripe panel to the star/short stripe unit as shown. Press the seam open. Trim pillow top to 12 ½" x 24 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 12" x 24" pillow form and enjoy!