

Holiday Stars by Laura Murray

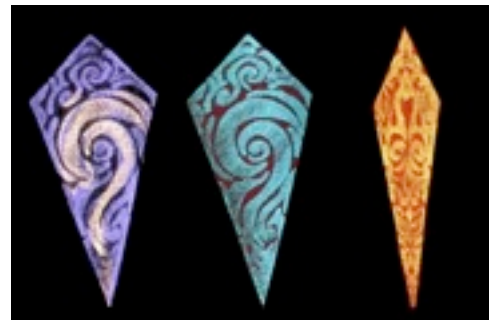


Supplies needed (for star shown)

- 1/4 yd each black or dark purple, dark cranberry, and bright red cotton fabric (or select dark, medium, light value colors of your choice)
- Shiva Artist's iridescent paintstiks– gold, purple, turquoise, and light gold (or choose your own colors)
- 9" square extra firm stabilizer such as Floriani Stitch N Shape or Pellon -- the type used for bowls and hat brims.
- StarBuilder Set of 4 stamps
- Double stick fusible web such as Steam-a-Seam 2 Lite
- Ribbon or yarn for hanging the stars
- **Optional:** Gold or silver metallic ric-rac, shiny buttons

Step 1 – Paint the shapes

- Paint four kite shapes with purple/gold on black fabric.
- Paint four contrasting kite shapes with turquoise on dark cranberry fabric.
- Paint four necktie shapes with light gold on bright red fabric.



Allow to dry for at least 24 hours for best results.

Step 2 – Apply fusible cut and cut out the shapes

- Apply fusible web to the wrong side of the painted fabric.
- Carefully cut around around the outer edges of the rubbed shapes.
- Remove the paper from each piece.



Step 3 – Prepare the Stabilizer Cut a 9" square of the stabilizer; use marking pencil to mark the center. Then, mark lines through the center to the outer edge of the fabric to create 8 equal wedges, similar to cutting a pie into 8 pieces,

Step 4- Assemble the star Begin in the center and press each shape onto the stabilizer by aligning the points directly over the orientation lines in the sequence shown below:



First layer



Second layer



Third layer

Step 5 - Fusing Fuse the star permanently to the stabilizer. Then, fuse a 9" square of backing fabric to the wrong side of star

Step 6 -Finishing



Cut out the star



Add ribbon hangars (or yarn). I used an awl to punch a hole for the ribbon; however, you could machine sew the hangars.



Decorate with gold trim, finish with satin stitches, or use other pretty stitches as desired. Sew a shiny button to the center -- play with the possibilities!.



Now that you know the technique, create your own stars designs and bring cheer to the holidays with these one-of-kind sensations!

