

## EIGHT-POINTED STAR TABLE CENTRE

Pattern for a table centre with eight equal points.  
Size approximately 19" across, other size options included.



Several times I have come across an eight-pointed star shaped table centre; however, I have not been able to find written instructions for it. So when I decided to make a table centre myself using my own measurements and appliqué design, I thought it would be a great opportunity to make a pattern for it at the same time. So here it is!

At the bottom of this pattern you will find a table of measurements for different sized eight-pointed stars. Wouldn't it be nice to make star shaped coasters or mug rugs to go with a table centre?! Or maybe a bigger table centre for more impact?! I'd love to see what you're making!

Share your project, or send comments to: [sewofcourse\[at\]gmail\[dot\]com](mailto:sewofcourse[at]gmail[dot]com)

## Materials:

- 1 square (**large square**) 14" background fabric
- 2 squares (**small squares**) 4  $\frac{3}{4}$ " background fabric, cut in half diagonally
- scraps of contrasting fabric(s) for appliqué
- low loft wadding 20" square
- 2 pieces 20"x12" backing fabric
- small amount of iron-on fusible web (Bondaweb or similar) for appliqué

## Instructions:

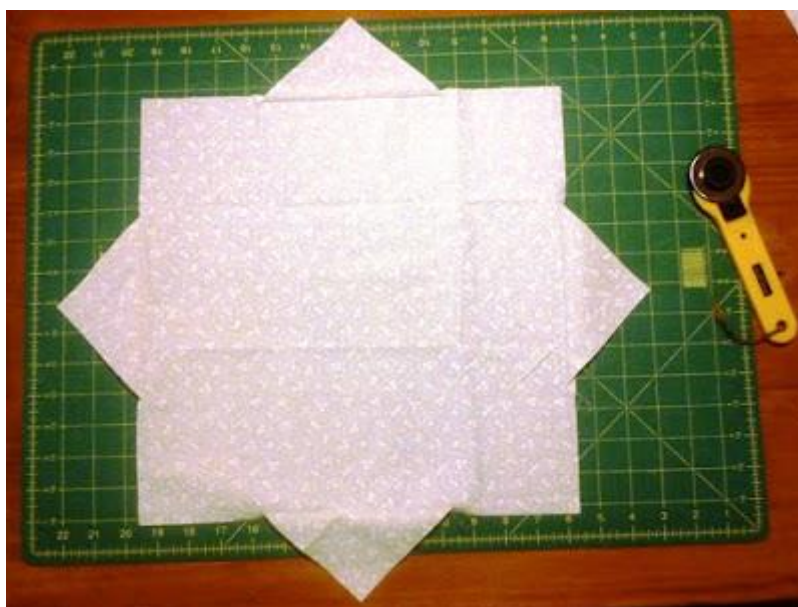
### Piecing

- Use a seam allowance of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless indicated otherwise -

Mark the middle of the longest side of each triangle by pinching a crease, or making a small mark at the very edge (so it will disappear in the seam allowance). Also mark the middle of each side of the 14" square piece.

Line up a triangle in the middle of one side of the 14" square, matching the marks, and right sides together. Pin in place, and sew. Repeat to sew a triangle on each side of the square.

Press the seam allowances out towards the triangles.



## Appliqué

Draw several sizes circles on the *paper side* of the fusible web, I used a 5" circle for the middle, and 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and 2" circles for the other baubles. Cut out with an extra margin around the circles. Iron the shapes to the bauble fabrics and cut on the drawn lines. Remove the paper and lay out the baubles in a pleasing arrangement.

*- Of course, you can use any appliqué shapes you fancy! Alternatively, use a print for the eight-pointed star, and don't use appliqué at all -*

TIP: If using fusible web with asymmetrical appliqué shapes, remember to mirror your image!

When you are pleased with your arrangement, iron the baubles in place according to the instructions with your fusible web.

## Stitching the Appliqué and Quilting

Layer your eight-pointed top onto the piece of wadding, pin or tack (baste) to secure, and stitch the baubles through the layers in place. Use a decorative stitch and contrasting (or coordinating if preferred) thread.



Trim the wadding level with the eight-pointed top.

## Backing

Lay the two backing pieces right side facing. Join together along one long edge. Start with a regular stitch for a few inches, then backstitch a few stitches. Lengthen your stitch and stitch the centre section of the seam (this "long stitch" section will be unpicked later to turn the star right side out). Then shorten your stitch back to regular size again, take a few backstitches, and finish sewing the seam.

\*adjust the length of the centre "long stitch" section if making a different size.

Iron the seam allowance to one side.

Lay the backing face up. Place the quilted eight-pointed top face down on top. Pin all the way around.

Sew the layers together *all the way around* with a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam, pivoting with the needle down at each point and corner.

Trim the backing to the eight-pointed shape, level with the top. At the points, trim the wadding back to the stitching line, be careful not to cut the stitching. Trim the points of the backing and top fabrics shorter, too.

Snip the inside corners to just before the stitching line.



Rip the large stitches in the middle of the centre seam of the backing, leaving the small stitches closer to the ends in place. Turn the eight-pointed shape through the opening, poke out the points gently.



Slip stitch the back seam closed.



### Finishing

Iron the outside edges for a crisp finish. Add decorative stitching through all the layers as you wish. I added a "hanging" string and a little bow to each bauble at this stage, but this can also be done before adding the backing for a cleaner finish on the back.



## Sizes:

Here are some alternative measurements that can be used for an eight pointed star with this method. Cut your fabric to these sizes:

1x  large square	2x  small squares	Final Size approx.
4"	1 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	5"
5"	2 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	6"
6"	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
7"	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	9"
8"	3"	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
9"	3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	12"
10"	3 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	13"
12"	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	16"
14"	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	19"
16"	5 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	22"
18"	6"	24 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
20"	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	27 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
24"	7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	33"
30"	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	41 $\frac{1}{2}$ "