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What you'll need:

3 – 21in x 1.5in strips red fabric
 8 – 2.5in blue squares
 3 – 21in x 1.5in strips white fabric
 8 – 1.5in white squares
 5 – 2.5in white square (draw a diagonal line through the center of the back side of the fabric)
 2 – 6.5in white squares (draw a diagonal line through the back of the wrong side of the fabric)

Step 1: Starting with red at the top, alternate sewing the 21in x 1.5in red and white strips together on the long edge. Press towards the red.

Step 2: Taking your ruler, and keeping the stripes horizontal, measure and cut a 6.5in block off of the end of the unit of strips. You will now have a 6.5in square of strips. Set aside.

Step 3: With the remaining unit of strips, measure and cut a 12.5in x 6.5in block. Discard remaining.

Step 4: Place a 1.5in white square to a corner of a 2.5in blue square. Sew a diagonal line through the white square as shown. Trim 1/4in outside the sewn line and press towards the corner.

Step 5: Place a 1.5in white square to the opposite corner of the 2.5in blue square. Sew a diagonal line through the center of the white square as shown. Trim a 1/4in outside the sewn line a press towards the corner. Repeat 3 times for a total of 4 squares.

Step 6: With the 2.5in blue blocks from Step 5., your remaining four (4) 2.5in blue squares, and one (1) 2.5in white square, sew a star unit as shown. Sew your block in three rows of 3 blocks. I pressed my upper and lower rows with seams facing towards the outside, and the middle row with seams facing the center. Sew the three rows together and press final seams open.

Step 7: As you did in Steps 4 and 5, place and sew a 2.5in white (background) square to the upper left and right corners of the star unit. Sew along the drawn line diagonally as shown. Press towards corners.

Step 8: As you did in Step 7., place and sew a 6.5in white square on the lower left and right corners of your 12.5in x 6.5in strip of red and white fabric. Make sure to sew along the drawn line, and press towards corners ☺

Step 9: Sew your star unit to your 6.5in red and white strip block. Press towards center.

Step 10: Sew the top star/stripe unit to the bottom red and white stripe unit.

