



## Star Tutorial

You will need:

- ▶ 2 stitched stars (or 1 stitched star and another star with only the outline backstitch)



the front and the back of the star do not have exactly the same shape (some of the sides of the star are not quite straight, and the back is

designed to compensate for the front) – make sure that you follow the chart instructions.

- ▶ some polyester filling
- ▶ some matching ribbon (optional)
- ▶ some matching beads (optional)

Step 1 : getting ready.



Iron your stitched design and trim off any excess fabric: leave a thin hem at the tip of the branches of the star, and cut slits where the branches join up, cutting as close to the backstitch as possible (bearing in mind that if you cut too close, the fabric will fray).

Step 2 : putting it together.



Assemble the front and back sides of your star by stitching the backstitched borders together with a whip-stitch\*\*. You can add little beads to your seam to enhance it.

Keep stitching all around the star, until you have just 2 sides left to stitch.

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insert a little ribbon at the top).

Fill in your star, and with the help of a knitting needle (or any other long and thin item) ensure that the filling goes deep into all the branches of the star.

Stitch up the remaining 2 sides and stop your seam (unless you wish to attach your star by its top, in which case you can use the left-over floss to string beads, or

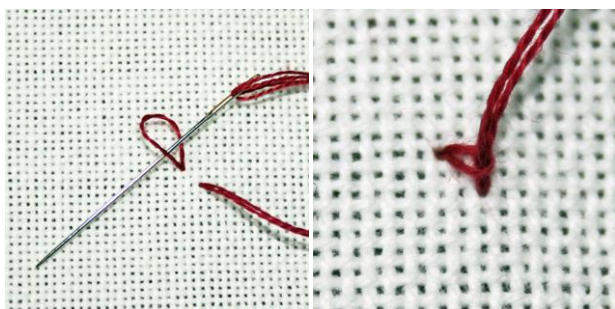
### Step 3 : adding the finishing touches.



You can leave your star as such, or you can add a little button or a bead in its centre.

If you didn't opt for the string/ribbon at the top of the star, you can stitch a large ribbon to the back of it. This will allow you to attach it to the top of your Christmas tree, for instance.

### Technical tips:



Start your first stitch, turn your fabric over so you're looking at the wrong side, and thread your needle through the loop to secure it. Pull to tighten (see the pictures above – note that the photos are showing the **wrong side** of the fabric).

#### \* Loop Method:

Use this method when you need the start of a seam to be as "invisible" as possible.

Take a longer length of thread than usual, and double it up. Thread your needle so that the loop is at the bottom of your length of thread.



#### \*\* Whip Stitch:

You can use this method to assemble 2 pieces of outlined fabric together. (The stitched pieces must have been outlined with backstitch prior to this.)

You can then stitch each pair of opposite backstitches together, as shown on the picture.

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