



## MATERIALS

**Coats & Clark® Outdoor Thread:** Red Cherry (2680); White (0100)

**14" (35.56cm) Coats & Clark® All-purpose Zipper:** White (0100)

5/8 yd (57.15cm) navy/white stripe outdoor fabric, 60" (152.40cm)

1/3 yd (30.48cm) red outdoor fabric, 60" (152.40cm)

8 fusible star appliqués, 1 1/2" (3.81 cm)

18" (45.72cm) square pillow form

Zipper foot

 SEWING | SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

## Featuring Coats & Clark® Outdoor Thread

Brighten your outdoor space with this patriotic pillow. Bows have become symbolic and this bright red one has real impact. Use outdoor fabrics and Coats & Clark® Outdoor thread for a pillow that can be used on a deck or porch.

### MEASUREMENTS

18" x 18" (45.72cm x 45.72cm)

### CUTTING

#### From navy/white stripe, cut:

One square, 18 1/2" (46.99cm)

Two rectangles, 10 1/4" x 18 1/2" (26.67cm x 46.99cm)

#### From red fabric, cut:

Two strips, 7 1/2" x 26" (19.05cm x 66.04cm); **Note:** Cut so one short end of each strip is on the selvage.

One rectangle, 4 1/2" x 7 1/2" (11.43cm x 19.05cm)

*Seam allowances are 1/4" (.64cm).*

### ASSEMBLY

#### Pillow Back

- Using a 1" (2.54cm) seam allowance, sew the long edges of the rectangles together, leaving a centered 14" (35.56cm) section basted. Press the seam open.
- Following the manufacturer's instructions, insert the zipper in a lapped application.

#### Pillow Front

- Press under a double 1/4" (.64cm) hem along the long edges of both red strips. Stitch the hemmed edges in place and continue stitching across the unhemmed selvage end.
- Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the stars to the selvage end right side of each hemmed red strip.



3. Press under a single ¼" (.64cm) hem along each long edge of the small red rectangle and stitch. With wrong sides together, sew the short edges together to form the bow loop.
  4. Center the loop on the pillow front, placing the short edges 5½" (13.97cm) from the upper edge. Sew in place. Fold the loop up and hand-stitch 1" (2.54cm) from the seam to secure the loop back in place.
  5. Right side up, baste the unfinished (non-selvage) end of the hemmed red strips to the pillow front, placing the upper edge 1½" (3.81cm) from the pillow upper edge on each side.
  6. Fold the bow strip star ends in and pin in place to keep them from getting caught in the pillow seam.
2. Sew around the pillow edges. If the fabric is prone to raveling, zigzag the seam edges together to secure.
  3. Turn the pillow right side out through the zipper opening. Gently shape the corners and press the edges.

### **FINISHING**

1. Insert the pillow form through the zippered opening.
2. Thread the bow ends through the loop and shape as desired, with the stars facing up.

### **Here are some tips when using Coats & Clark® Outdoor Thread:**

- Use a size 18 or 20 (110 or 120) needle
- Use a longer stitch length, 6-8 stitches per inch, or 4 mm. A thick thread needs more space to form a stitch
- Increase top tension
- Sew slowly. The thread is thick and less flexible than all-purpose thread. *Stitch quality will be better if you slow down!*



### **The Pillow**

1. With the zipper partially open, place the pillow front and back right sides together, encasing the basted bow ends. The lap side of the zipper should be on top.