

Stripes & Three Stars Pillow - Square



Cutting:

Stars:

From three Navy prints, cut the following from each:

- 4 squares - $2\frac{3}{8}$ " x $2\frac{3}{8}$ "
- 1 square - $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ "

Ivory-White Background:

- 12 squares - 2" x 2"
- 3 squares - $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x $4\frac{1}{4}$ "

Stripes:

From asst. Red prints - Cut 35 rectangles - $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

From Ivory background print or asst. prints - Cut 4 strips - $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Border:

From Ivory background print, cut:

2 strips - $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $18\frac{1}{2}$ ".

2 strips - $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $20\frac{1}{2}$ ".

All seams are a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

On the wrong side of the 4 navy squares - $2\frac{3}{8}$ " x $2\frac{3}{8}$ " - draw a diagonal line across the square from one corner to the opposing corner.

With right sides together, place two matching navy squares in opposite corners of a $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x $4\frac{1}{4}$ " ivory background square as shown.

Stitch on both sides of the drawn line as shown.

Cut the square apart on the drawn line and press the seams to the navy triangles.

With right sides together, place a navy square on the large ivory background triangle as shown.

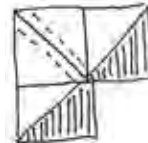
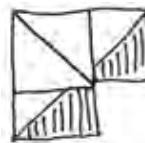
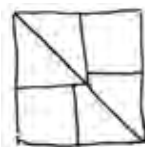
Stitch on both sides of the drawn line.

Cut the triangle apart on the drawn line and press the seam to the navy triangle.

Each ivory square and four navy squares will make four matching flying geese.

The geese will measure $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " - to finish at $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3".

Make 3 sets of flying geese.



For one star block, the following pieces are required:

- 4 matching flying geese units - 2" x 3½"
- 1 navy square - 3½" x 3½"
- 4 ivory background squares - 2" x 2"

Lay out the pieces as shown.

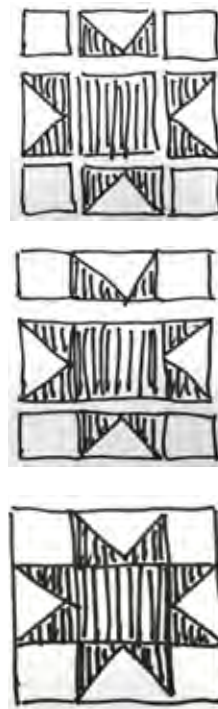
Join the parts to make three horizontal rows. Press the seams toward the background corner squares and the center print square - or press them open.

Join the three rows to complete the block. Press the seams toward the center row - or press the seams open.

The star block will now measure 6½" x 6½".

Repeat to make 3 star blocks.

Join the stars to make a strip measuring 6½" x 18½". Press seams open.



Making the Stripes. Each stripe is with two pieced strips - one with 3 rectangles, one with 4 rectangles. The strips are off-set and then joined to make a pieced stripe that measures 2½" x 12½".

Select 7 red rectangles. Join three rectangles lengthwise for the first strip - press the seams open. Join four rectangles to make a second strip - press the seams open.

Find the center of the 3-piece strip and match it to the center seam on the 4-piece strip. Join the two strips. Press the seam open. Trim the ends so that the pieced stripe measures 2½" x 12½".

Repeat to make 5 pieced stripes.

Lay out the 2½" x 12½" pieced stripes, alternating them with the ivory background strips. The placement of the 3- and 4- strip sides of each stripe can be varied, or not.

Join the strips. Press the seams to the ivory background strips - or press them open.

Join the star strip to the left side of the stripe panel. Press the seam toward the stripe panel - or press it open.

Join the 1½" x 18½" strips to the sides of the flag block - adjacent to the row of stars and the ends of the stripes. Press the seams to the border strip - or press them open.

Attach the 1½" x 20½" to the top and bottom edges of the flag block. Press the seams to the border strip - or press them open.

The pieced top will now measure 20½" x 20½".

Optional - quilt as desired.

Finish the pillow in your preferred method. Insert a 20" x 20" pillow form into the pillow - or fill with fiberfill - and enjoy!