

Patriotic Color Block Pillow



For this project, you will need...

- (1) 18-inch pillow form
- ¼ yard fabric in red, white and blue
- ½ yard fabric for pillow back panels (I used red twill)
- Coordinating thread
- Basic sewing supplies: machine, shears, etc.
- Optional, but recommended: rotary cutter and mat

Step One: Make Your Cuts.

- 1 piece of red fabric that is 6.25" x 18"
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- 2 pieces of fabric for pillow back panels that are each 12" x 18"

Note: A rotary cutter is optional here, but it will streamline the cutting process immensely!

Step Two: Assemble the front panel.

Align one of the long edges of one of the red fabric piece with one of the long edges of the white fabric piece. Pin. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch. If desired, use an overcast or zig-zag stitch to finish your seams. (Alternatively, use a serger for this step to stitch and finish your seams at the same time.) Align one of the long edges of the blue fabric piece with the remaining long edge of the white fabric piece (the side opposite the seam where the white and red panels meet). Pin. Stitch with a 1/4" seam allowance, and finish your seams, if desired. Set this completed panel aside for now.

Step Three: Prepare the back panel pieces.

Finish one of the long edges of each of the back panel pieces with a narrow hem. To do this, fold under the edge by 1/4"; press. Fold under another 1/4", press, and then stitch into place. (Alternatively, you may serge the edges to finish them for a speedier option.)

Step Four: Join the front and back panel pieces.

Lay the assembled front panel face up on your work surface, so that the color blocked stripes run horizontally, and the red stripe is on top. Place one of the back panel pieces face down on top of the front panel, so that the right sides of each panel are facing, and the long raw edge of the back panel piece is aligned with the unfinished long edge of the red stripe. Carefully align each of the corners and all of the raw edges, so that the seamed edge of the back panel piece runs through the center of the front piece; pin into place.

Now, position your other rectangle piece on the bottom portion of your pillow front piece in a similar manner. Pin. *Note: The hemmed edges of your back panel pieces will overlap by a few inches at the center of your pillow.*

Using a 1/2" seam, stitch all the way around the outer perimeter of your pinned pieces. Finish the seams, if desired, before clipping your corners and turning the cover right-side out. Slip the cover onto the pillow form.

Your patriotic color block pillow is complete!



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Happy Sewing!

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