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PROJECT: Two-Color Star Pillow

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Choose your favorite palette to customize a two-color star pillow.

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**FABRICS** are from the Kona Cotton Solids collection from Robert Kaufman Fabrics ([robertkaufman.com](http://robertkaufman.com)).

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**PILLOW**

Finished size: 24½" square

Finished block: 18" square

**MATERIALS**

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

- ❑ 1 yard solid green (block, border, binding)
- ❑ ½ yard solid light gray (block, border)
- ❑ ⅞ yard backing fabric
- ❑ 27"-square muslin (lining)
- ❑ 27"-square batting
- ❑ 24"-square pillow form

**CUT FABRICS**

Cut pieces in the following order.

If you prefer to make triangle-squares larger than necessary and trim them to size, cut solid green and solid light gray 4" squares instead of the 3⅞" squares specified here.

**From solid green, cut:**

- 3—2½×42" binding strips
- 1—6½" square
- 4—3⅞" squares
- 4—3⅞" squares, cutting each in half diagonally for 8 large triangles total
- 4—3½×6½" rectangles
- 64—2⅝×3½" rectangles
- 4—2⅝" squares

**From solid light gray, cut:**

- 2—4¼" squares, cutting each diagonally twice in an X for 8 small triangles total
- 4—3⅞" squares
- 20—3½" squares
- 28—2⅝" squares

**From backing fabric, cut:**

- 2—14¾×24½" rectangles

**ASSEMBLE BLOCK**

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Press seams in directions indicated by arrows on diagrams. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric.

- 1) Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of solid green 3⅞" squares. (To prevent fabric from stretching as you draw lines, place 220-grit sandpaper under each square.)
- 2) Layer a marked solid green square atop a solid light gray 3⅞" square. Sew together with two seams, stitching ¼" on each side of drawn line (**Diagram 1**). Cut pair apart on drawn line. Press open to make two triangle-squares. Each triangle-square should be 3½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make eight triangle-squares total.
- 3) Referring to **Diagram 2**, sew together two triangle-squares and two solid light gray 3½" squares in pairs. Join pairs to make a corner unit. The unit should be 6½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four corner units total.
- 4) Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of remaining solid light gray 3½" squares.
- 5) Align a marked solid light gray square with one end of a solid green 3½×6½" rectangle (**Diagram 3**; note direction of marked line). Sew on marked line; trim excess fabric, leaving ¼" seam allowance. Press open attached triangle. Add a second marked solid light gray square to opposite end of rectangle to make a green Flying Geese unit. The unit still should be 6½×3½" including seam allowances. Repeat to make four green Flying Geese units total.
- 6) Referring to **Diagram 4**, sew together two solid light gray small triangles and a solid green 2⅝" square.
- 7) Referring to **Diagram 5**, sew two solid green large triangles to the Step 6 unit to make a pieced Flying Geese unit. The unit should be 3½×6½" including seam allowances.
- 8) Repeat steps 6 and 7 to make four pieced Flying Geese units total.
- 9) Referring to **Diagram 6**, sew together a green Flying Geese unit and a pieced Flying Geese unit to make a side unit (**Diagram 6**). The unit should be 6½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four side units total.
- 10) Align a marked solid light gray square with a corner of solid green 6½" square (**Diagram 7**; note direction of drawn line). Sew on drawn line; trim excess fabric, leaving ¼" seam allowance. Press open attached triangle. Working counterclockwise, continue with remaining marked solid light gray squares to make a Square-in-a-Square unit. The unit should be 6½" square including seam allowances.
- 11) Referring to **Diagram 8**, lay out corner units, side units, and Square-in-a-Square unit in three rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows to make a block. The block should be 18½" square including seam allowances.

**ASSEMBLE BORDER STRIPS**

- 1) Sew solid green 2⅝×3½" rectangles to opposite edges of a solid light gray 2⅝" square to make a border unit (**Diagram 9**). The unit should be 2⅝×8⅝" including seam allowances. Repeat to make 28 border units total.

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- 2) Referring to **Diagram 10**, sew together six border units so that points of solid light gray squares align. Sew a remaining solid green  $2\frac{7}{8} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to each end of row, making sure green rectangles extend at least  $\frac{1}{4}$ " past solid green squares. Press seams in one direction.
- 3) Trim Step 2 unit  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each outer solid green square point to make top border strip (**Diagram 11**). The strip should be to  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 18\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
- 4) Repeat steps 2 and 3 to make bottom border strip.
- 5) Using eight border units, repeat steps 2 and 3 to make a side border strip. The strip should be  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 24\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second side border strip.
- back pieces. Each pillow back piece should be  $14\frac{1}{4} \times 24\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
- 4) Referring to **Pillow Back Assembly Diagram**, overlap hemmed edges of pillow back pieces by 4" to make a  $24\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Stitch across overlaps to make pillow back.
- 5) Layer quilted pillow top and pillow back with wrong sides together. Stitch a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from outer edges to make pillow cover.
- 6) Bind pillow cover with solid green binding strips. Insert pillow form through opening to complete pillow.

**ASSEMBLE PILLOW TOP**

- 1) Referring to **Pillow Top Assembly Diagram**, sew top and bottom border strips to block. Press seams toward block.
- 2) Sew side border strips to block to make pillow top. Press seams toward block. The pillow top should be  $24\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

**FINISH PILLOW**

- 1) Layer pillow top, batting, and muslin; baste. Quilt as desired.
- 2) Trim batting and muslin even with pillow top edges.
- 3) Turn one long edge of each backing fabric  $14\frac{3}{4} \times 24\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle under  $\frac{1}{4}$ "; press. Turn under  $\frac{1}{4}$ " again and stitch in place to hem pillow

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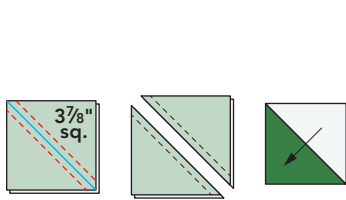


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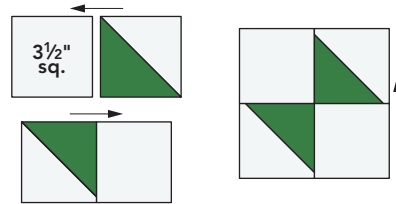


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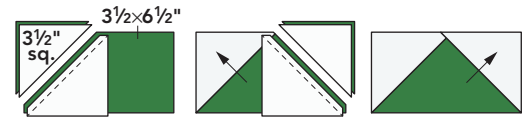


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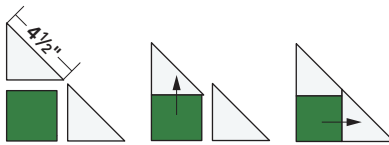


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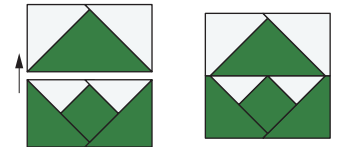


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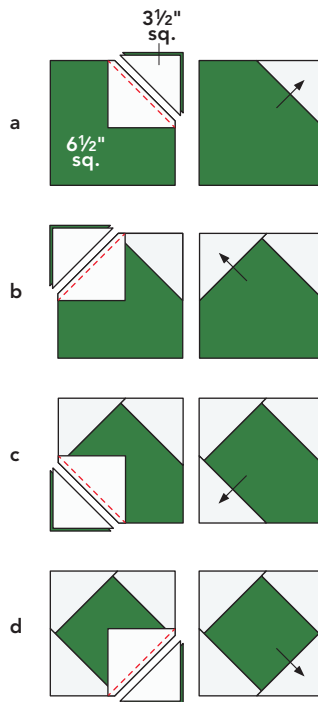


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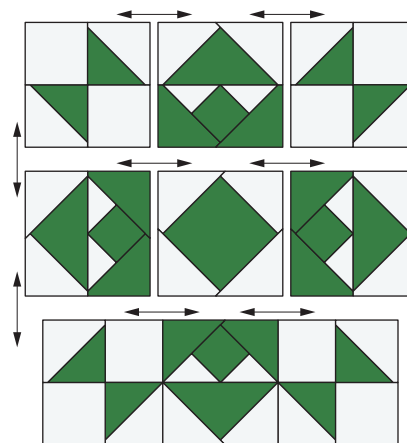


DIAGRAM 8



DIAGRAM 9

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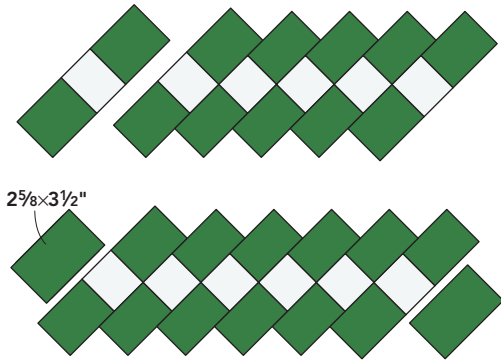


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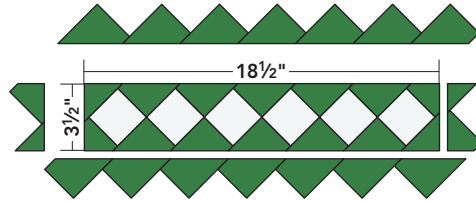
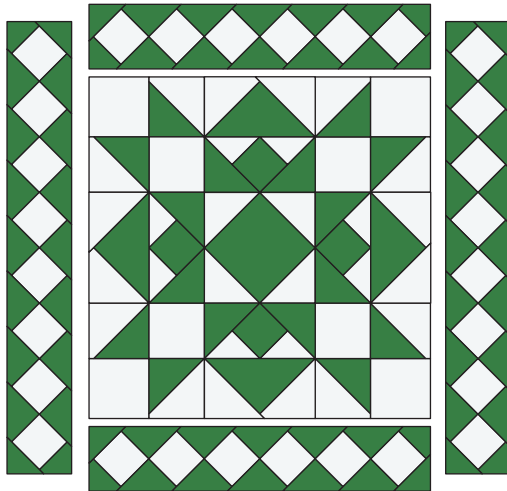
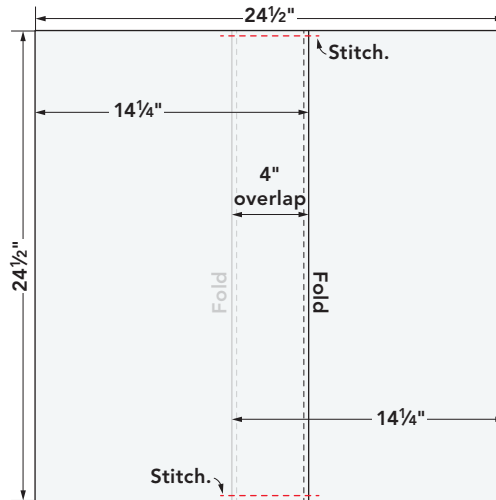


DIAGRAM 11



PILLOW TOP ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



PILLOW BACK ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM