

Project: Cute Cowboy Pillow

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The star, plaid, and bandana prints are from the Spirit of the West collection by Maywood Studio.

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Make a western-theme floor pillow for your favorite little cowboy or cowgirl.

### Materials

- $\frac{1}{8}$  yard each of black print and red bandana print (blocks)
- $\frac{1}{4}$  yard each of cream plaid and navy blue print (blocks)
- $\frac{1}{4}$  yard red print (inner border)
- $\frac{3}{8}$  yard black stripe (outer border)
- $\frac{3}{4}$  yard backing fabric
- Polyester fiberfill or Euro-size pillow form

Finished pillow: 25" square

Finished block: 18" square

Quantities are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

Measurements include  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

### Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

#### From red bandana print, cut:

- 2—2×42" strips

#### From black print, cut:

- 2—2×42" strips

#### From cream plaid, cut:

- 12— $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

#### From navy blue print, cut:

- 12— $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

#### From red print, cut:

- 2—2×21 $\frac{1}{2}$ " inner border strips

- 2—2×18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " inner border strips

#### From black stripe, cut:

- 2—2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×25 $\frac{1}{2}$ " outer border strips

- 2—2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×21 $\frac{1}{2}$ " outer border strips

#### From backing fabric, cut:

- 1—25 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square

### Assemble Block

1. Sew together a black print 2×42" strip and a red bandana print 2×42" strip to make a strip set (**Diagram 1**). Press seam toward black print. Repeat to make a second strip set. Cut strip sets into twenty-four 2"-wide segments.

2. Referring to **Diagram 2**, join two 2"-wide segments to make a Four-Patch unit. Press seam in one direction. The unit should be 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances. Repeat to make 12 Four-Patch units total.

3. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each cream plaid 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " square.

4. Layer a marked cream plaid square atop each navy blue print 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " square. Sew each pair together with two seams, stitching  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of drawn line (**Diagram 3**).

5. Cut each pair apart on drawn line to make two triangle units (**Diagram 3**). Open triangle units and press seams toward red print triangles to make 24 triangle-squares total. Each triangle-square should be 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

6. Referring to **Diagram 4**, lay out 12 Four-Patch units and 24 triangle-squares in six rows; note rotation of seams in triangle-squares. Sew together pieces in each row. Press seams in one direction, alternating direction with each row. Join rows to make a block. Press seams in one direction. The block should be 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

### Assemble Pillow Top

1. Sew short red print inner border strips to opposite edges of block. Add long red print inner border strips to remaining edges. Press all seams toward border.

2. Sew short black stripe outer border strips to opposite edges of block. Sew long black stripe outer border strips to remaining edges to complete pillow top. Press seams toward outer border.

### Finish Pillow

1. Layer pillow top and backing 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square with right sides together. Sew together on all edges, leaving an opening along one edge for turning.

2. Turn pillow right side out and insert pillow form or stuff with fiberfill. Hand-stitch opening closed.

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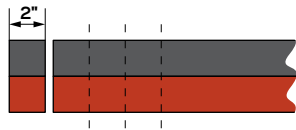


DIAGRAM 1



DIAGRAM 2

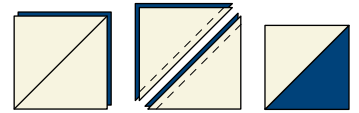


DIAGRAM 3

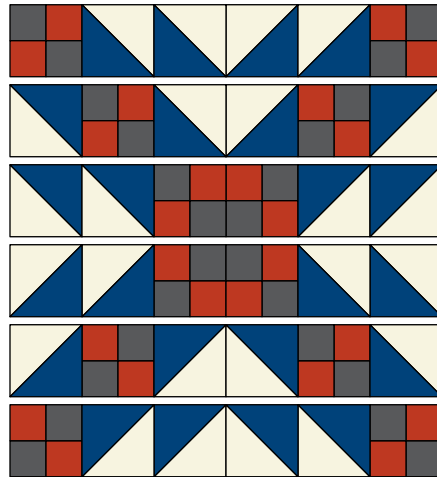


DIAGRAM 4