

INSTRUCTIONS: Parade Seat Cushion

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SUPPLIES:

- 2 Red bandanas
- 1 Blue bandana
- 1 White bandana
- Medium weight fusible interfacing, about a yard
- 2 inch thick piece of foam – 13 ½ inches x 13 ½ inches square (I had 1 inch thick foam so I simply used hot glue to sandwich two pieces together)
- Sewing machine, thread, pins, scissors, ruler, triangle, pen or fabric chalk

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CUT:

As you cut your pieces, be mindful that your seam allowances are ½ inch (included in measurement) and you want “interesting” parts of the bandana to show, not the blank edges of the bandana.

Back of Cushion:

Fold a red bandana into quarters to find the exact center. Measure outward from center and mark so you have an exact square that is 14 ½ inches x 14 ½ inches.

Cushion Sides:

Cut 4 strips measuring 3 inches x 14 ½ inches. I used 2 red and 2 white but it's your choice!

Handle:

Cut a strip 2 inches wide x length of the bandana. I used blue, but it's your choice!

Cushion Front:

- Cut one blue square 7 ¾ inch x 7 ¾ inch
- Cut one white strip 7 ¾ inch x 3 inch
- Cut two red strips 7 ¾ inch x 3 inch
- Cut two white strips 14 ½ inch x 3 inch
- Cut two red strips 14 ½ inch x 3 inch

Cut one set of all pieces above from fusible interfacing; Back, Sides and Front, but not Handle.

Fuse interfacing to wrong sides of Back, Side and Front fabric pieces.

SEW:

Note all seam allowances are exactly ½ inch.

SEW FRONT:

Sew long edges, right sides together, of your 7 ¾ inch x 3 inch strips; red to white to red.

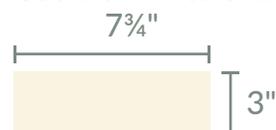
Iron seams open.

You now have your three shorter “stripes” for your flag motif. Lay the left edge of this to the right edge of your blue square, right sides together, and sew. Iron seam open.

You now have the top of your flag motif.

Using your two white strips 14 ½ inch x 3 inch and two red strips 14 ½ inch x 3 inch, sew white to red, staggering all four. This is the bottom of the flag motif. Iron seams open.

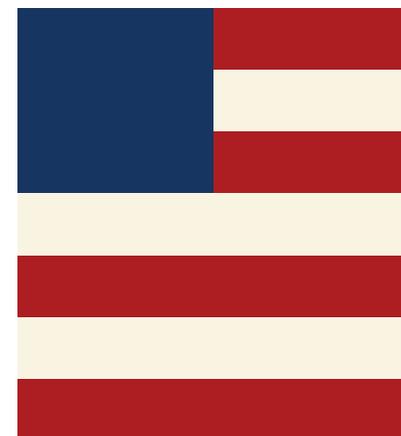
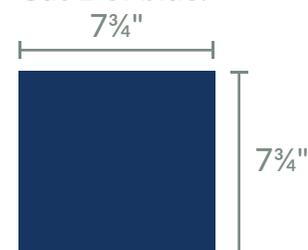
Cut 1 of white & 2 of red.



Cut 2 of white & 2 of red.



Cut 1 of blue.



Place right sides together of top motif to bottom motif, aligning long edge of the white stripe to the bottom edge of the top flag motif. Sew. Iron seam open. Using a triangle, carefully trim any tiny bits of excess fabric to assure your Front is square.

SEW HANDLE:

Fold Handle piece along long edge, right sides together and sew. Turn handle and press flat with seam in center. Iron. Top stitch along long edges.

Using one Side piece, mark 3 inches in on each edge. Place Handle edge about 1 ½ inch in towards center from mark, then fold back on itself, aligning fold with the 3 inch mark and pin. Sew on all four edges of this folded back piece, securely handle to Side. Repeat so both ends of the handle are secured to the Side, making your carrying handle.

SEW SIDES:

Sew Side with Handle to top edge of Front, right sides together, beginning and ending ½ inch before reaching ends. Sew other three sides to remaining Front sides, also leaving ½ inch free on each end.

Bringing Side corners together, pin. Sew each of the four joined Sides together.

SEW BACK:

With right sides together, pin Back to all four Sides so it fits well. Sew two adjacent Sides to Back and about ½ of the third side, leaving the other half open. Leave fourth side open. Trim corners as needed and turn right side out. Press under ½ inch on raw edges of Sides of remaining half of Side 3 and 4, including the Back edges.

Slide your Foam into the fabric and pin remaining open Sides to Back. Using a blanket stitch, sew closed.

You are Done!

