

Rootin' Tootin' Cowboys Pillows and Toy Bag

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Toy Bag

Materials You Will Need:

1/2 yard of a large feather border print
Fat quarter each of a red bandana print
and a blue stars print
1 yard of a lining fabric
24" x 72" piece of batting
14" zipper
2-2/3 yards of cording
6" x 10" piece of foam core board

Cutting Directions:

From the large feather border print, cut:
(2) 12-1/2" x 18" piece, fussy cut to center
feathers

From the blue stars print, cut:
(2) 9" x 18" pieces

Square the red bandana print to measure 18" x 22"

From the lining fabric, cut:
(2) 22" x 36" pieces

Sewing Directions: *(Seam allowance is 1/4" unless stated otherwise)*

1. Piece & Quilt the Bag:

Stitch the sections together in the order shown along the 18" side to make the toy bag. *(Note the top of the feather print will always be sewn to the blue stars print.)*



Sew the short ends of the (2) 22" x 36" lining pieces together to make a long strip. Make a quilt sandwich with the lining (right side down) on the bottom, the batting, and the pieced top (right side up) on top. Quilt as desired.

2. Install the Zipper

Fold the quilted bag in half with right sides together bringing the two star edges together. Matching seams, pin the right side of the bag. Sew this side seam with a 1/2" seam allowance in the following manner:

- Start 2-1/2" from the top opening and sew until 1" before the seam.
- Start again 1" below the second seam and sew until the end.

Open the side seam out as flat as possible and press the seam open. In the section of seam that was left unsewn, install a zipper following instructions on the zipper package.

3. Side Seam:

With right sides together again, sew the left side seam of the bag starting 2-1/2" from the top opening and sew completely to the bottom.

4. Box the Bottom:

Box the bottom of the bag from the wrong side by lining up the center of the bottom with the side seam to form a triangle. Place the 3" line of a square ruler on the seam and mark a perpendicular line 3" from the point (the line will be 6" long). Sew on the line. Repeat on the other corner. Turn the bag right side out.



5. Casings & Drawstring:

To form a casing at the top of the bag, fold back the seam allowance from the 2" that were left unsewn at the top of the bag and topstitch. Press the top edge of one side of the bag under about 1/2". Fold the pressed edge down to the 2" point and sew close to the edge forming a casing on one side. Repeat on the other side of the bag.

Cut the length of cording into (2) pieces about 1-1/3 yards long each. Lace the cording through the casings, one from each side to make drawstrings. Tie the drawstrings together to make a hanging loop.

6. Finish with a Bag Bottom:

Cut a 6" x 10" piece of foam core board. Cover the foam core with a fabric that coordinates with the inside lining fabric using a hot glue gun. Place the covered board into the bottom of the pajama/storage bag to serve as a stiff bag bottom.

Patchwork Pillow (16" square)

Materials You Will Need:

6-1/2" square of a dark blue fabric
6-1/2" square of a light blue denim-look fabric
(2) 6-1/2" squares of a red all-over print fabric
6" square of a gold star for appliqué piece
6" square of a rust for horseshoe appliqué
(4) 2-1/2" x 20" strips of a black stars print for borders
(2) 1-1/2" x 42" strips of a red check to make cording
16-1/2" square of a black ropes print for back
2 yards 1/4" cording to cover
16" pillow form
Fusible web



Sewing Directions: *(Seam allowance is 1/4" unless stated otherwise)*

1. Piece the Pillow Top:

Make a four patch unit using the picture as a guide. The red all-over print should be at opposite corners. Sew a 2-1/2" strip of black stars print to either side of the four patch unit and press toward the black star border. Sew the two remaining black star strips to the top and bottom to create the borders.

2. Appliqué the Shapes

Trace the horseshoe and star shape on fusible web. Using the manufacturer's directions, fuse it to the back side of the appliqué fabrics and cut out on the drawn line. Fuse the star to the dark blue square and the horseshoe to the light blue of the pillow top. Machine blanket stitch around the edges of the shapes to appliqué them in place.

3. Cording and Attaching the Back

Sew the 1-1/2" red check strips end to end to make one long strip. Create the corded trim by wrapping the cording with the red check fabric and sew along the edge of the cording. (Use a zipper foot on your machine to complete this and the following steps).

Pin the raw edge of the cording strip to the raw edges of the front of the pillow top, wrapping around the corners. At the end, cut the cording so that it butts up to the beginning, leaving the red check fabric about 2" longer. Fold over the red check and overlap it to the beginning of the corded strip to eliminate any raw edge. Sew the cording in place.

Layer the back on the pillow front with right sides together. Sew on three sides, using the seam line of the cording attachment step as a stitching line. Turn right side out. Insert the pillow form and hand stitch the opening closed.

Flanged Pillow (16" square)

Materials You Will Need:

- 15-1/2" square of a blue cowboy fabric
- (2) 28" x 20" rectangles of a blue cowboy fabric for backing pieces
- (2) 3" x 42" strips of a red fabric for borders
- 16" pillow form



Sewing Directions: *(Seam allowance is 1/4" unless stated otherwise)*

1. Piece the Pillow Top:

Sew the 3" strips of red to each side of the 15-1/2" blue cowboy square. Trim ends even with the blue square. Press toward the red. Sew the remaining red pieces to the top and bottom of the square to complete borders.

2. Pillow Back:

Fold the 28" x 20" rectangles in half with wrong sides together to make a 14" x 20" rectangle. Press the fold. Lay these rectangles on the front of the pillow top matching the raw edges and over lapping the folds of the backing pieces. Pin. Sew completely around all of the edges. Turn the pillow right side out.

3. Create the Pillow Pocket:

Top stitch all the way around the pillow 1/4" away from the blue square on the red border to create a pocket to fit the pillow form. Insert the pillow form from the back.

Round Star Pillow (12" round)

Materials You Will Need:

- (2) 12-1/2" diameter circles of a blue fabric
- (1) 12" square of a gold star for appliqué
- Fusible web
- Fiberfill for stuffing



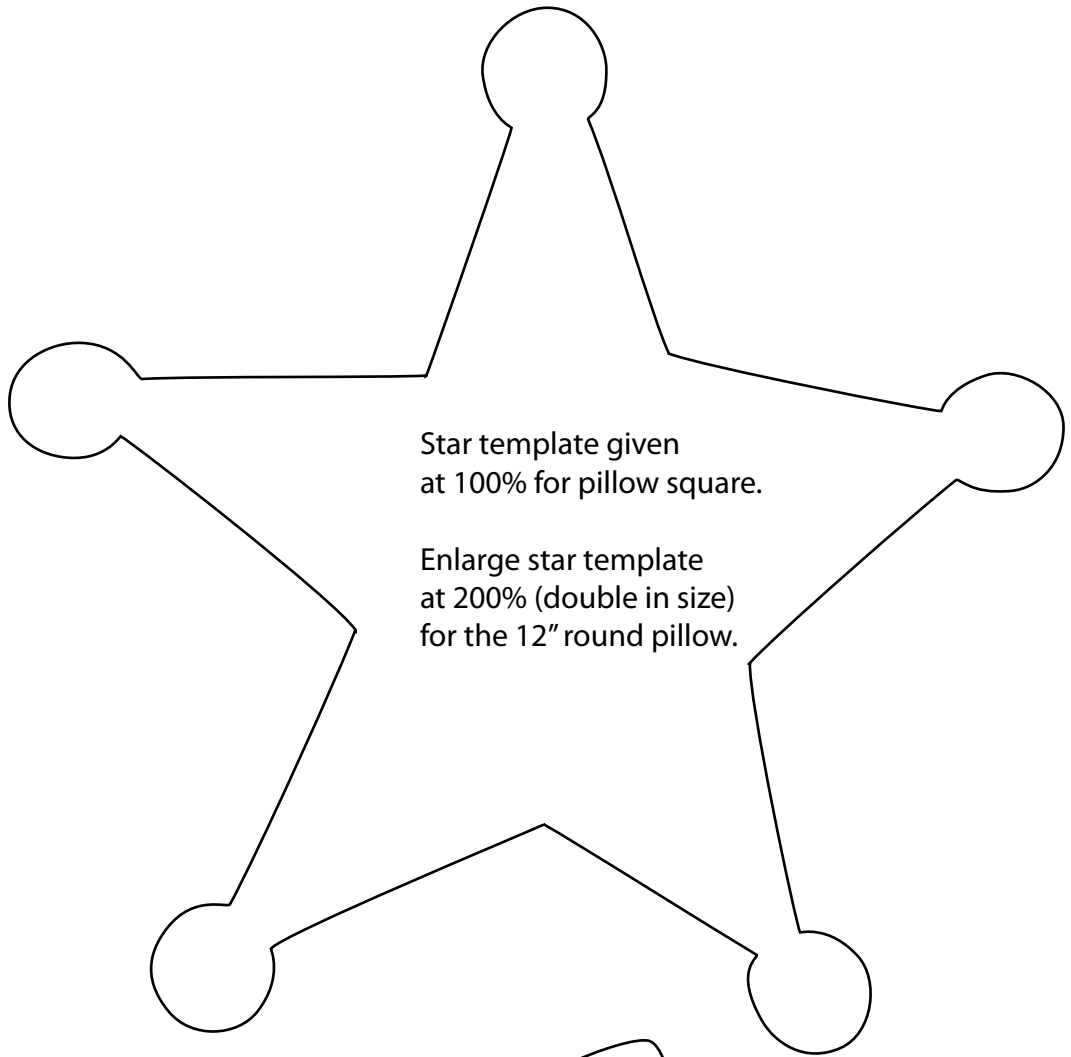
Sewing Directions: *(Seam allowance is 1/4" unless stated otherwise)*

1. Appliqué the Pillow Top:

Trace the large star shape on fusible web. Using the manufacture's directions, fuse it to the back side of the appliqué fabric and cut out on the drawn line. Fuse the star to the front of one circle. Machine blanket stitch around the edges of the star.

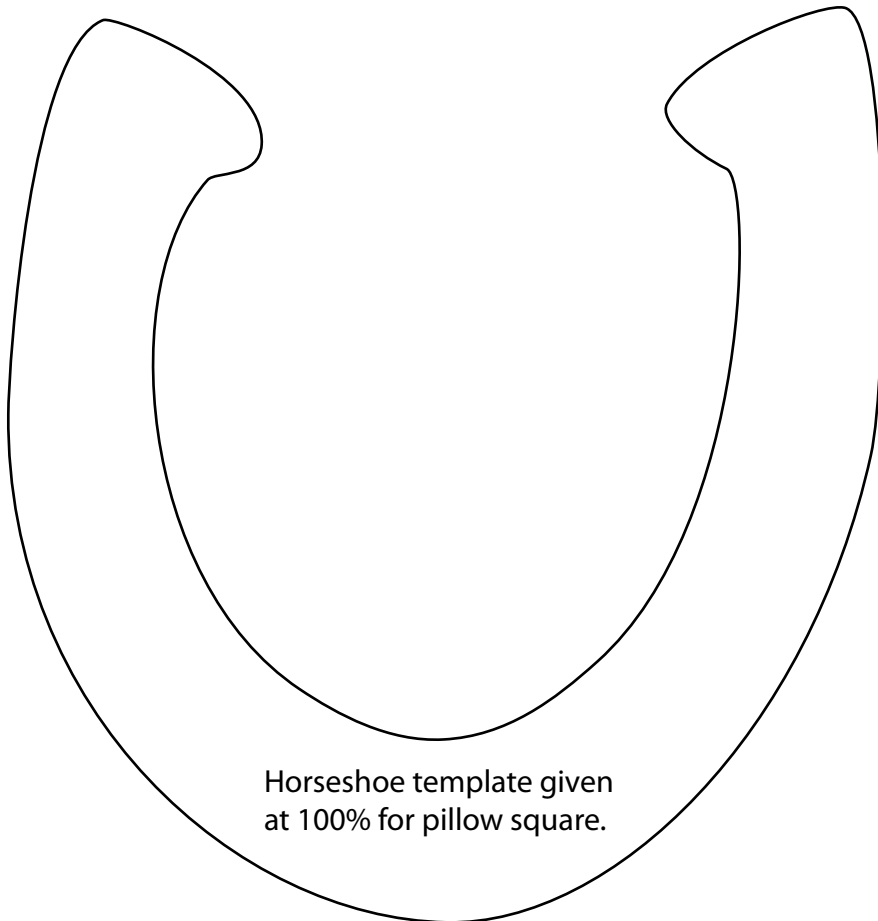
2. Sew & Stuff the Pillow:

Layer the two circles right sides together and sew around the edges leaving an opening. Turn right side out. Stuff and hand sew the opening closed



Star template given
at 100% for pillow square.

Enlarge star template
at 200% (double in size)
for the 12" round pillow.



Horseshoe template given
at 100% for pillow square.