

Web Bonus: Uptown Stripes Pillow



Planning, Cutting, and Marking

Our photos on page 2 show you how to use a stripe-cutting template, cut squares, and assemble these fun, modern blocks. Because the blocks have bias edges, you may want to prepare stripe fabrics with spray starch or starch substitute before cutting. Handle bias edges carefully to minimize any distortion. When purchasing stripes for this project, make sure that each fat eighth will allow you to cut 4 identical 2½" stripe squares. (Read Step 1 for details, and consider taking your stripe-cutting template along as you shop for stripes.) If you have made the coordinating quilt, you may have sufficient stripe scraps left over for this project.

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Finished Pillow Size
20" x 20"

Machine Quilted by
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**Number of Blocks and
Finished Size**

13 Stripe Blocks
4" x 4"

SKILL LEVEL

CONFIDENT BEGINNER

Fabric Requirements

- *13 assorted bright stripes (blocks) 1 fat eighth** each
- White solid (squares, pillow back) ¾ yd.
- Lining fabric and batting (optional) 26" x 26" piece each
- Pillow form, 20" square
- See-through template plastic
- *See **Planning, Cutting, and Marking.**
- **A fat eighth is a 9" x 20-22" cut of fabric.



Cutting Instructions

(cut in order listed)

13 assorted bright stripes

See Step 1

White solid

1 square 20½" x 20½"

12 squares 4½" x 4½"

Cutting the Stripes and Piecing the Blocks

1 Cut a 2½" square of template plastic, and mark one diagonal line (Diagram I).



Diagram I

Position template on striped fabric with marked diagonal aligned with a stripe (Photo A). Before tracing, reposition template to make sure you can cut 4 identical squares.



Trace around template (Photo B).



Repeat to mark cutting lines for 4 identical squares (Photo C). Cut out directly on marked lines.



2 Arrange 4 matching stripe squares as shown (Photo D).



Pin 2 squares right sides together, aligning stripes and placing pins parallel to stripes (Photo E).



Check that pins pierce the same stripes on both squares (Photo F).



Sew squares together; open and press (Photo G).



In same manner, join remaining 2 squares (Photo H).

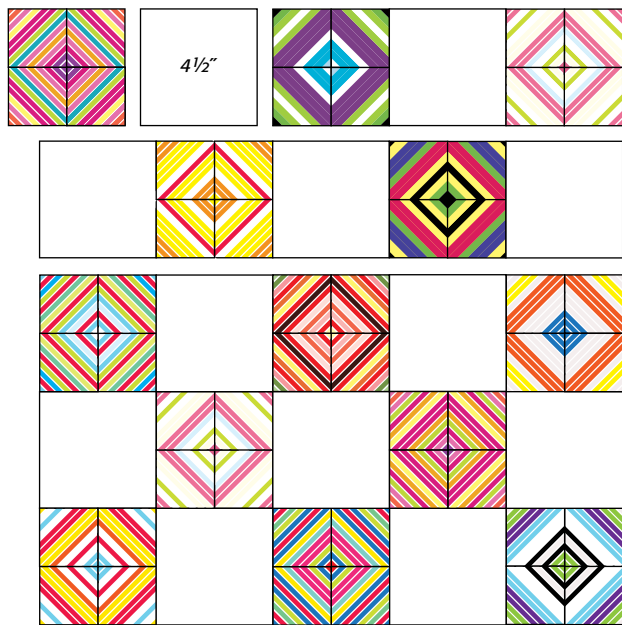


Sew pairs together, pinning as you did before (Photo I).



Open and press to complete Stripes Block (Photo J). Repeat Steps 1 and 2 to make 13 blocks total.





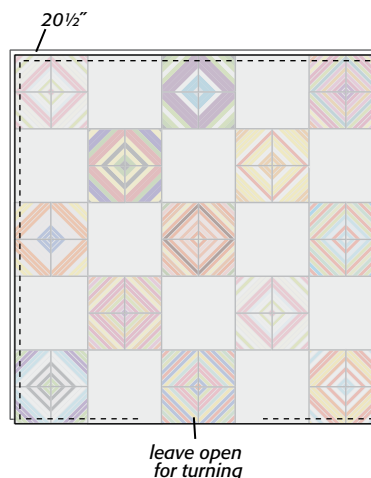
Assembly Diagram

Assembling the Pillow Top

- 3 Referring to **Assembly Diagram**, sew 3 rows of 3 blocks and 2 white 4 1/2" squares each. Sew 2 rows of 3 white squares and 2 blocks each. Stitch rows together, alternating.
- 4 **Optional:** Layer, baste, and quilt pillow top. Shelly machine quilted an allover pattern of circles and swirls using multicolored thread. **Trim** lining and batting even with quilted pillow top.

Finishing the Pillow

- 5 Referring to **Diagram II**, pin pillow top to white 20 1/2" square, right sides together. Sew 1/4" seam around all sides, leaving about 8" open for turning. Trim corners, turn right side out, and press. Insert pillow form. Hand stitch opening closed.



Designer Information
 Janelle Cedusky's quilting business is Nellie J Designs. Visit her website, nelliej.com, to see more great quilts!





Kit Offer
 A kit of similar fabrics for the lap size (55 1/2" x 67 1/2") quilt top and binding is available while supplies last for \$99.99 (#MQ110803).

Call 877-269-8024, or shop online at ShopMcCallsQuilting.com.

Backing fabric is \$44.99 (#MQ110803B).

The complete pattern for this lap size quilt is in the July/August 2011 issue of McCall's Quilting.