

Selvedge Star

Tutorial

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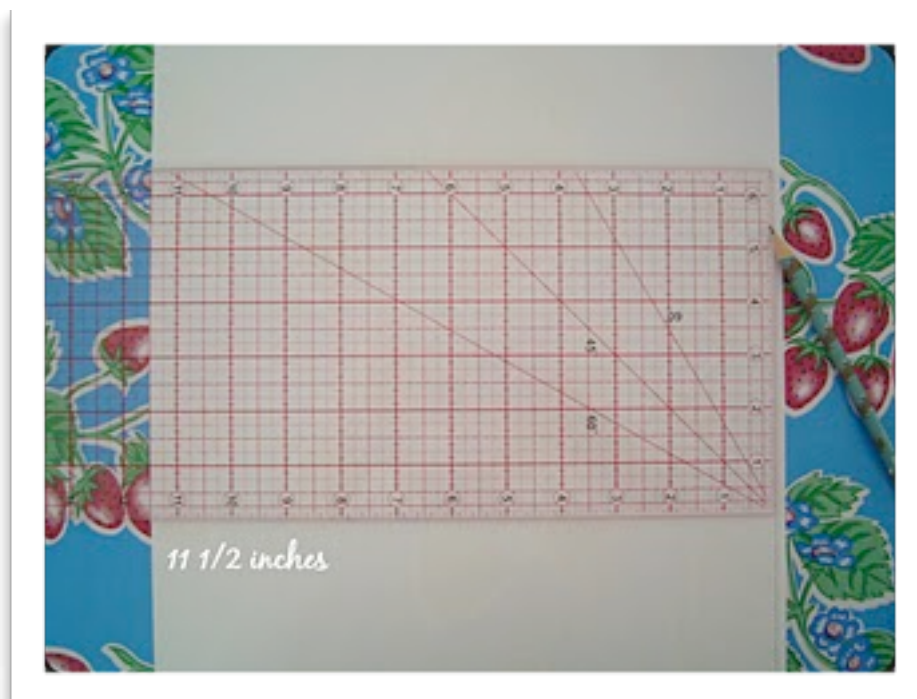
Supplies

- . a piece of A3 paper
- . 1 sheet of templastic
 - . lead pencil
 - . ruler
- . rotary cutter + mat
 - . scissors
 - . protractor
- . white homespun
- . a pile of selvedges, cut 2 inches wide by various lengths

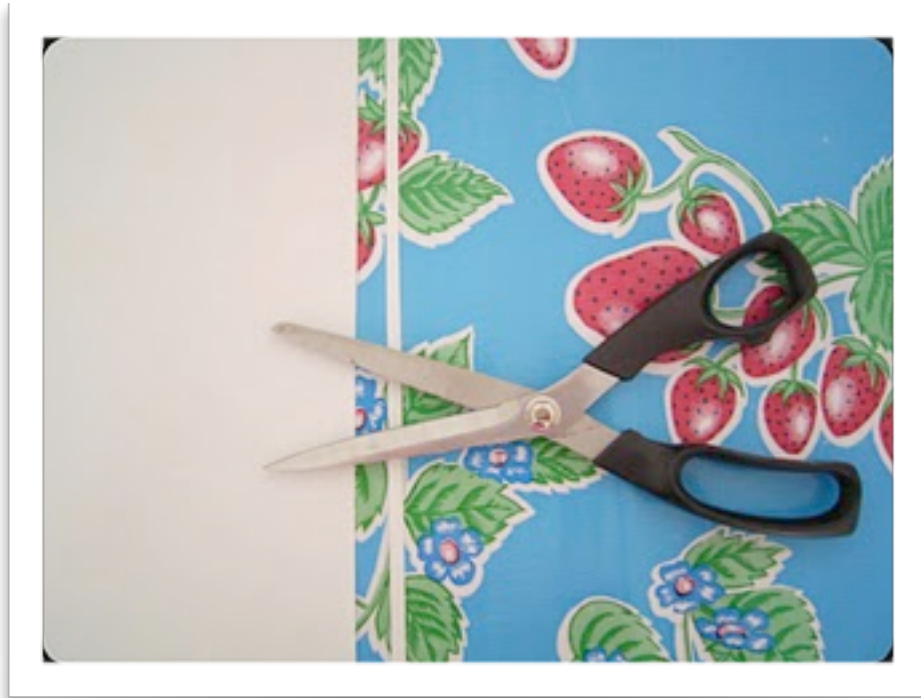
Step 1

Firstly, we need to make a 45 degree diamond template so we can make our 8 pointed star.

This is how it's done, take your piece of a3 paper and place it in a portrait position. Measure in 11 1/2 inches and draw a vertical line.



Now, cut along the drawn line.



Step 2

Find the centre of your piece of paper, by measuring $5\frac{3}{4}$'s of an inch in and draw a vertical line.



Step 3

Place your protractor even with the top edge of your paper ensuring it is centered, as shown in the picture.

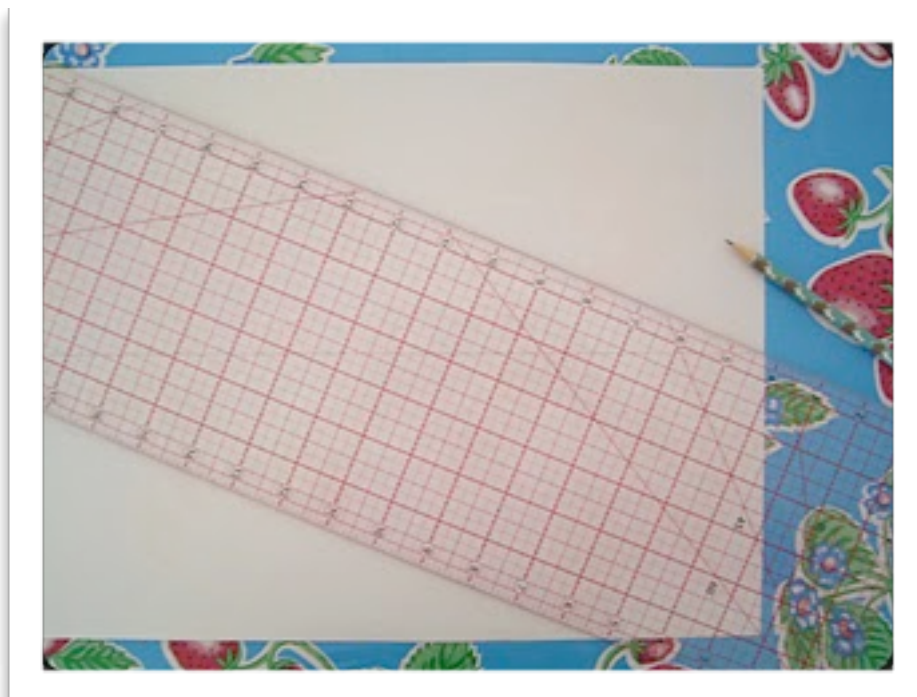
With your pencil, make a mark $22\frac{1}{2}$ degrees out, either side of the drawn centre line.

Repeat, as above with the bottom edge of the paper.



Step 4

Place your ruler in line with the drawn centre line and also the marks previously made. accurately draw in each side of the diamond.



Your piece of paper will look like this.



Cut out your diamond.



Step 5

Check for accuracy, fold your diamond in half horizontally and vertically.



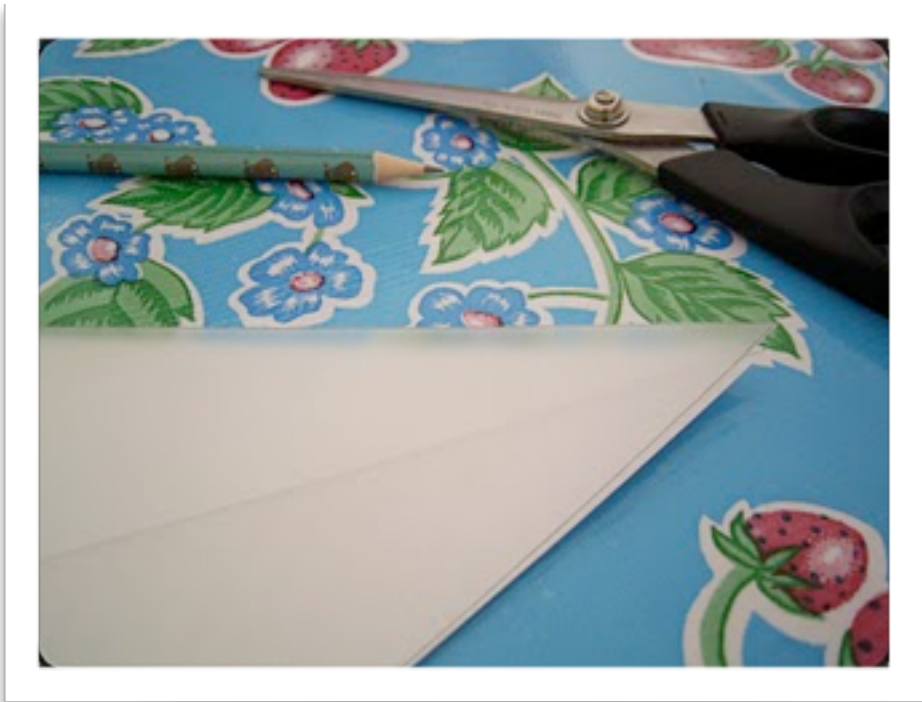
Step 6

Time now to make a template from templastic.

Place the sheet of templastic on top of your paper diamond and trace the outline with your pencil.



Cut out on the drawn line and check that your new plastic template is accurate.



Step 7

Place your diamond template onto the wrong side of your white homespun fabric, trace and cut out 8 foundation diamonds.



Step 8

Now the fun begins, you will need 9 different selvages for each diamond.



My final placement of selvages.



Step 9

Beginning at the bottom of the diamond foundation, place your first selvedge right side up, so that the point of the diamond and selvedge are even.



Step 10

Use your ruler as a guide for the placement of each selvedge.



Place the second selvedge into position, overlapping the first selvedge by a 1/4 of an inch.



Pin.



Step 11

Sew very close to the selvedge edge.



Continue adding and sewing selvages to the foundation diamond.



View, right side up.



View, wrong side up.



Step 12

Using your rotary cutter and ruler, and with the wrong side facing upwards, carefully trim the selvages even with the white homespun foundation diamond.



Ta da! your first diamond segment is made. Repeat, to make 7 more segments.



Step 13

Arrange your 8 segments into an 8 pointed star.



Step 14

Sew the segments into pairs.



Step 15

Now, sew 2 pairs together.



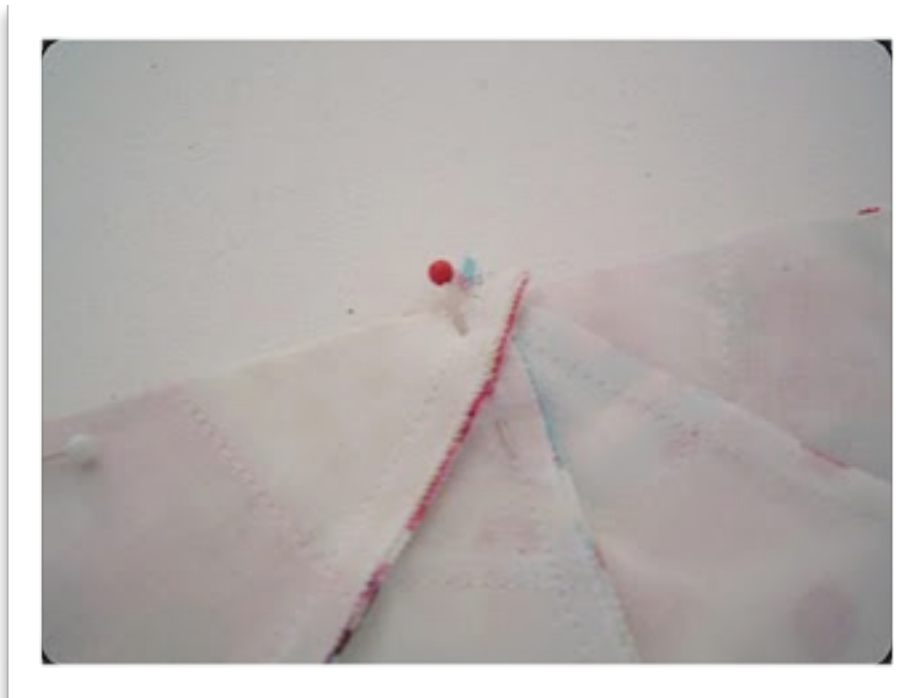


View from the back.



Step 16

Sew the 2 halves together.



Step 17

I've decided to make my star into a large octagonal cushion, so i'll be needing 8 fill in triangles.

Cut 2 - 12 1/2 inch squares.

Now cut them on the diagonal twice.



Step 18

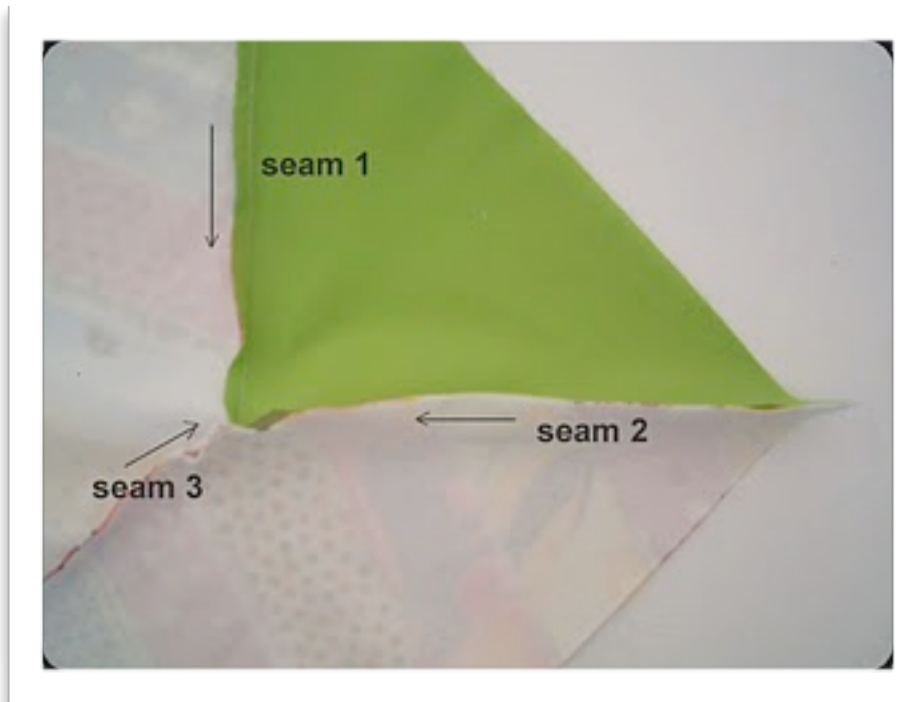
Place the triangles around the outer edge of the star as shown in the photo below, I'm liking that splashy lime green, it's making the star pop!



Step 19

Ok, time to sew those set in seams. in 3 easy steps we'll have those triangles sewn into place.

The photo below shows the order of sequence.



Step 20

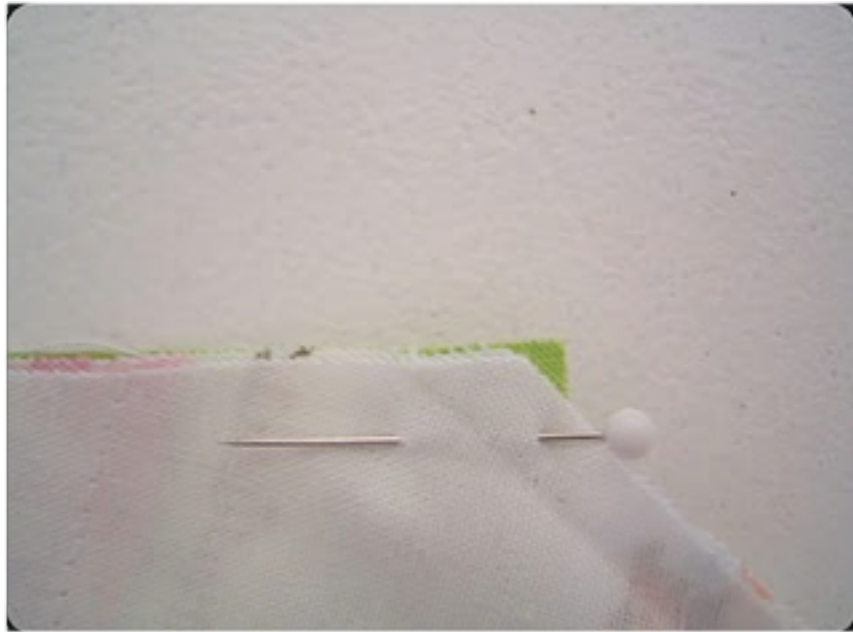
Unpick approximately an inch of the seam connecting two diamond segments.



Step 21

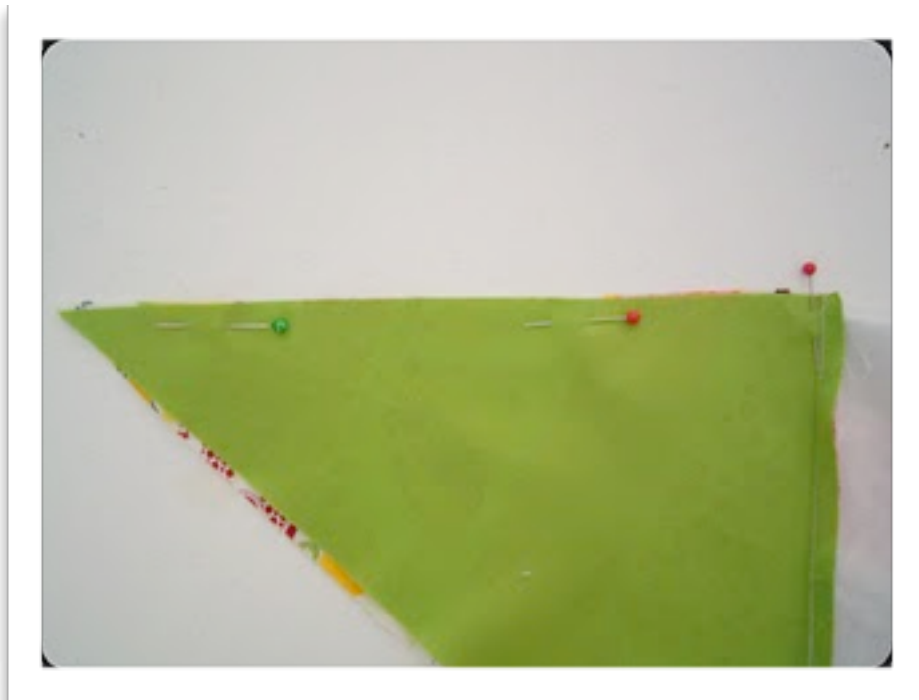
Sew seam 1. Begin stitching from the outer edge, inwards.

Ensure that there is a tiny triangle showing at the end of the seam.



Step 22

Sew seam 2. Once again begin stitching from the outer edge, inwards.



Stop stitching at the point shown in the photo below. make sure to backstitch.



Step 23

Sew seam 3. This time begin stitching, inward to outer edge. Stop stitching as shown in the photo below and make sure to backstitch again.



Back view.



Front view.

Nice one! it's really not that hard at all is it!



Continue to sew in the remaining triangles.

Make the panel up into a cushion, use it for the centre of a medallion quilt or what ever takes your fancy!