

Christmas Star Cushion

21" square (50cm sq)

One pattern six different versions



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Fabric Requirements

Used For	Festive	Merry	Deck The Halls	Scandi Red	Scandi Grey	Twelve Days	Yardage
Star prints (8 diamonds)	2121-1	2115R	2093Q	2127R	2127S	2101-1	One F8th of each
Star prints (16 or 24 diamonds)	2122-1 2124W	2113-1 2115G	2092X 2096R	2126R 2130R	2126S 2130S	2097G 2099R	One FQ of each
Background (BKG)	2124R	2116S	2096Q	1473/Q1	1473/S9	2099Q	40cm/15"
Backing	2118-1	2111-1	2090Q	2125R	2125S	2100R	$\frac{3}{4}$ metre $\frac{3}{4}$ yard
Binding	2123S	1899T	2096R	2128R	2128S	2103R	One FQ
Wadding	25" square 70cm square	279 Cotton Mix 80-20 from http://www.vlieseline.com/en					
Threads	Aurifil 50wt for piecing and 40wt for quilting from http://www.aurifil.com						

*We do not add a backing to our pillow front but, if you prefer to add a fabric backing, you will need a 25" square of some scrap fabric.

Notes:

- Read the pattern in full before starting.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams are used throughout except where stated otherwise.
- Press after each seam, pressing seams open or to one side as preferred.
- WOF - width of fabric - a strip of fabric cut from selvedge to selvedge
- WOFQ – a strip of fabric cut from the selvedge to the centre cut on a FQ or F8th.
- Make sure to visit <http://www.makoweruk.com/projects/> to ensure you are working from the most up-to-date version of the pattern.

Cutting the fabrics

1. Follow the fabric layout in the main image and fig 1.

Cut the following WOFQ strips:

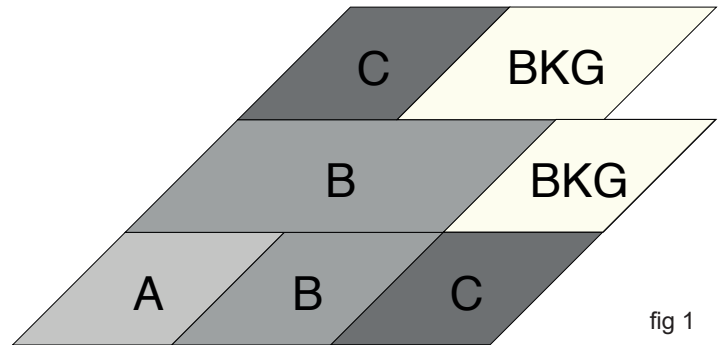
- Two 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " A strips
- Two 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " B strips
- Two 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " B strips
- Four 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " C strips

2. Cut the following from the BKG fabric:

- One 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " WOF strip and cut into two equal lengths
- One 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " WOF strip and cut into two equal lengths
- One 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " WOF strip cut into four 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and four 3" squares. Cut each of these squares in half on the diagonal to make two half square triangles (HSTs) per square.

3. Cut the binding fabric FQ into four 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " WOFQ strips.

4. Cut the backing fabric into one 12" x 22" rectangle and one 16" x 22" rectangle (cut portrait style for directional fabric).



Making the cushion front

- Sew the strips into the following sets:
 - Two sets with one A, one 2 1/2" B and one C strip (fig 2)
 - Two sets with one 4 1/2" B and one 2 1/2" BKG strip (fig 3)
 - Two sets with one C and one 3 1/2" BKG strip (fig 4)
- Stagger the ends of the strips by approximately 2" as shown in those diagrams.
- Make five parallel 45° cuts 2 1/2" apart by aligning your ruler with the 45° line on your cutting mat as shown by the red dashed lines in figs 2, 3 and 4.
- At step 5 you will sew the strip sets together to make the eight diamonds of the design. Take care to stagger the corners of the diamonds as shown in fig 5 so that the seams align when the strips are pressed open.
- Follow figs 6 and 7 to assemble each diamond – you will make four as in fig 6 and four as in fig 7. For the fig 6 diamonds, the first step is to sew a 3" HST onto the end of the A/B/C strips and the 5 1/2" HST can be added as a final step. For the fig 7 diamonds, both HSTs can be added as the final steps.
- Trim excess fabric as shown in figs 8 and 9, trimming to 1/4" beyond the corner of the C diamond indicated by the red arrow and shown by the dashed red line.
- Sew the triangle pieces into pairs, then those into pairs then the two halves of the cushion top together to finish (fig 10).

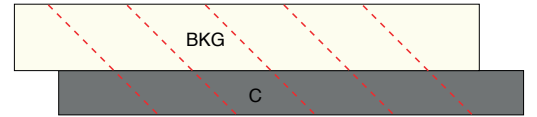
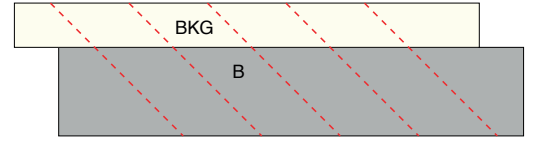
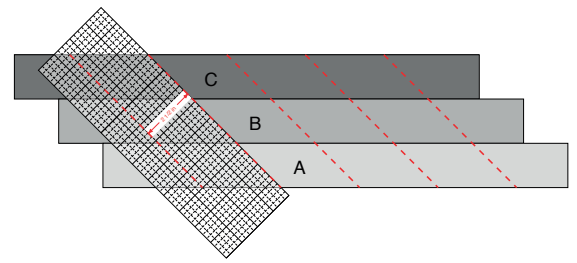


fig 2-4

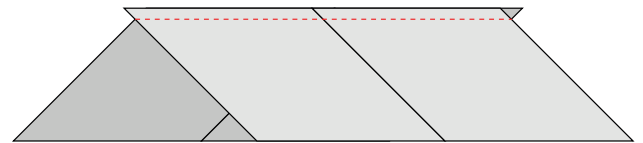


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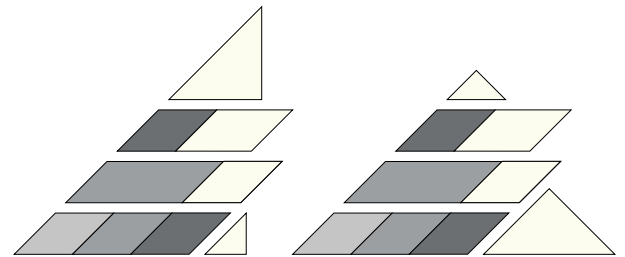


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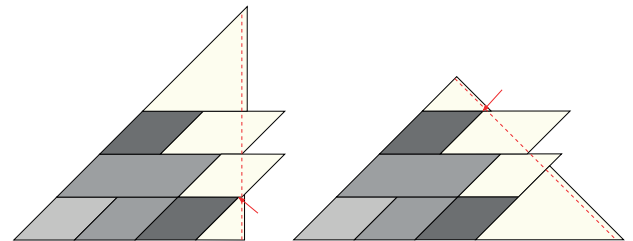


fig 8-9

Finishing the cushion

- Sew the binding strips end to end using diagonal or straight seams as preferred and press wrong sides together along the length to make a double fold binding.
- Make a quilt sandwich, basting together the back (if you are using a back), the wadding and the top.
- Quilt as desired then trim square, removing excess wadding and backing. We quilted a diagonal cross-hatch of lines approximately 1" apart using a 40wt Aurifil thread on the front and back.
- Hem one vertical edge of each of the backing pieces – hem the right side of the smaller piece and the left side of the larger piece where directional fabric is used.
- Overlap the smaller backing piece over the larger piece, pin to the cushion front, wrong sides together, zigzag around the four edges to secure and trim away excess backing fabric.
- Bind, taking care to mitre the corners.

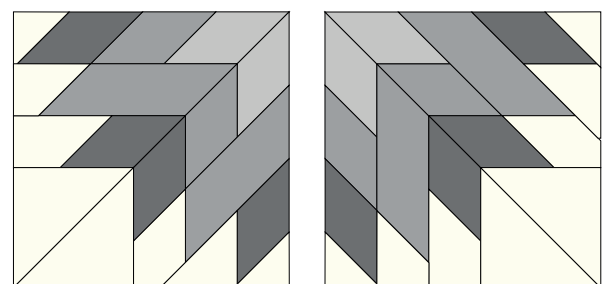
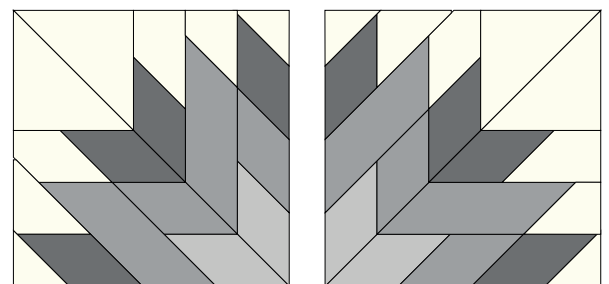


fig 10