

Star Pillow

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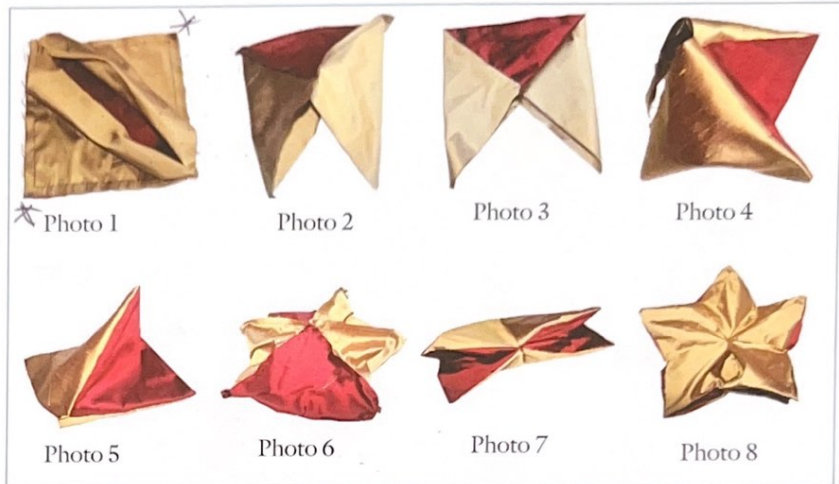


*- Points of star

My star pillow was born when Susan Schurz (web name: Tavern Hill Sue) posted a picture on the CHF website for a December decorating magazine questioning whether anybody thought it was a pillow. I decided to work up a pattern to see if it could become a pillow. It was trial and error getting the right sizes, but it turned into a beautiful star pillow. Here are the step-by-step directions and several creative, fun design variations.

FABRICATION

- 1) Cut fifteen 6" squares.
- 2) Lay two pieces with the right side together, stitch the top and the right side. *stop 1/2" from edges*
- 3) Stitch another piece to the bottom and the left side. *Do this to five sections. See Photos 1-4.*
- 4) Turn right side out. This will look like a puppet's mouth. *See Photo 5.*
- 5) Stitch two sections together along one raw edge. Looking at Photo 6, you will see where I attached the two pieces, stitching the gold sections together.
- 6) Photo 7 shows two sections stitched together. Continue stitching the other sections until all five are attached. On the last section, leave a small opening on the back for stuffing. See Photo 8.
- 7) Hand-stitch closed. Add a covered button or other embellishment to the center.



This pillow makes a wonderful Santa. He is complete with faux leather "boots," chenille "mittens," and a hat band.



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This pillow looks great with a simple bow embellishment. It can also be personalized as a mother's pillow by embroidering her name and her children's names on the points.

