

Panel Stripe Pillow

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This pillow is so easy that it doesn't really require a pattern, just a few measurements to keep the scale right. This pillow finishes at 18" and I use a 20" pillow form to keep it nice and overstuffed.

You will need:

- Embroidered 18.5" Square Panel or other focal fabric at least 7"x 18.5"
- A fat eighth or scrap of contrast fabric at least 2"x18.5"
- 5/8 yard of coordinating print, preferably not a directional print
- 20" square of Fusible Fleece

Cutting Instructions

- Cut the pieces for the envelope back first, using the coordinating print, cut a 12.5"x WOF Strip, and then subcut 2 pieces 18.5"x 12.5"
- For piece A, trim your embroidered panel or focal fabric to 7" tall and 18.5" wide
- For the B pieces, cut your contrast fabric into (2) 1"x 18.5" strips.

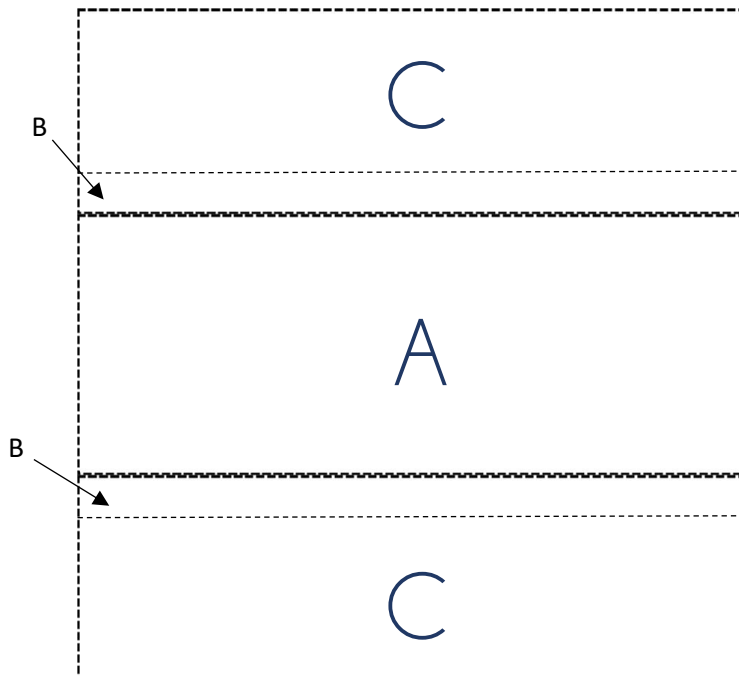
-For the C pieces, you should have an approximately 10.5"x WOF strip left after cutting the envelope back flaps, cut that strip to 5.75"x WOF and then subcut into (2) 18.5"x 5.75" rectangles

*WOF means Width of Fabric

**All seams are a quarter inch

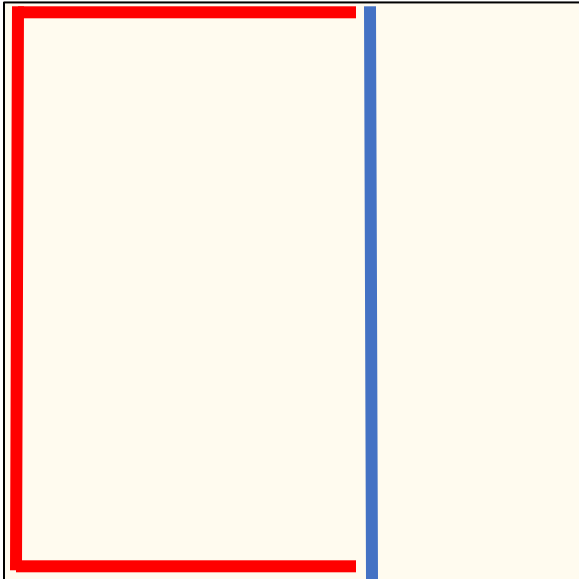
Pillow Front Assembly Instructions

Sew each of your B pieces on each side of the A center piece and press. Then sew a C piece to a B piece on each side. Fuse your finished pillow front to fusible fleece, quilt as desired and trim to 18.5" square.

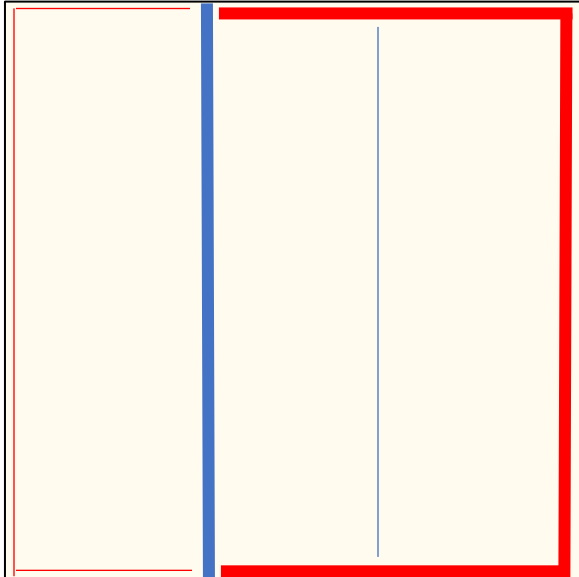


Completing the Pillow

To make the flaps for the envelope back, hem one of the long edges on both pieces by measuring in 1" along the 18.5" edge of the fabric pieces and press, then fold the raw edge in just shy of that crease and fold again and press. The measurements don't have to be exact, you just need to enclose that raw edge to prep it for hemming. After both pieces are pressed, hem the edge by stitching down the folded edge. I usually cheat and use the guide on my ¼ foot to keep the stitching straight. Once both pieces are hemmed, with your pillow front right side facing up, take one of the pillow flap back pieces with the right side facing down and align the raw edges with the raw edges of the pillow front. Now take the second flap, also right side facing down, and align the long raw edge of that flap on the opposite edge of the pillow front from your first flap - your hemmed edges should be towards the center and overlapping each other. See diagrams below for placement.



Step 1 - Lay the first hemmed back flap right side down as indicated in the directions. Red lines indicate where the raw edges align, the blue line is your hemmed edge



Step 2 - Lay the second hemmed back flap right side down as indicated in the directions. The thin red lines indicate where the raw edges of the first flap align with the edges of your pillow front, the thicker red lines indicate where the raw edges of the second flap align with the pillow front. The thick blue line indicates the hemmed edge of the second flap and the area between the thin blue line and the thick blue line is where the flaps overlap.

**image is for directional purposes only and not drawn to scale*

Now pin or wonder clip in place and stitch a quarter inch seam all the way around the edge. Clip your corners to reduce bulk, and turn your pillow right side out through the open edge of the flaps, taking care to push out the corners with something pointy (I use the Point to Point turner by Clover, but a chopstick works great too). It isn't necessary, but I usually press my pillow at this point to keep it crisp, and now you're ready to stuff and enjoy your new pillow!

I would love to see your pillows! Please be sure to tag me @monogramsformakers and use the hashtag #panelstripepillow so I can see your creations!

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