

## WOVEN STAR ORNAMENTS

Whip up a batch of these fun, no-sew ornaments for your holiday decor!

## INSTRUCTIONS

From each of 4 fabrics, cut (1) 31/2" x 14" rectangle (4 total).

Fold each rectangle in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. Reopen and fold each long raw edge in to crease, wrong sides together; press (Figure A). Refold entire strip in half along first crease and press with steam or starch. Fold strip in half like a V, bringing short ends together, and press fold.

Notes: After each fold following, press throroughly. Strips are designated with a number for clarity; all the strips are the same size, so it doesn't matter which you use as Strip 1, Strip 2, etc. As you work, tighten star as much as possible without puckering fabric

Place folded Strip 1 inside the "V" of folded Strip 2, so strips are perpendicular, with Strip 2 about halfway down Strip 1, and fold of Strip 1 at top (Fig. B).

Place Strip 3 around Strip 2 in the same way, then Strip 4 around Strip 3. Tuck the ends of Strip 4 inside Strip 1 fold so that all strips are connected (Fig. C). (Note: for a neat finish, all open long sides of strips should be in towards center opening.) Tighten all strips so that center square space closes (Fig. D).

Fold top strip in Strip 4 "V" back over center square (Fig. E). Fold top strip in Strip 3 "V" back over center square, and over Strip 4. Continue around the circle, ending by folding & tucking top strip in Strip 1 "V" under Strip 4 (Fig. F).

Locate the 4 strips sticking out **under a contrasting strip** (they have a star in Fig. F). With each of these 4 strips: fold strip under at a 45° angle, away from center (Fig. G), then over at another 45° angle to make a triangle point (Fig. H). Fold triangle point in half towards center (Fig. I) to form star point. If necessary, trim raw edge to be a little shorter than adjoining contrast strip (Fig. I). Tuck raw edge of star point strip under contrast strip to secure. (Fig. J, shows all 4 points completed.)

Turn star over. Repeat point process with remaining 4 strips.

With needle, sew a 10" piece of embroidery floss through star in between two points. Knot floss down to star, then tie ends together to create hanging loop.

