

CHRISTMAS STAR

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Christmas Star – Single fabric version.

This Christmas Star is made in 2 hoopings for all sized hoops, except those with an 8"x10" hoop or above, in which case there is only one hooping. The finished size is 6 1/2" x 9 1/2" for all hoop sizes, a good size for any Christmas tree.

	5" x 7"	6" x 10"	8" x 8"	8" x 10"
Front Fabric	2 x 6" x 8"	2 x 6" x 8"	2 x 6" x 8"	1 x 9" x 11"
Back Fabric	2 x 6" x 8"	2 x 6" x 8"	2 x 6" x 8"	1 x 9" x 11"
Pelon / Batting	2 x 6" x 8"	2 x 6" x 8"	2 x 6" x 8"	1 x 9" x 11"

Stabilizer.

Wash away stabilizer.

Optional. You can float a piece of cut away over the top underneath the batting if you want support for the stitches once the wash away stabilizer has been washed away.

Batting or Pelon.

Thick stiff batting or Pelon is best. Ideally it will support the points of the star without flopping once finished.

Note: If you are doing the tie on version of this star using scuba fabric it will be floppy afterwards even with high loft stabilizer so please see finishing ideas below.

A good length of ribbon if you are doing a tie on Star.

Finishing Ideas.

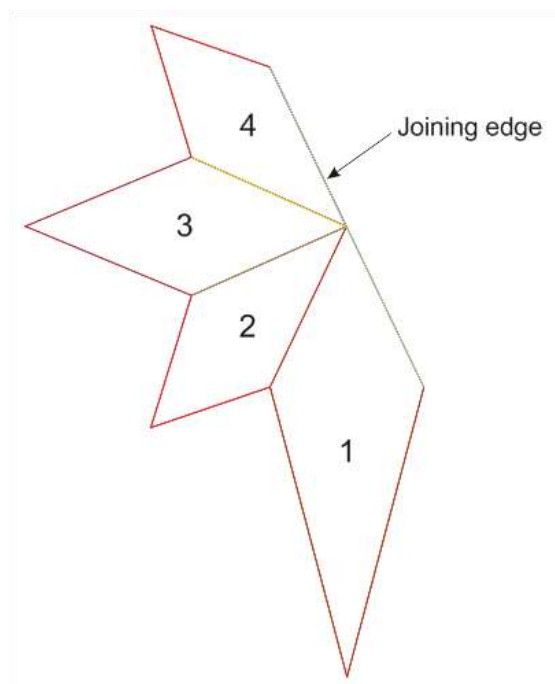
For a ribbon attachment.

Stitch out one star with a ribbon tie on the back to attach it. If your finished star isn't stiff enough to support the points you can paint on a transparent fabric hardener such as Hard Ttex (Used for sculpting with fabric) over the whole of the back. Apply a couple of coats, drying it with a hair dryer between coats then leave it to harden over night. The back will have a flexible plastic like coating once it has hardened.

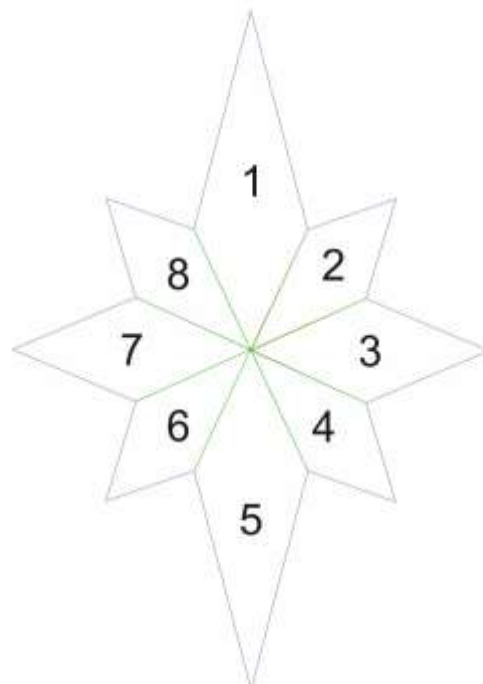
For a star that slips over the top of the tree.

Stitch out a second star. Join them together with your sewing machine by stitching on the inner edge of the satin stitch border. Stitch from the bottom of the south-west point right round to the bottom of the south-east point so it leaves an opening so the star can be slipped over the top of your Christmas tree. See image on page 10.

Stitch order for 2 hoopings

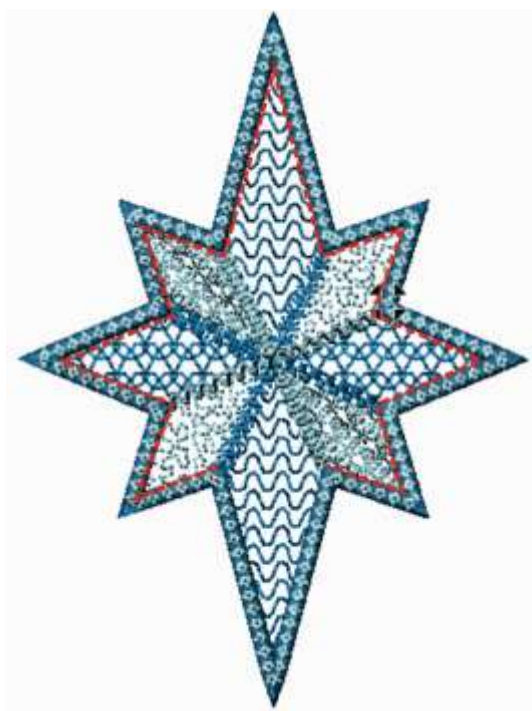


Stitch order for a single hooping (8" x 10")



To join 2 stars together

Stitch along the inside edge of the border, where line is shown in red with a sewing machine.



Notes.



Step 1.

All sizes except 8/2x10" hoop.

Load file CSSF-1.

Thread your machine with a neutral colour.

Hoop your wash away stabilizer and if you are adding a cut away lay it on top without hooping it (Float it)

Stitch colour 1 – The outline of the star



Step 2.

If you wish to add ribbon to hang the star up rather than on a tree, place a loop of ribbon over the stitched outline of the south point, on the back of your hoop before adding your backing fabrics and secure in place with tape so it cant move or catch during stitching.

Either float your backing fabric, or if you are not confident enough, position it with the right side facing up, on the back on your hoop and tape in place to hold it during stitching.

Turn your hoop up the right way and position the batting with your fabric over the top so it covers the outline.

Stitch colour 2 to secure it.

Once stitched, remove the hoop from your machine and trim away all excess cutaway stabilizer, fabric and batting from the front and back of your hoop close to the stitch line.



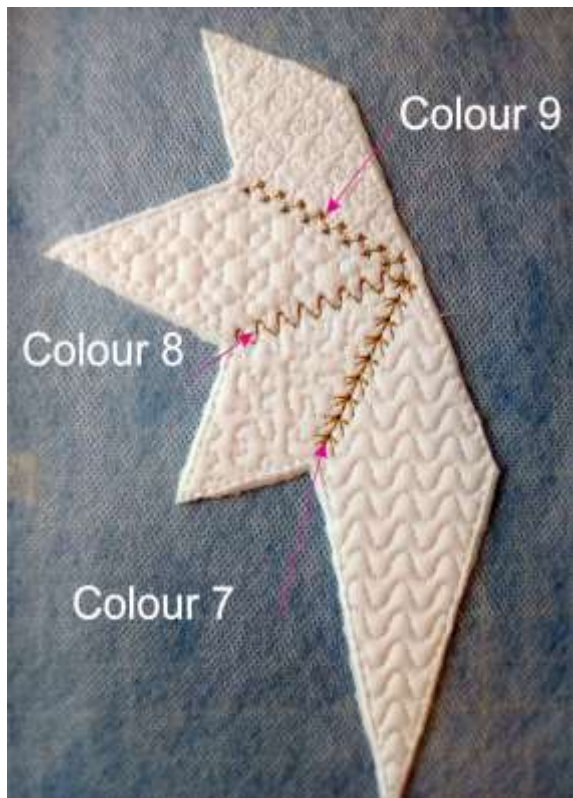
Step 3.

Stitch the four quilted areas, colours 3,4,5 and 6.

You can use different coloured threads or the same colour for all of them, as you wish.

If you do not want to quilt these areas you can skip these colours.

Note: Stop here and go to step 7, if you are making the second piece to the star.



Step 4.

Put your chosen thread and bobbin in your machine and stitch each of the decorative stitches that run between the quilted area with colours 7, 8 and 9

You can use different coloured threads or use the same colour for all of them, as you wish.



Step 5.

Stitch the satin stitch border, colour 10

Then stitch the decorative top stitch over the satin stitch with colour 11.

Cut the star out of the stabilizer to remove it from the hoop, taking care not to cut your star.

Trim along the straight joining edge close up to the stitch line ready for it to be joined to the second piece.



Step 6.

All sizes except 8/2x10" hoop.

Load file CSSF-2.

To make the second piece.

Repeat steps 1 to 3 above.



Step 7.

Joining the two pieces together

Place the first half of the star on top of the second, aligning the stitch lines of the straight edges on top of each other, then secure in place with tape and or pins.

Important.

Keep any pins out of the way of the stitch line so the foot and needle cant catch on them.



Step 8.

If you are going to stitch and join 2 stars together you can skip the ribbon instructions.

For Ribbon tie:

Turn your hoop over and add a ribbon tie to the back by positioning a long piece of ribbon horizontally across the east and west points of the star and the middle of the ribbon on the centre point of the star and taping it in place. Bring the ends round to the front of your hoop and tape them out of the way of any stitching.

Slow your machine down and stitch colour 7 to secure everything in place.

Pull your ribbon across the finished half of the star and tape it in place, so it is out of the way of where the decorative stitching is about to go.



Step 8 continued

Change your thread and bobbin to the colour you have chosen for the decorative stitching.

Stitch the decorative stitching between the quilted areas with colours 8,9,10,11 and 12

You can use different coloured threads or use the same colour for all of them, as you wish.



Step 9.

Stitch the satin stitch border with colour 13.

Stitch the decorative top stitching that sits on the satin stitch with colour 14.

Cut the star out of the stabilizer to remove it from the hoop. Then using a cotton bud and water run it round the edge of the star to remove any wash away stabilizer.

Your star is now complete.

**Step 1.**

Load file CSSF-8x10 onto your machine.

Load a neutral thread colour into your machine

Hoop the wash away stabilizer and adding a cut away stabilizer on top without hooping it (Float it).

Stitch colour 1 – The star outline

**Step 2.**

Place your cutaway stabilizer and batting in your hoop covering the outline stitching.

If you wish to add ribbon to hang the star up rather than on a tree, place a loop of ribbon over the stitched outline of the north point and secure in place with tape.

Stitch colour 2 to secure it.

Remove your hoop from your machine and with sharp scissors, trim away all excess cutaway stabilizer and batting.



Step 3.

If you wish to add ribbon to hang the star up rather than on a tree, place a loop of ribbon over the stitched outline of the north point, on the back of your hoop before adding your backing fabrics and secure in place with tape so it can't move or catch during stitching.

Either float your backing fabric or if you are not confident enough, turn your hoop over and position your backing fabric on the back on your hoop and tape in place to hold it during stitching. Make sure it covers the outline.

Place your top fabric over the batting, covering the outline of the stitching.

Stitch colour 3 to secure your fabric in place,



Step 4.

Stitch the 8 quilted areas with colours 4,5,6,7,8,9 10 and 11.

You can use different coloured threads or use the same colour for all of them, as you wish.

If you do not want to quilt these areas you can skip these colour



Step 5.

Change your thread and bobbin to the colour you have chosen for the decorative stitching.

If you are going to stitch and join 2 stars together you can skip the ribbon instructions.

If you are going to tie the star onto your tree, lay a piece of ribbon horizontally across the back of your hoop from the east to west points and tape it into place. Secure the ends with tape too so it cant tangle underneath the hoop.

Stitch the decorative stitches that run between each quilted area with colours 12,13,14,15,16,17 18 and19

You can use different coloured threads or use the same colour for all of them, as you wish.

Then remove the hoop from your machine and trim away all the excess fabric from the front and back of your hoop.



Step 6.

Stitch the satin stitch border with colour 20.

Stitch the decorative top stitching that sits on the satin stitch with colour 21.



Step 6.

Cut the star out of the stabilizer to remove it from the hoop. Then using a cotton bud and water run it round the edge of the star to remove any wash away stabilizer.

Your star is now complete