

Project: Metallic Fireworks Pillow

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Add patriotic bursts to a plain pillow with simple machine straight-stitching. The dark blue background serves as a night sky for the red and white metallic sparklers.

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Materials

- $\frac{7}{8}$ yard solid blue (pillow front, pillow back)
- 14×18" batting
- Metallic embroidery thread: red, silver
- 12×16" pillow form
- Machine needle: metallic 14/90
- Water-soluble marking pen: white or yellow

Finished pillow: 16×12"

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

Measurements include $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabric

Cut pieces in the following order.

From solid blue, cut:

- 2—13×21" rectangles
- 2—14×18" rectangles

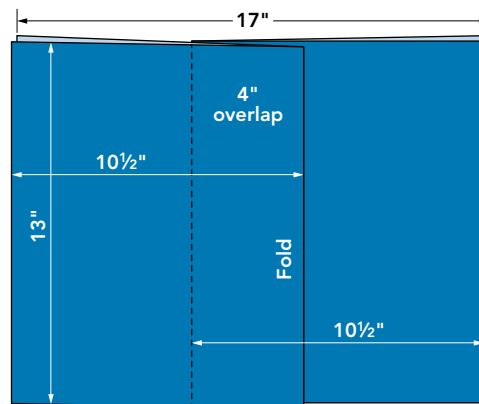
Embroider Pillow Front

1. Referring to photo, *page 1*, for placement, use white or yellow water-soluble marking pen and a ruler to draw two Fireworks Burst Patterns (*page 3*) on the right side of a solid blue 18×14" rectangle.
2. Place remaining solid blue 18×14" rectangle right side down on your work surface. Top with batting 18×14" rectangle, then marked solid blue 18×14" rectangle; baste to make the pillow front.
3. With a metallic 14/90 needle in your sewing machine, use red metallic thread to straight-stitch over marked lines of a firework burst. Repeat with silver metallic thread and the remaining burst.

4. With embroidery centered, trim pillow front to 17×13" including seam allowances.

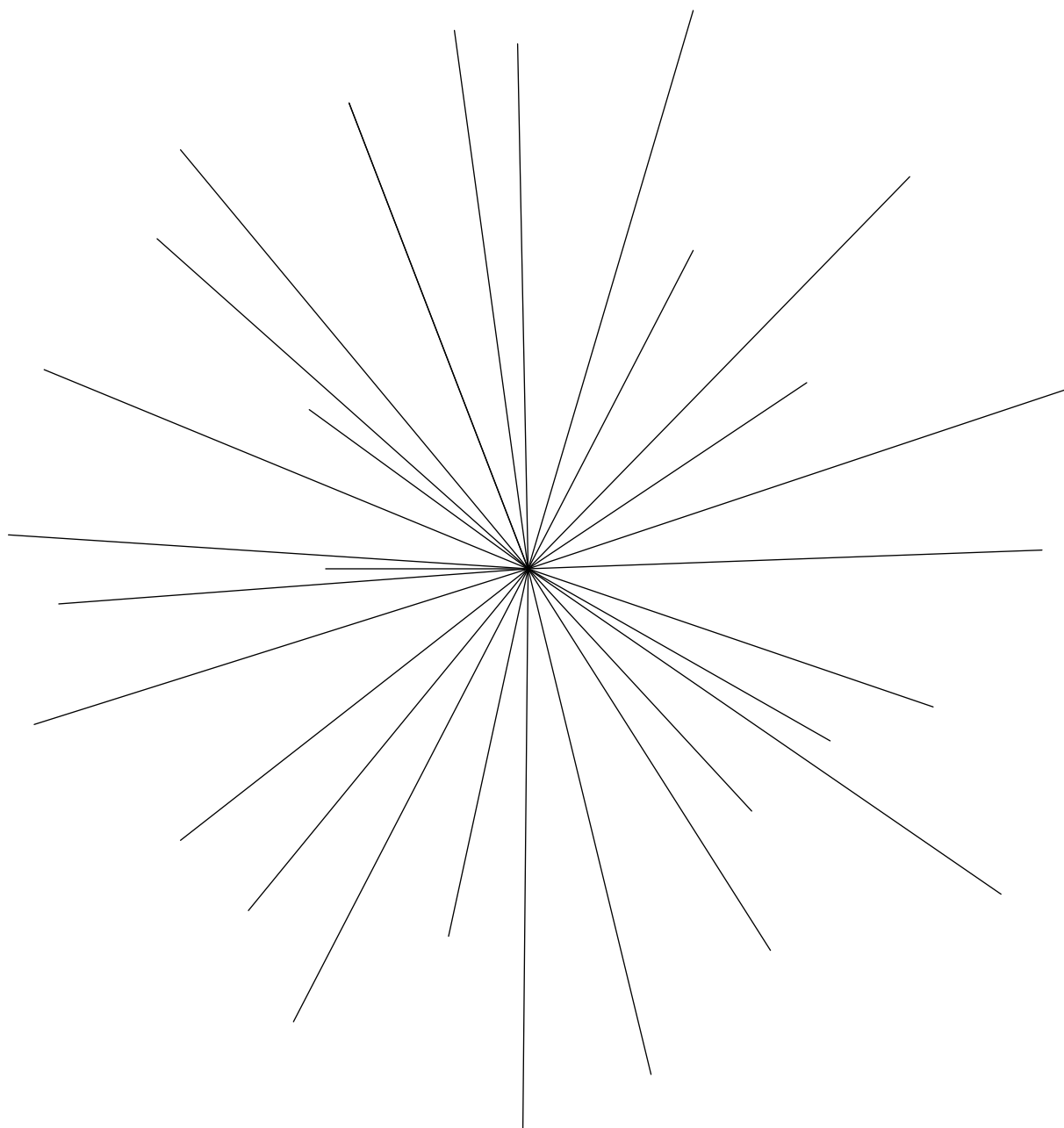
Finish Pillow

1. With wrong sides together, fold each solid blue 13×21" rectangle in half to form two $10\frac{1}{2}$ ×13" rectangles. (The double thickness results in a more stable pillow back.) Overlap folded edges about 4" to make a 17×13" rectangle (**Pillow Back Assembly Diagram**). Baste across top and bottom of overlapped layers to make pillow back.
2. Layer embroidered pillow front and pillow back with right sides together; pin. Using $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, sew together around outer edges to make pillow cover. Turn right side out; press. Insert 12×16" pillow form through opening to complete pillow.



PILLOW BACK ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

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METALLIC FIREWORKS PILLOW
FIREWORKS BURST PATTERN

This box should
measure 1".



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