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SKY Star Pillow

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Pattern using SKY Ombre and Kona White

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Skill Level – Beginner

Size -24" x 24"

Materials - 1 FQ white for star. 1 yd favorite SKY Ombre, 1 yd backing, 24" square Fairfield pillow form, 27" square Quilters Dream Cotton Request batting



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CUT

White: (8) 2 ¼" squares

(1) 4" square

SKY: 2 strips 4" x WOF. Subcut (8) 4" x 10 ½" rectangles

2 strips 10 ½" x WOF. Subcut (6) 10 ½" squares. Pick favorite areas to cut out, put aside remaining scraps.

Backing: cut (2) 24" squares

DESIGN

Lay out large squares, rectangles and small center square. Take time to play with how rectangle bars and large squares work together. Ombres offer so many options that it's worth exploring a variety of layouts, take photos and choose favorite.





SEW

Preparing star points

1. Lightly fold small square and fingerpress a diagonal crease line from corner to corner. Or draw a line with your favorite erasable fabric marker. Repeat for all 8 squares.
2. With right sides together, place a square on the short end of the 4 ½" x 10" rectangle.
3. Sew directly on the crease line and press open. Repeat on other side and press open.
4. Repeat steps 1-3 to complete all four sides of star.



BLOCK CONSTRUCTION

1. Layout with 10 ½" square in each corner and piece the top 3 units together, then piece the middle 3 units together, then piece the bottom 3 units together. Then, sew each combined unit together to make the star pillow top. Sew units together carefully and take care where point is and sew hair from seam to get crisp star points when pressed open.
2. Look carefully where the tips intersect- it is important that they occur ¼" in from unfinished edge.

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FINISHING

Make quilt sandwich with star top, batting and muslin back. Mark your diagonal quilting lines in a few areas to establish your diagonal quilting lines. Pin baste and quilt the star. Jennifer used a variegated Aurifil 12 weight thread to compliment the SKY Ombre in Storm.



Envelope Back: Fold 6" back on both sides of square and layer so envelope will overlap 12". Stitch right sides together with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Clip all four corners at a diagonal to reduce corner bulk. Turn right side out and insert 24" pillow form.



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