

TIP of the MONTH
From Emilie

Don't wait until you're about to leave on a trip to gather supplies for portable quilting projects.

Plan ahead. Quart-sized ziplocks are perfect for a variety of sewing supplies, including small, sharp scissors. Fill one and keep it handy.

For projects, pre-cut applique pieces, and fold into your background block. You can fit several in a bag. Use yo-yos? Cut circles and fill another. Paper piecing? Do the same and add paper patterns. This way, you can toss your sewing supplies bag and as many additional as you prefer into your suitcase with no last minute fuss.

See the General Directions document for how to apply the stocking to the background

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Based on Emilie's book 'Sisters Choice'

Cut each stocking
Background 7½" x 9½"

Block 12 -

RAGGEDY TRAPUNTO: STARS AND MITTENS

No sewing machine with me, this month, so here's a simple hand-sewing project option with room for creativity.

Trace star and/or mitten patterns on the right side of applique fabric with a light line (chalk or pencil), or use any "cookie cutter" pattern of your choice.

For the mitten, flip one if you like so you have a right and left. Cut out, leaving 1/4" to 1/2" around edge.

Position stars or mittens on your plain stocking background. Using embroidery floss, backstitch along pencil seam line. Stop in time to stuff a bit of batting or cotton ball inside your shape, then continue backstitching until you've gone all the way around.

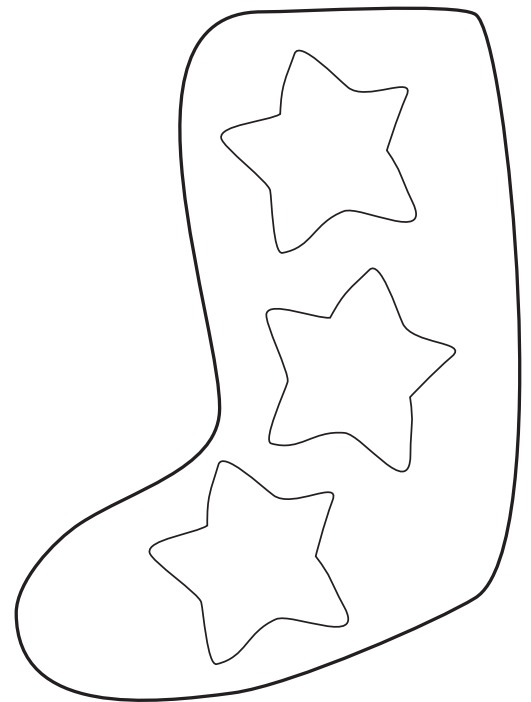
You can backstitch a line with loops between mittens for added interest.

Continue the raggedy theme, if you like, by cutting a fringed strip of the same or contrasting applique fabric to add to the top, backstitching along top edge of fringe.

Have fun send photos.. it's the last block!

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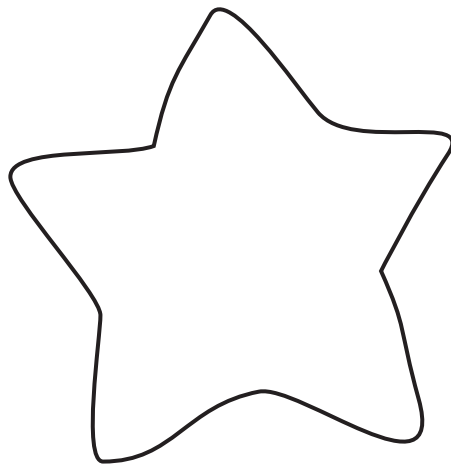
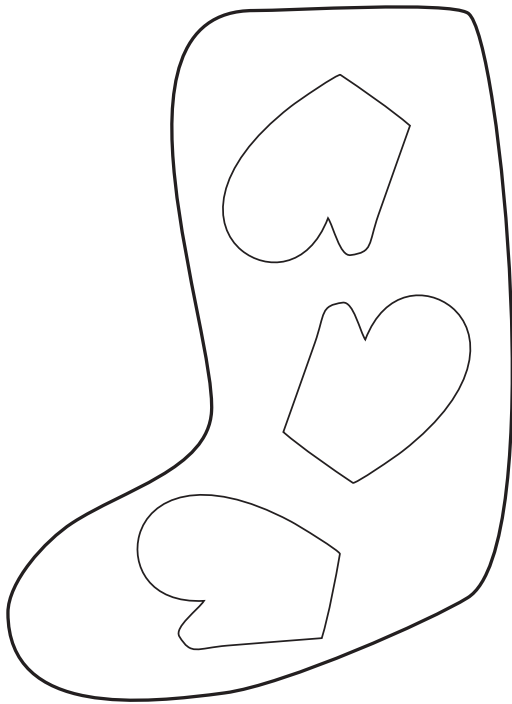
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