

★ Starry Nativity Wrap – Art Quilt Tutorial ★

Create a Fabric Art Quilt with Appliqué, Curves & Layering



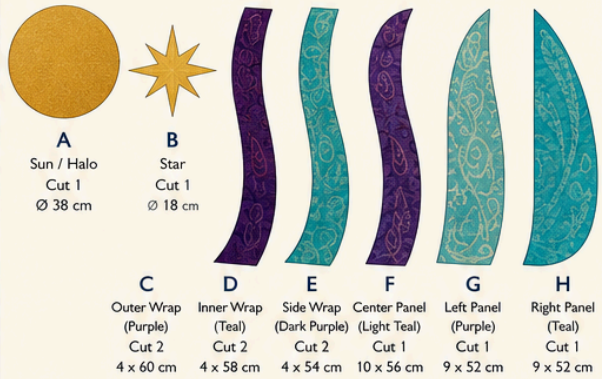
1. MATERIALS

- 100% cotton quilting fabrics (various colors)
- Fusible web (lightweight)
- Batting (100% cotton)
- Backing fabric
- Coordinating thread
- Fabric glue (optional)
- Quilting ruler, rotary cutter, self-healing mat
- Sewing machine with adjustable stitch length
- Iron and ironing board
- Appliqué scissors

2. FINISHED SIZE



3. PATTERN & CUTTING GUIDE (All measurements include 0.7 cm seam allowance)



4. STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1 Prepare & Cut



Wash, dry and iron all fabrics. Trace pattern pieces and cut fabrics according to the cutting guide above.

2 Fuse



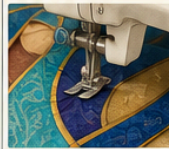
Fuse the wrong side of each appliqué piece with lightweight fusible web following the manufacturer's instructions.

3 Arrange



Place all pieces on the background (A) to preview the composition. Adjust placement for balance and harmony.

4 Appliqué



Appliqué each piece to the background using your preferred method (see methods below).

5 Add the Star



Appliqué the star (B) on the upper right, overlapping the halo. Secure all edges.

6 Craft the Quilt Sandwich



Layer backing fabric (right side down), batting, and quilt top (right side up). Baste all layers together.

7 Quilt



Quilt around the halo, star, and figures. Add echo quilting or stippling in the background and motifs inside the wraps.

8 Bind

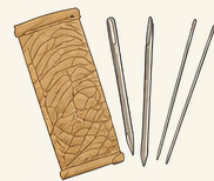


Trim excess batting and backing. Bind the edges with 6.5 cm binding strips, mitering corners neatly.

9. Finished!



- Use a small stitch length (2.0–2.5 mm) for appliqué.
- Use matching or coordinating thread.
- Press as you go to keep your work flat.
- Quilting ideas: echo lines, feathers, swirls, stars, or meanders.



5. APPLIQUÉ METHODS (Choose Your Favorite)

A. FUSIBLE APPLIQUÉ



- Fuse pieces to the background.
- Appliqué with a straight stitch or decorative stitch.

B. TURNED EDGE APPLIQUÉ



- Turn under 0.3–0.5 cm seam allowance.
- Gloss-stitch the edge in place with a blind stitch.

C. RAW EDGE APPLIQUÉ



- Leave raw edges.
- Use a zigzag or satin stitch to secure.

6. COLOR SUGGESTION



Adjust colors to match your style!

CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Hand wash or machine wash gentle cycle.
- Use mild detergent.
- Do not bleach.
- Air dry or tumble dry low.
- Iron on low heat.

7. USEFUL SEWING & QUILTING METHODS (USA)



Handmade with love, faith, and fabric.

Happy Quilting!

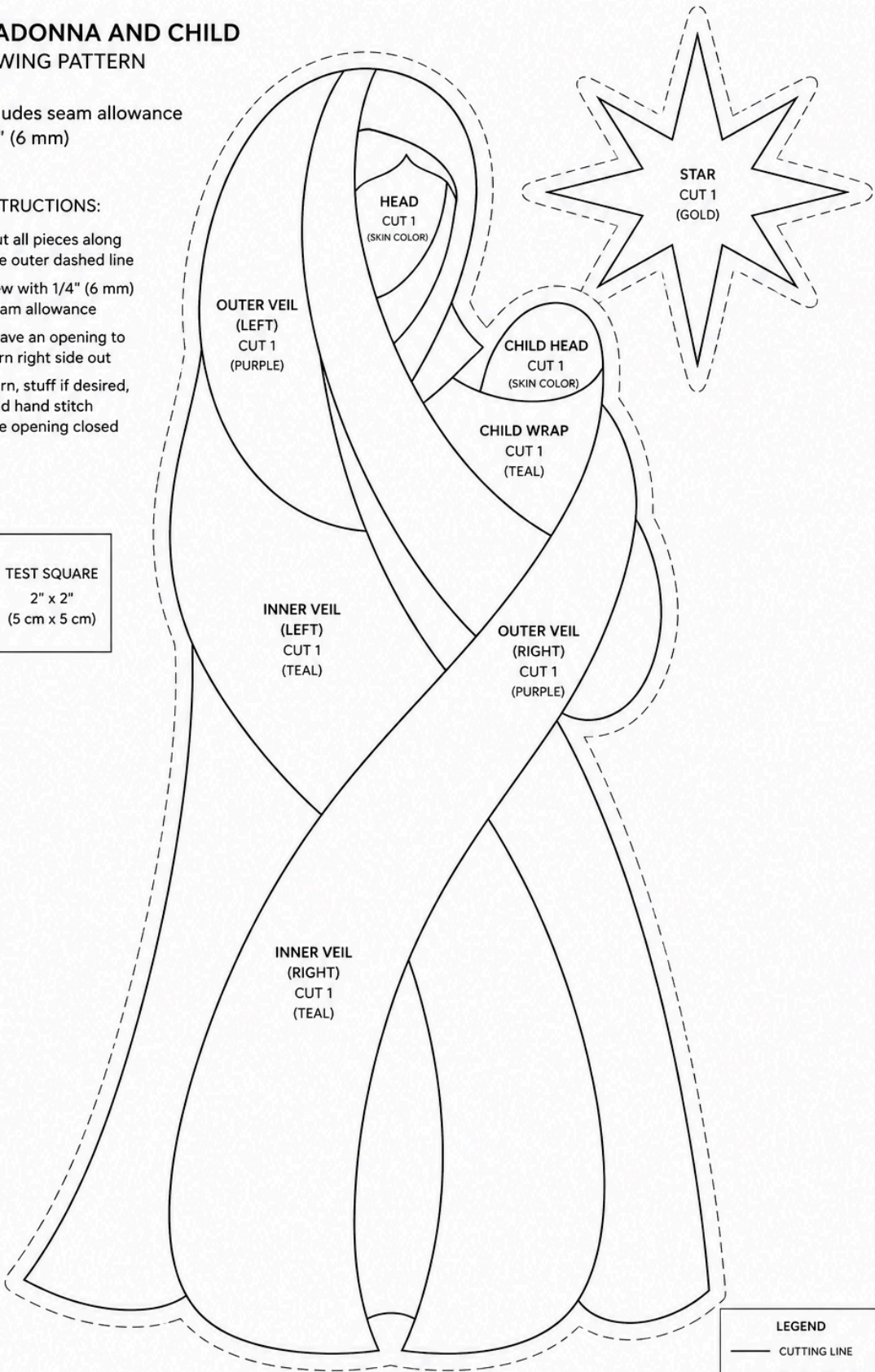
MADONNA AND CHILD SEWING PATTERN

Includes seam allowance
1/4" (6 mm)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Cut all pieces along the outer dashed line
- Sew with 1/4" (6 mm) seam allowance
- Leave an opening to turn right side out
- Turn, stuff if desired, and hand stitch the opening closed

TEST SQUARE
2" x 2"
(5 cm x 5 cm)



LEGEND
— CUTTING LINE
- - - SEAM ALLOWANCE
(1/4" / 6 mm)

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Starry Nativity Wrap – Art Quilt Tutorial

Create a beautiful Starry Nativity Wrap Art Quilt using appliqué, layered fabrics, gentle curves, and decorative quilting. This project is designed for confident beginners through experienced quilters and follows the same construction process shown in the tutorial chart. Every measurement, cutting instruction, and assembly step has been expanded into a detailed guide so you can confidently complete the quilt from start to finish.

The finished quilt measures approximately 40 cm × 60 cm (16" × 24"), making it a perfect wall hanging, seasonal decoration, or meaningful handmade gift.

Materials You'll Need

Before starting, gather all of your supplies.

Fabrics

- **100% Cotton quilting fabric**
- **Gold fabric for the halo**
- **Gold fabric for the star**
- **Light teal print**
- **Medium teal print**
- **Dark teal print**
- **Purple print**
- **Dark purple print**
- **Coordinating background fabric**
- **Backing fabric**

Batting

- **100% Cotton batting**

Fusible Supplies

- **Lightweight fusible web**
- **Fabric glue (optional)**

Sewing Supplies

- **Sewing machine**
- **Open toe appliqué foot (recommended)**
- **Universal needle (80/12)**
- **Matching thread**
- **Small embroidery scissors**
- **Rotary cutter**
- **Self-healing cutting mat**
- **Acrylic quilting ruler**
- **Iron**
- **Ironing board**
- **Fabric marking pen or chalk**
- **Pins or quilting clips**

Finished Size

The completed quilt measures:

- **Width: 40 cm (approximately 16 inches)**
- **Height: 60 cm (approximately 24 inches)**

All pattern pieces already include a 0.7 cm (1/4") seam allowance, so no additional seam allowance needs to be added.

Pattern Pieces and Cutting Guide

Cut the following pieces.

Piece A – Halo

- Cut 1
- Circle
- Diameter: 38 cm

Piece B – Star

- Cut 1
- Diameter: 18 cm

Piece C – Outer Wrap (Purple)

- Cut 2
- Size: 4 × 60 cm

Piece D – Inner Wrap (Teal)

- Cut 2
- Size: 4 × 58 cm

Piece E – Side Wrap (Dark Purple)

- Cut 2
- Size: 4 × 54 cm

Piece F – Center Panel (Light Teal)

- Cut 1
- Size: 10 × 56 cm

Piece G – Left Panel (Purple)

- Cut 1
- Size: 9 × 52 cm

Piece H – Right Panel (Teal)

- **Cut 1**
- **Size: 9 × 52 cm**

Transfer every pattern onto the paper side of your fusible web before cutting your fabrics.

Step 1 – Prepare Your Fabrics 🧺

Always begin with clean fabric.

Wash, dry, and press every fabric before cutting.

Prewashing removes excess dye, prevents shrinking, and gives more accurate measurements.

Iron each fabric completely flat before tracing the pattern pieces.

Smooth fabric is much easier to cut accurately.

Step 2 – Trace and Cut Every Pattern Piece 🖋️

Place the fusible web paper-side up.

Trace every pattern piece carefully.

Label each piece with its corresponding letter.

Remember to reverse any pieces that need to be mirrored before tracing.

Iron the fusible web onto the wrong side of each fabric according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Allow the fabric to cool completely.

Then cut directly on the traced lines.

Keep every piece organized by letter.

Step 3 – Prepare the Background

Cut your background fabric slightly larger than the finished size.

This gives room for quilting and trimming later.

Lightly press the background fabric.

Locate the center by folding it vertically and horizontally.

Mark the center with removable fabric chalk.

These reference lines will help position every appliqué piece accurately.

Step 4 – Position the Halo

Place Piece A in the center of the background.

The halo should sit high enough to leave room for the flowing wraps underneath.

Do not permanently fuse until you're satisfied with the placement.

Make sure it appears centered both vertically and horizontally.

Once positioned correctly, lightly press it into place.

Step 5 – Arrange the Fabric Wraps

Now begin building the flowing wrapped design.

Start with the largest center pieces.

Layer Piece F first.

Next position Pieces G and H.

Continue adding Pieces C, D, and E one layer at a time.

Allow each strip to overlap naturally.

The overlapping creates the illusion of folded fabric.

Stand back occasionally to evaluate the overall balance.

Adjust as needed before permanently fusing.

Step 6 – Add the Star ✨

Place Piece B in the upper right corner.

Allow one point of the star to slightly overlap the halo.

This creates depth and visual interest.

Make sure the star does not extend beyond the quilt edges.

Fuse it into place.

Step 7 – Fuse the Entire Design 🔥

Once you're satisfied with the arrangement, permanently fuse every appliqué piece.

Follow the fusible web manufacturer's pressing instructions.

Avoid sliding the iron.

Instead, press straight down for several seconds.

Work slowly from the center outward.

Allow everything to cool before moving the quilt.

Check every edge.

Re-press any loose sections.

Step 8 – Stitch the Appliqué

Now secure every appliqué piece permanently.

Several stitching options work beautifully.

Straight Stitch

Ideal for modern quilts.

Sew approximately 2–3 mm from every raw edge.

Blanket Stitch

Creates a traditional handmade appearance.

This stitch adds decorative detail while securing the edges.

Zigzag Stitch

A durable option that provides excellent edge coverage.

Satin Stitch

Creates a bold decorative finish.

Use a narrow width and short stitch length.

A stitch length between 2.0 mm and 2.5 mm works especially well for most appliqué.

Take your time around curves.

Lower the needle frequently and pivot the fabric for smooth stitching.

Step 9 – Build the Quilt Sandwich

Layer the quilt as follows:

- 1. Backing fabric (right side down)**
- 2. Cotton batting**
- 3. Quilt top (right side up)**

Smooth each layer carefully.

Remove wrinkles.

Use quilting safety pins or spray basting adhesive.

Begin basting from the center and work outward.

A smooth quilt sandwich produces much better quilting results.

Step 10 – Quilt the Design

Quilting adds texture while holding all three layers together.

Begin quilting near the center.

Then gradually work toward the outer edges.

Suggested quilting designs include:

- Echo quilting around the figure**
- Curved lines following the wraps**
- Swirls**
- Feathers**

- Stars
- Meandering quilting
- Pebble quilting inside the halo

Keep your quilting evenly spaced.

Take breaks to reposition the quilt if needed.

Step 11 – Trim the Quilt

After quilting is complete, trim away the excess batting and backing.

Use a long acrylic ruler.

Square every corner carefully.

Accurate trimming makes binding much easier.

Step 12 – Prepare the Binding

Cut binding strips 6.5 cm (2½") wide.

Join the strips with diagonal seams.

Press the seams open.

Fold the binding in half lengthwise.

Press well.

Attach the binding to the front of the quilt.

Miter each corner.

Wrap the binding to the back.

Hand stitch or machine stitch it in place.

Choosing Fabric Colors 🎨

The original design uses a rich palette inspired by the night sky.

Suggested colors include:

- **Deep Purple**
- **Royal Purple**
- **Light Teal**
- **Aqua**
- **Dark Teal**
- **Navy Blue**
- **Metallic Gold**
- **Warm Mustard Gold**

These colors create beautiful contrast while emphasizing the flowing wrapped design.

Feel free to personalize your quilt with holiday fabrics, batiks, or subtle tone-on-tone prints.

Care Instructions 🧺

To keep your quilt beautiful for years:

- **Machine wash on the gentle cycle or hand wash.**
- **Use cold water.**
- **Wash with mild detergent.**
- **Do not bleach.**
- **Air dry whenever possible.**
- **Tumble dry on low if necessary.**

- Press on low heat.
- Store away from direct sunlight to preserve fabric colors.

Helpful Tips for Success

- Read through the entire tutorial before beginning.
- Organize all pattern pieces before fusing.
- Test stitch settings on fabric scraps first.
- Use matching thread whenever possible.
- Press often throughout the project.
- Replace rotary blades regularly for cleaner cuts.
- Keep appliqué scissors nearby for trimming loose threads.
- Take your time around curved sections.
- Step back occasionally to check the overall composition before fusing permanently.

Finished Project

Congratulations!

You have completed your Starry Nativity Wrap Art Quilt. This elegant wall hanging combines layered appliqué, graceful curves, decorative quilting, and rich fabric textures to create a striking piece of fabric art. Whether displayed during the holiday season or year-round, it showcases both craftsmanship and creativity.

With the techniques learned in this project, you'll also be able to create your own custom art quilts using the same layered appliqué process, opening the door to countless future designs. Happy quilting! 