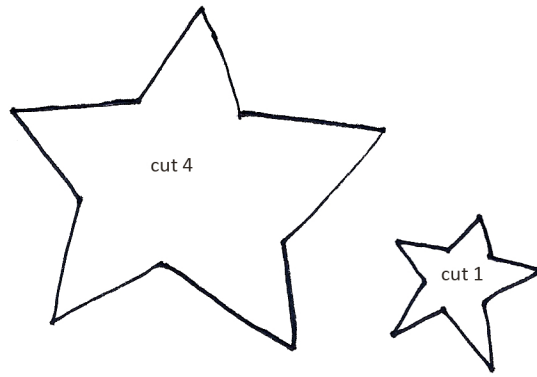


NAUTICAL STARS 16" x 16" pillow  
by Kathy Schmitz

SUPPLIES:

Moda® Red Crackle #5746-52 - 1/2 yard  
Moda® Ivory Crackle #5746-18 - 3/8 yard  
16" pillow form  
fusible web - about 8" x 8"



CUTTING:

Red -

cut 1 strip 4 1/2" wide x WOF

cut into 8 pieces 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" (a)

cut 1 strip 12" wide x WOF

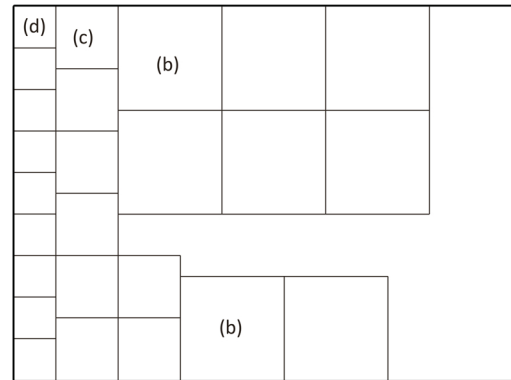
For the backing cut 2 pieces 16 1/2" x 12"

from the 9" x 12" remainder cut following the guide →

cut 8 pieces 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (b)

cut 8 pieces 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" (c)

cut 8 pieces 1" x 1" (d)



Ivory -

Cut 1 strip 4 1/2" wide x WOF

cut 4 pieces 8 1/2" x 4 1/2" (A)

from the remainder cut 4 pieces 1" x 1" (corners), cut 5 pieces 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" (4 are corners and 1 is the center).

Cut 1 strip 2 1/2" wide x WOF

cut 4 pieces 4 1/2" x 2 1/2" (B)

cut 4 pieces 2 1/2" x 1 1/2" (C)

cut 4 pieces 1 1/2" x 1" (D)

Cut 1 strip 4 1/2" wide x WOF

cut 4 pieces 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" (corners)

cut 4 pieces 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (corners)

ASSEMBLE: all seams are 1/4" and all seams are pressed open

All pieced blocks have snowballed corners.

1. draw a diagonal line on the back of the red (a),(b),(c), and (d) pieces. Place on the corner of the matching Ivory rectangles (see below) and sew on the diagonal line.

2. cut off the extra corner (keep the (a) triangle fabrics for the applique)

3. flip open and press

4. repeat with the other corner

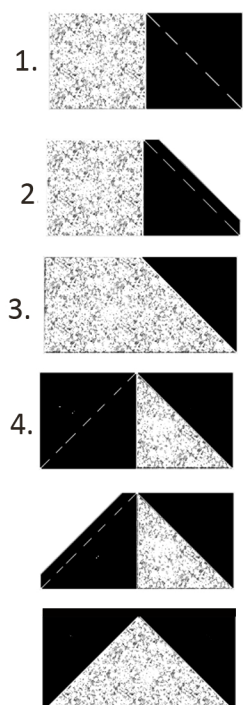
Using the (a) red pieces snowball the corners of the Ivory (A) pieces - *set aside the remaining red corners for the applique stars.*

Using the (b) red pieces snowball the corners of the Ivory (B) pieces

Using the (c) red pieces snowball the corners of the Ivory (C) pieces

Using the (d) red pieces snowball the corners of the Ivory (D) pieces.

SNOWBALL



## Nautical Stars continued:

Starting with the smallest block (center) and working your way out, piece together the snowballed sections and the corner pieces following the picture below. The seams on the small blocks may be trimmed if needed.

Trace the star patterns above onto the fusible web following the manufacturers directions (4 large stars and 1 small star). Adhere to the back of the red fabric. Cut out the stars and place the large stars in the center of the Ivory 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" squares (the center would be excluding the 1/4" outside seam allowance) and the small star in the center of the 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" Ivory square. Iron in place.

I like things heavily quilted and boy I went to town on this! I'm a novice machine quilted so it was a good project to practice on.

**Backing:** On one of the 16 1/2" sides fold under 1/4" and press. Fold under an additional 2" and top stitch. Repeat with the second backing piece.

Place one of the backing pieces on top of the pillow top, right sides together, matching up the raw edges. Place the other backing piece so that the hemmed edges overlap. Pin around all 4 sides. Sew all the way around. Turn right side out through the opening in the back. Press and insert pillow form.

In the picture you will see that I added a flange around the pillow. I was experimenting (with mixed results) Think about adding piping if you like or rick-rack.

