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PROJECT: Classic Star Pillow

To easily match any room decor, choose a neutral color for this Star block.

INSPIRED BY: *Stitch & Switch Pillow: Fall* from designer Corey Yoder ([corianderquilts.com](http://corianderquilts.com))

QUILT TESTER: Jan Ragaller



**FABRICS** are from the 1000 Colors Solids collection by Lecien ([lecienfabrics.com](http://lecienfabrics.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.

- ½ yard solid brown (block, border)
- ½ yard solid cream (block)
- ⅞ yard backing fabric
- 27"-square muslin (lining)
- 27"-square batting
- 24"-square pillow form

**CUT FABRICS**

Cut pieces in the following order.

**From solid brown, cut:**

- 2—3½×24½" rectangles
- 2—3½×18½" rectangles
- 18—3⅞" squares, cutting each in half diagonally for 36 small triangles total

**From solid cream, cut:**

- 1—10¼" square, cutting it diagonally twice in an X for 4 large triangles
- 2—5⅞" squares, cutting each in half diagonally for 4 medium triangles total
- 4—5" squares
- 6—3⅞" squares, cutting each in half diagonally for 12 small triangles total

**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) Referring to **Diagram 1**, sew together a solid brown small triangle and a solid cream small triangle, being careful not to stretch bias edges. Press open to make a triangle-square. The

triangle-square should be 2¾" square including seam allowances.

- 2) Referring to **Diagram 2**, sew a solid brown small triangle to right-hand edge of Step 1 triangle-square.
- 3) Referring to **Diagram 3**, sew a solid brown small triangle to top edge of Step 2 unit to make a pieced triangle unit.
- 4) Repeat steps 1–3 to make 12 pieced triangle units.
- 5) Referring to **Diagram 4**, sew a pieced triangle unit to left-hand edge of a solid cream large triangle. Add a pieced triangle unit to right-hand edge of solid cream large triangle to make a Flying Geese unit (**Diagram 5**). The unit should be 9½×5" including seam allowances.
- 6) Repeat Step 5 to make four Flying Geese units total.
- 7) Referring to **Diagram 6**, sew together remaining pieced triangle units and solid cream medium triangles to make four pieced triangle-squares total. Each should be 5" square including seam allowances.
- 8) Referring to **Diagram 7**, join pieced triangle-squares in pairs. Sew together pairs to make a pinwheel unit. The unit should be 9½" square including seam allowances.
- 9) Referring to **Diagram 8**, lay out solid cream 5" squares, Flying Geese units, and pinwheel 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 PILLOW TOP**

- 1) Referring to **Pillow Top Assembly Diagram**, sew solid brown 3½×18½" rectangles to opposite block edges. Press seams toward solid brown rectangles.
- 2) Add solid brown 3½×24½" rectangles to remaining block edges to make pillow top. Press seams toward solid brown rectangles. The pillow top should be 24½" square including seam allowances.

**FINISH PILLOW**

- 1) Layer pillow top, batting, and muslin lining; baste.
- 2) Quilt as desired. Pillow tester Jan Ragaller machine-quilted ¼" inside each solid cream 5" square, large triangle, and medium triangle.
- 3) Trim batting and muslin lining even with pillow top edges.
- 4) Turn one long edge of each backing fabric 14¾×24½" rectangle under ¼"; press. Turn under ¼" again and stitch in place to hem pillow back pieces. Each pillow back piece should be 14¼×24½" including seam allowances.
- 5) Referring to **Pillow Back Assembly Diagram**, overlap hemmed edges of pillow back pieces by 4" to make a 24½" square. Stitch across overlaps to make pillow back.
- 6) Layer quilted pillow top and pillow back with right sides together. Stitch a scant ¼" from outer edges to make pillow cover. Turn right side out through opening in pillow back; press.
- 7) Insert pillow form in pillow cover to complete the pillow.

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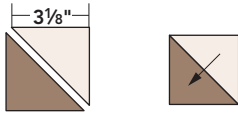


DIAGRAM 1



DIAGRAM 2

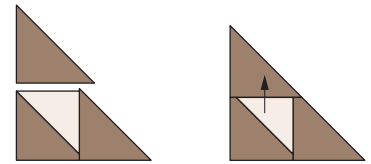


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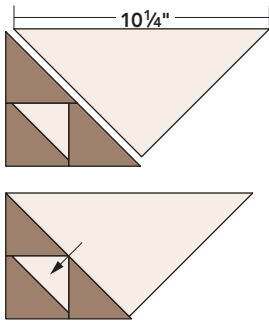


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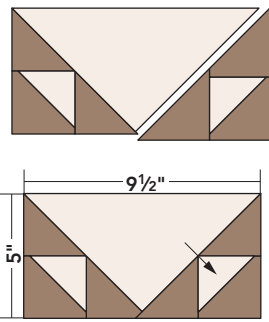


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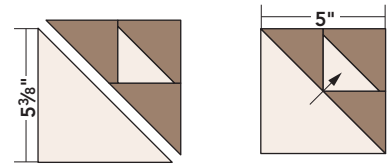


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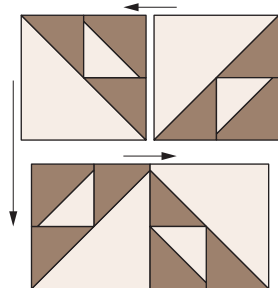


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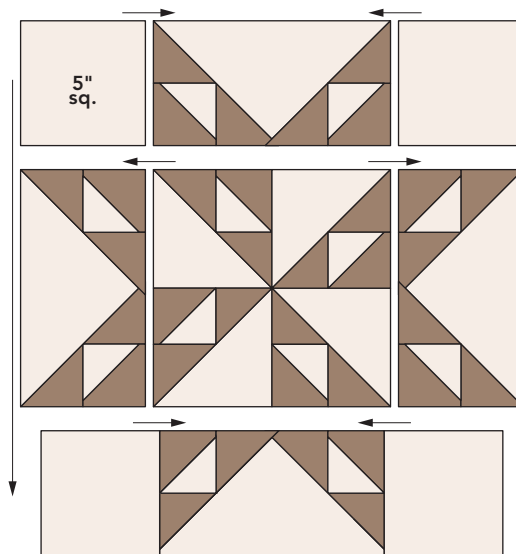
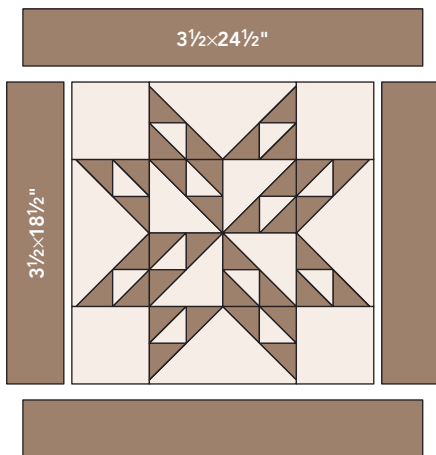
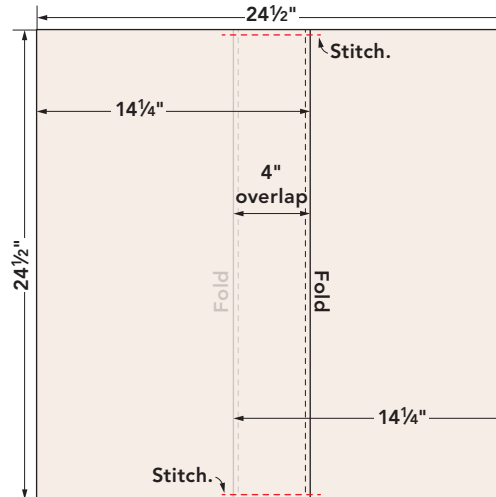


DIAGRAM 8

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PILLOW TOP ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



PILLOW BACK ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM