

PROJECT: Snowflake Pillow

Hide a star in the center of a snowflake composed of wintry blues and cream.

INSPIRED BY: *Christmas Garland* from designer Heather Briggs (mysewquiltylife.com)

QUILT TESTER: Diane Tomlinson



FABRICS are from the Christmas Joy Stonehenge collection by Deborah Edwards and Linda Ludovico for Northcott (northcott.com).

FINISHED PILLOW: 18" square
FINISHED BLOCK: 14" square

MATERIALS

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

- 1/3 yard cream print (pillow top)
- 9×21 piece (fat eighth) light blue print (pillow front)
- 10" square dark blue print (pillow top)
- 2/3 yard blue tone-on-tone print (borders, pillow back)
- 18 1/2"-square batting
- 18 1/2"-square muslin
- 18"-square pillow form

CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

From cream print, cut:

- 4-2 1/2×6 1/2" rectangles
- 4-2 1/2×4 1/2" rectangles
- 8-2 1/2" squares
- 32-1 1/2" squares
- 16-1 1/4" squares

From light blue print, cut:

- 4-2 1/2×3 1/2" rectangles
- 8-2 1/2" squares

From dark blue print, cut:

- 4-2 1/2×3 1/2" rectangles
- 1-2 1/2" square

From blue tone-on-tone, cut:

- 2-11 3/4×18 1/2" rectangles
- 2-2 1/2×18 1/2" border strips
- 2-2 1/2×14 1/2" border strips

ASSEMBLE PILLOW TOP

Measurements include 1/4" 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 each cream print 1 1/2" and 1 1/4" square.

2 Align marked cream print 1 1/2" squares with opposite corners of a light blue print 2 1/2×3 1/2" rectangle (**Diagram 1**; note direction of marked lines). Sew on marked lines. Trim seam allowances to 1/4". Press open attached triangles. Align marked cream print 1 1/2" squares with remaining rectangle corners; stitch, trim, and press as before to make light blue Unit A. The unit still should be 2 1/2×3 1/2" including seam allowances. Repeat to make four light blue A units total.

3 Using dark blue 2 1/2×3 1/2" rectangles instead of light blue rectangles, repeat Step 2 to make four dark blue A units total.

4 Sew together one light blue A unit and one dark blue A unit to make a side unit (**Diagram 2**). The unit should be 2 1/2×6 1/2" including seam allowances. Repeat to make four side units total.

5 Align marked cream print 1 1/4" squares with opposite corners of a light blue print 2 1/2" square (**Diagram 3**; note direction of marked lines). Sew on marked lines. Trim seam allowances to 1/4". Press open attached triangles to make Unit B. The unit still should be 2 1/2" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make eight B units total.

6 Referring to **Diagram 4**, sew together two B units and two cream print 2 1/2" squares in pairs. Join pairs to make a subunit. The subunit should be 4 1/2" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four subunits total.

7 Referring to **Diagram 5**, sew together a cream print 2 1/2×4 1/2" rectangle and subunit. Add a cream

print 2 1/2×6 1/2" rectangle to make a corner unit. The unit should be 6 1/2" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four corner units total.

8 Referring to **Diagram 6**, lay out corner units, side units, and dark blue print 2 1/2" square in three rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows to make a block. The block should be 14 1/2" square including seam allowances.

9 Referring to **Pillow Top Assembly Diagram**, sew blue tone-on-tone 2 1/2×14 1/2" border strips to opposite block edges. Add blue tone-on-tone 2 1/2×18 1/2" border strips to remaining block edges to make pillow top. Press seams toward border. The pillow top should be 18 1/2" square including seam allowances.

FINISH PILLOW

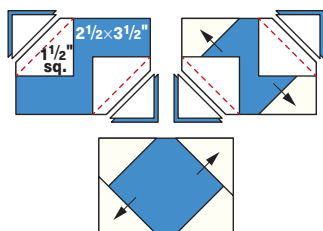
1 Layer pillow top right side up, batting square, and muslin square. Quilt as desired.

2 Turn one long edge of each blue tone-on-tone 11 3/4×18 1/2" rectangle under 1/4"; press. Turn same edges under 1/4" again; stitch in place to hem. Each hemmed rectangle should be 11 1/4×18 1/2" including seam allowances.

3 Referring to **Pillow Back Assembly Diagram**, overlap hemmed rectangle edges by 4" to make an 18 1/2" square. Stitch across overlapped edges to make pillow back.

4 Layer pillow top and pillow back with right sides together. Stitch 1/4" from edges to make pillow cover. Turn right side out through opening in pillow back; press.

5 Insert pillow form through opening to complete pillow.



Unit A
Diagram 1

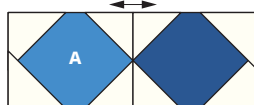
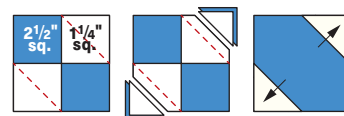


Diagram 2



Unit B
Diagram 3

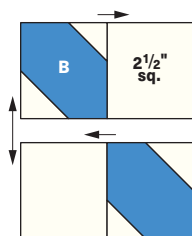


Diagram 4

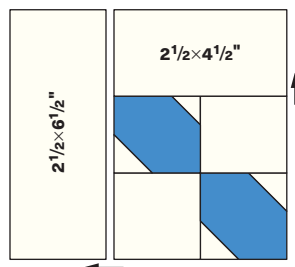


Diagram 5

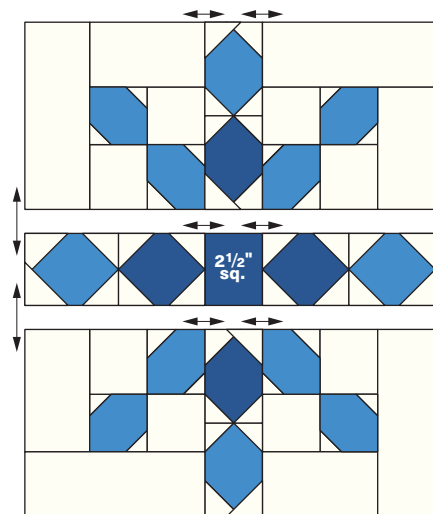
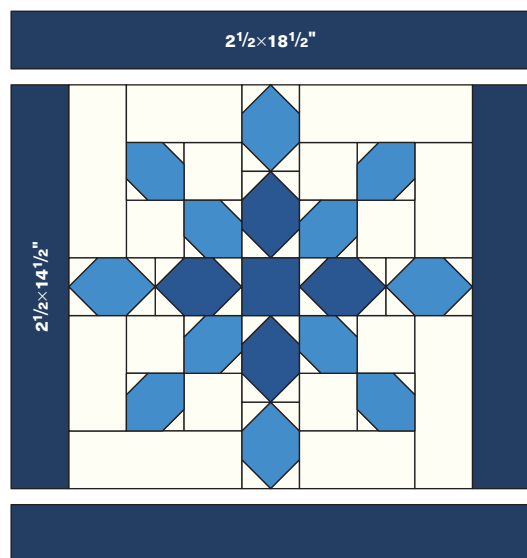
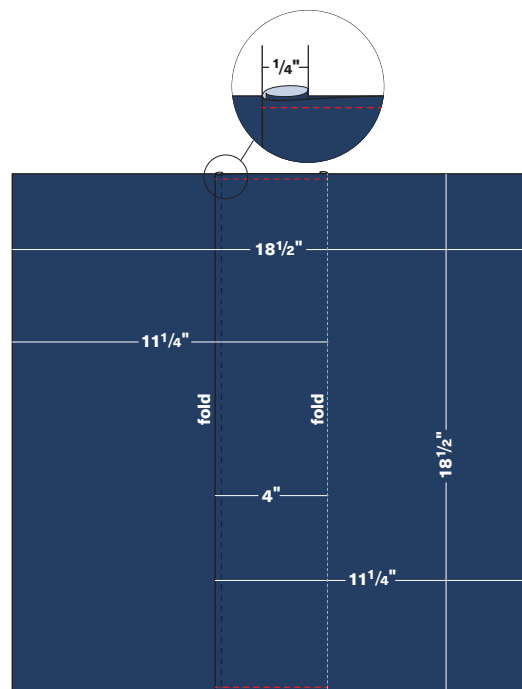


Diagram 6



Pillow Top Assembly Diagram



Pillow Back Assembly Diagram