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# Stars, Stripes, Buttons and Doilies

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## General Supply List:

Rotary Cutter, Mat, Ruler

Scissors

Iron and ironing surface

Fabric Marker of your choice (pen, pencil, chalk...)

Microtex size 80 or 90 needle or your favorite needle.

Recommended Machine Feet:

embroidery foot, open toe foot, button sew on foot, quarter inch foot

Construction Thread

Embroidery Thread Thread

Bobbin Thread

General Sewing Supplies





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## Supply List for Stars, Stripes, Buttons and Doilies

### Fabric

Red Fabric For "Stripes"

Three 3 1/2" x 20" rectangles of fabric

Two 3 1/2" x 14" rectangles of fabric

How many different red fabrics you use is your choice. (I used 3 different red fabrics)

Blue Fabric:

One 6 1/2" square

Backing : (These pieces are cut a bit larger then needed so you can trim later)

One 17"h x 19"w

One 17"h x 14"w

### Fusible Batting

One 21" x 17" (This is cut a bit larger then needed so you can trim later)

Doilies: Twelve 4" crocheted doilies (I ordered mine from [FactoryDirectCraft.com](http://FactoryDirectCraft.com) )

Here is the direct link to the doilies I ordered:

[http://factorydirectcraft.com/catalog/products/2026\\_2469-8027-white\\_round\\_crocheted\\_doilies.html](http://factorydirectcraft.com/catalog/products/2026_2469-8027-white_round_crocheted_doilies.html)

Buttonhole Embroidery Design by Margaret Moorehead

No Show fusible mesh:

Two 1 7/8" x 17" (to stabilizer back for buttonholes and buttons)

Star Template for button placement

Buttons for star: can be any size you want. Here is what I used

Center: one 3/4" button

Inside angles of the star: five 5/8" buttons

Hash Marks: ten 7/16" buttons

Outer points: five 5/16" buttons

Buttons for back of pillow: Three 5/8" buttons

Buttonhole Cutter

Monofilament thread

Large Quilters Square (optional)

Tear Away Stabilizer

Glue Stick

Fray inhibitor (Example: Fray Check)





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### Let's get started:

Gather all your supplies

Cut fabric, batting and no show mesh as listed on previous page.

Mark the horizontal and vertical center on the blue 6 1/2" square

Print star template

Print buttonhole template

Load button hole embroidery design onto your machine

Cut all your doilies in half

### Putting the Flag together

Lay the blue square and the "stripes" out in a pleasing arrangement

Place the doilies on the stripes making sure they are spaced nicely and facing the direction you want, using the photo as a guide and referring to the video if needed.





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### Putting the Flag together continued...

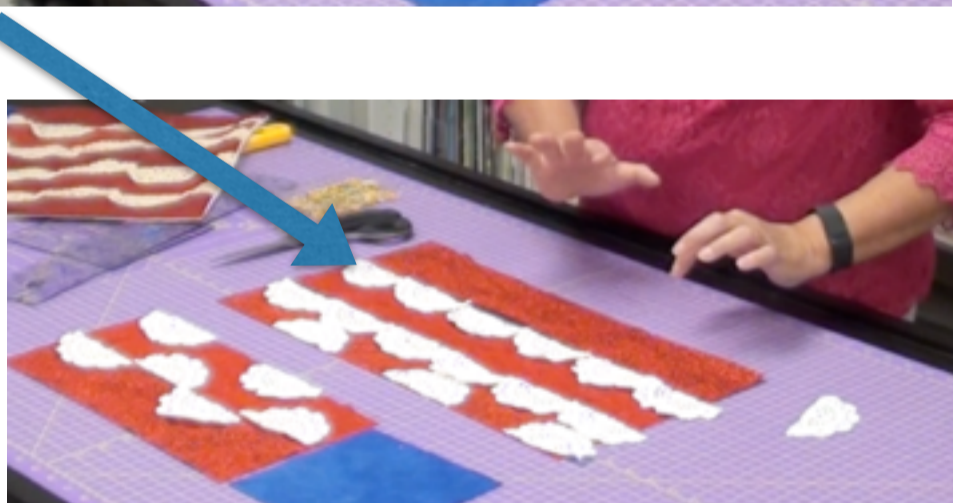
We will divide our flag into two sections, The top two stripes and the blue fabric is section 1 and the bottom 3 stripes is section 2



Let's work with the bottom two stripes. Flip the doilies that will not be attached in the seam of these two stripes out of the way



Flip all the doilies that will be attached in the seam so they are going one direction and pin in place. Stripe "A" now has the doilies attached, and "Stripe B" is just the fabric



Place "Stripe B" on top of "Stripe A" and stitch the stripes together using a 1/4" seam allowance.





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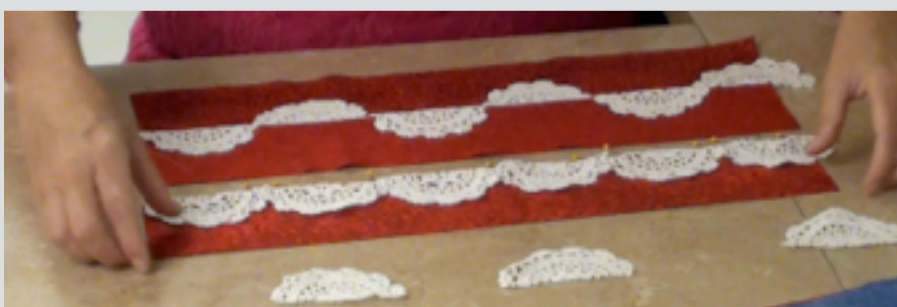
Repeat for the top two stripes.



Attach the blue square to the top two stripes



Make sure the doilies are lined up along the bottom edge of the middle stripe and pin in place



Remove the extra doilies from the top edge.





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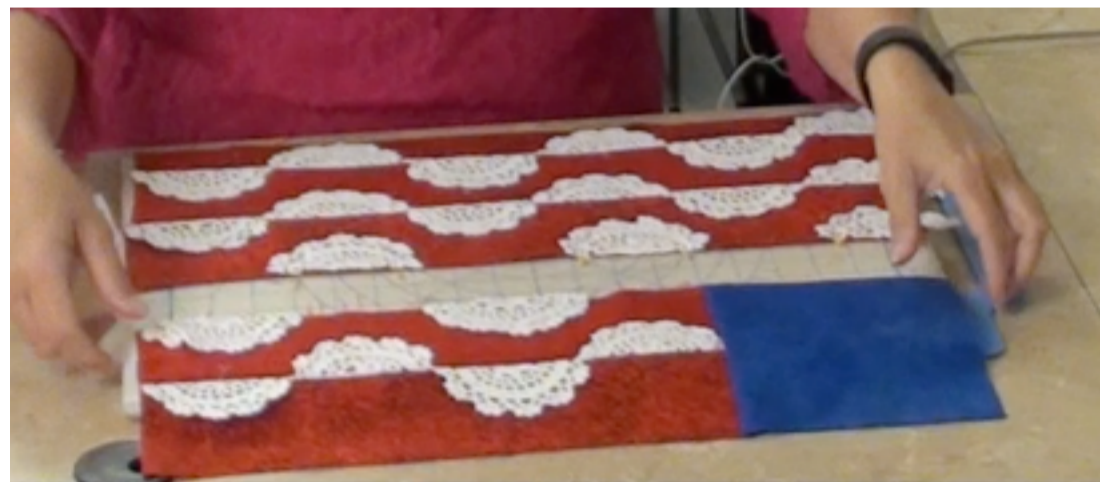
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Putting the Flag together continued...



Stitch the third long stripe to the other two long stripes using a 1/4" seam allowance



Line up the two halves, and position the doilies for that seam.  
Flip the top doilies down to the long stripe.  
Pin all the doilies in place  
Stitch the top half of the flag to the bottom half of the flag  
using a 1/4" seam allowance.





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**Fusing the batting, and stitching the doilies in place**



Now that the top is put together fuse batting to the back to give it a more professional look and make it easier to work with.

The batting has been cut slightly larger than needed.

(Fuse according to the manufacturers instructions)



Stitch the doilies in place using a small zig zag stitch.

Start at the edge of your project and stitch from one doilies to the next without stopping until you reach the end of the row.

Repeat for each row of the doilies until all of them are stitched in place







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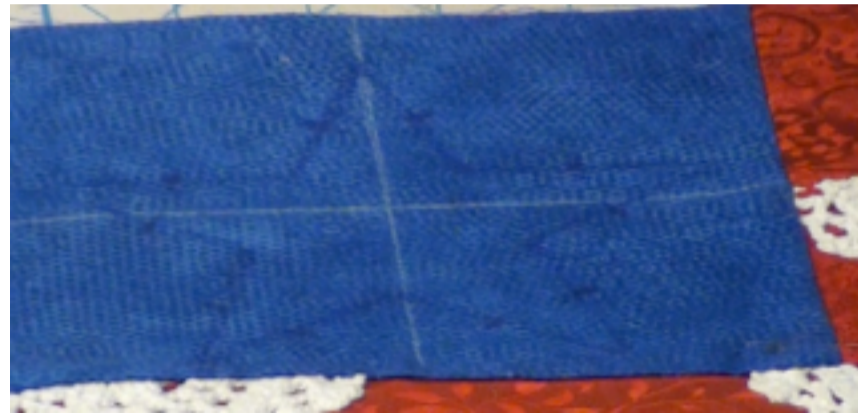
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### Creating the star button embellishment

Print and then cut out the star template. Trace the template onto the blue fabric lining up the center marks and being sure to transfer the hash marks.



Glue the buttons in place with a glue stick and then stitch in place using the button sew on stitch and the open toe foot.





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### Trimming the front, and preparing the back

Now that the top of the pillow is totally complete trim all the edges so everything is nice and neat.

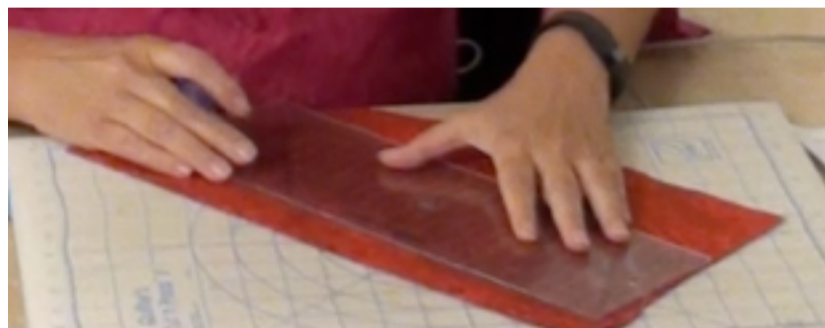
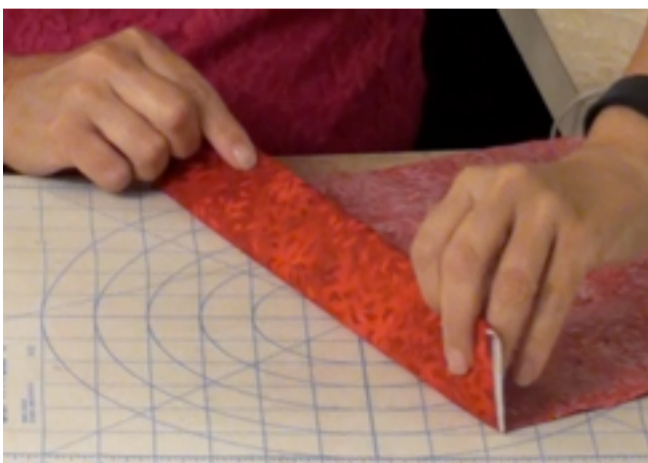
If you have a large quilters square this works really nice.

The cut size should be *about* 15" h x 19" w



Fuse a 1 7/8" x 17" rectangle of the no show fusible mesh to the wrong side of each of the back pieces along the edge of the 17" side of the fabric

Next fold and press the fabric back 2" The mesh is only 1 7/8" This is so we do not have to fold the mesh therefore eliminating excess bulk in our project



Now fold it over 2" again so the raw edge is totally encased and is not showing at all.

Draw a Vertical line with your fabric making pen parallel to, and 1" in from the folded edge of the fabric.

Find the horizontal center of your fabric and mark that also.

Repeat for the other back piece

Repeat for the other back piece





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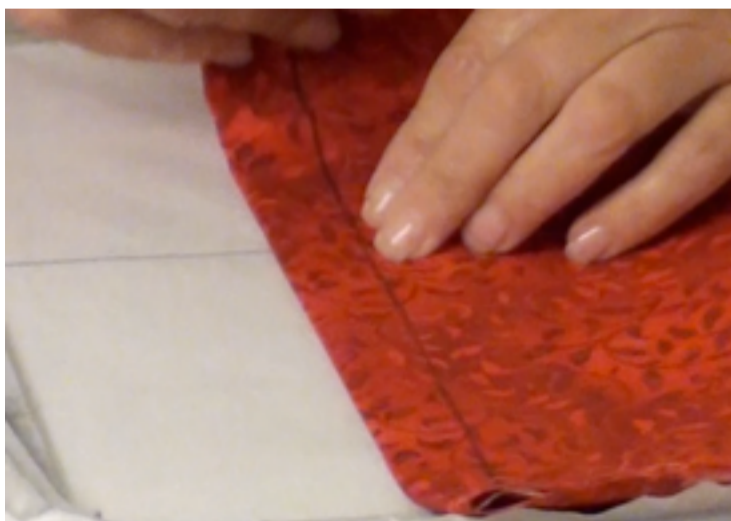
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### Creating the buttonholes



Hoop a piece of tear away stabilizer and with a pen draw the horizontal and vertical center on the stabilizer



Use the larger back piece (17" x 19") for the buttonholes  
Line up the horizontal and vertical center marks of the stabilizer with the horizontal and vertical marks on the 17" x 19" piece of backing fabric





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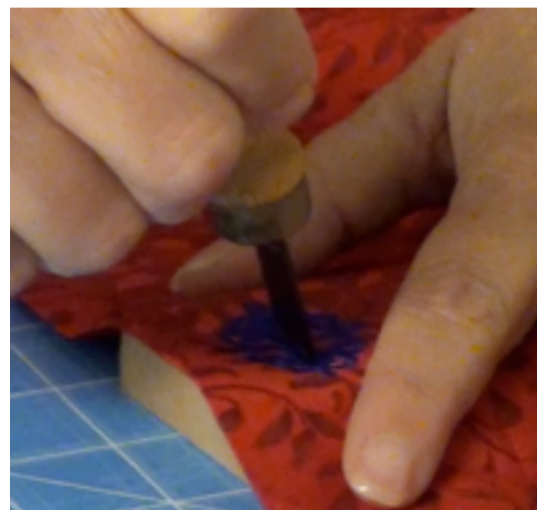
Baste the fabric in place and stitch out the buttonholes then remove the stabilizer



Add fray inhibitor to the center of each buttonhole.



Iron the fray inhibitor dry using a press cloth



Cut your buttonholes open.  
( I used a buttonhole cutter)





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### Sewing the back buttons on

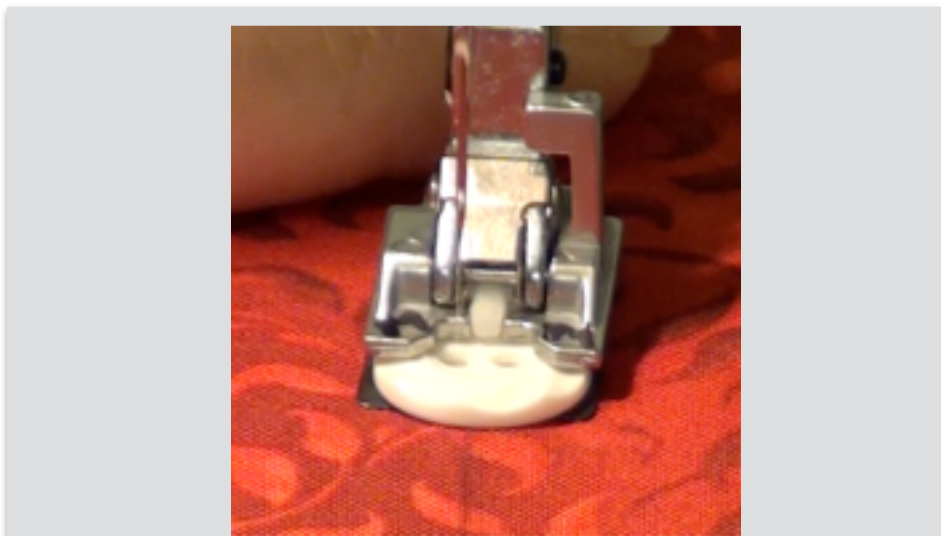


Now use the 17”h x 14”w backing piece  
Center the buttonhole template over the  
horizontal and vertical lines that are  
marked on the fabric



Find the center of the top and bottom  
buttonholes (I did this by folding my  
template...refer to video if needed)  
and mark them on the fabric.

The center of the middle buttonhole  
is at the intersection of the horizontal  
and vertical marks you first drew on  
the fabric



Stitch the buttons in place using the  
button sew on stitch and the button  
sewn foot.





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### Finishing the pillow

Button the two pieces of the back together and place on top of the front of the pillow right sides together.

Trim so the back is the same size as the front, being careful not to cut the front of the pillow.

Pin around all 4 sides

Unbutton one button

Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance around all 4 sides.

Turn right side out (see video for turning tip)

Create an insert.

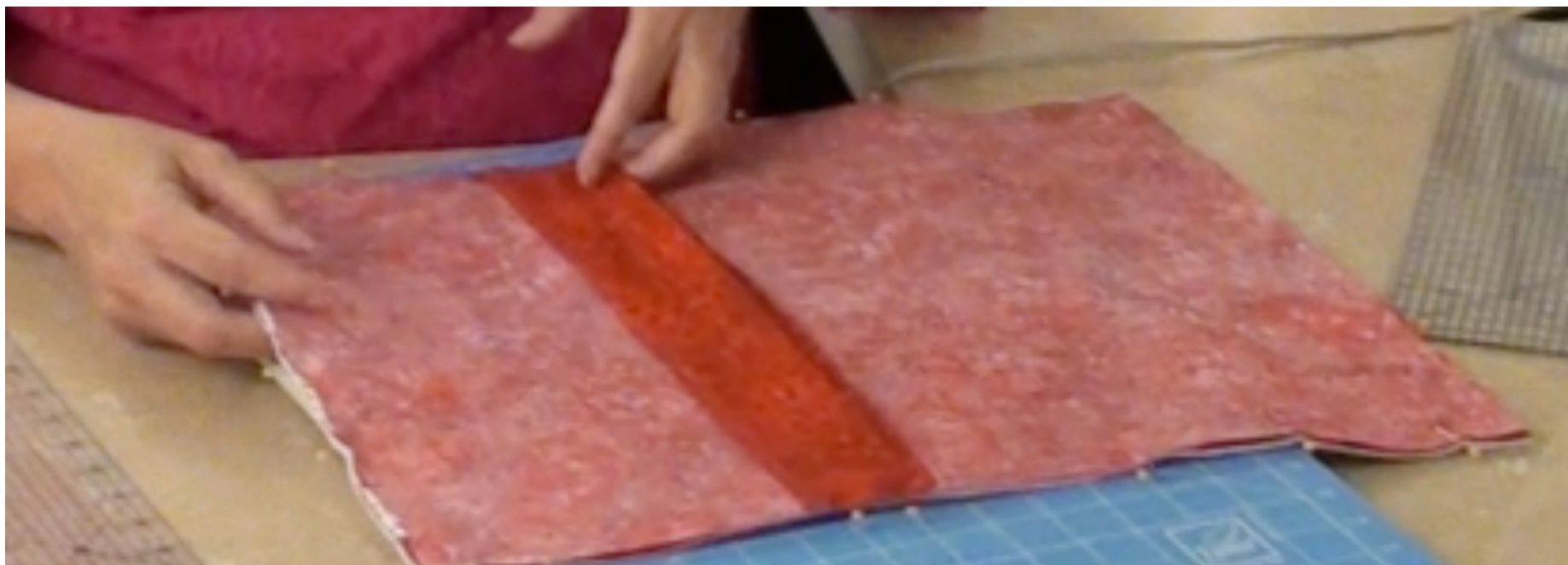
Cut two pieces of muslin the same size as your pillow top.

Serge 3 sides wrong sides together

Stuff

Serge the 4th side

Insert into completed pillow





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**Enjoy!**

