

Technique:	Sewing
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Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	12" x 16" (30.48cm x 40.64cm)

Featuring Dual Duty XP®

Add a pop of the ol' red, white and blue to your summer decorating with this fun ruffly pillow. The star buttons offer a little extra spirit.

Supplies

FreeSpirit Designer Essential Mixers

- Autumn Red
CBFS003.AUTUM ½ yd (45.72cm)
- Royal
CBF003.ROYAL ¼ yd (22.86cm)
- Designer Essential solids, Artic White
CSFSESS.ARWHT 1 yd (.91m)

Additional Supplies

- 5 white star buttons, 5/8" (1.29cm) diameter
- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose thread
- Polyester fiberfill
- Hand-sewing needle

Cutting

WOF = Width of Fabric

From the red print, cut:

3 strips, 5½" x WOF (13.97cm x WOF)

From the white print, cut:

2 strips, 5½" x WOF (13.97cm x WOF)

1 rectangle, 6½" x 8½" (16.51cm x 21.59cm), for upper front

1 rectangle, 6½" x 16½" (16.51cm x 41.91cm), for lower front

1 rectangle, 12½" x 16½" (31.75cm x 41.91cm), for back

From the blue fabric, cut:

1 rectangle, 6½" x 8½" (16.51cm x 21.59cm)

Preparing the Ruffles

1. Press each ruffle strip in half, matching the long raw edges. Cut 1 red strip and 1 white strip in half to make a folded strip 2¾" x 21" (6.99cm x 53.34cm).
2. Sew a row of gathering stitches along the upper cut edge of each white ruffle strip, 2 full red strips and 1 half red strip.

Note: Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm).

Assembling Upper and Lower Front

3. Draw lines on each front piece parallel to the long edge, 3" (7.62cm) from the lower edge and 1½" (4.13cm) from the upper edge. Mark the center points along each line.
4. Mark the center point on each ruffle section, noting that the full-width strips go with the lower front and the half-width strips go with the upper front sections.
5. Beginning with the lower ruffle (red), pull up the gathers to match the length of the lower front piece and, matching centers, place the ruffle upper edge along the drawn line. Distribute the gathers evenly, and stitch in place using matching thread.
6. Repeat Step 5 with the remaining ruffles working from bottom to top on each piece. Note that the uppermost ruffles on each section align with the long cut edge of the front piece. Stitch down both sides to hold the ruffle ends in place.
7. Sew the blue rectangle to the left side of the upper front section. Press the seam toward the blue.
8. Sew on the star buttons in the desired locations on the blue field, using contrasting thread.
9. Sew the upper and lower fronts together, keeping the lower edge of the upper section white ruffle free of the seaming. Press the seam toward the upper section.

Finishing the Pillow

10. Matching raw edges and keeping the bottom ruffle edge free of the stitching, sew around the pillow, leaving a 4" (10.16cm) opening. Trim the corners and turn right side out through the opening.
11. Stuff the pillow to the desired fullness. Fold under the seam allowances at the opening and hand-stitch closed.

TIP: If you own a ruffler attachment for your sewing machine, this pillow is a great place to use it. Set it for gathering or pleating, depending on the desired finished look, and feed the folded strips through it for ruffling.