

Color Expoloration - Ohio Stars



Students will use 4 strips of 3 colors. First they will make a checkerboard. Two extra seams and cuts and they will have enough star points to produce two blocks. The accent and background fabrics will swap places in the blocks. **YOU NEVER SEW TRIANGLES.**

This is an exploration with color and fabric choices.

You will use color in ways you might not normally choose.



Fabric Supplies for Class:

Bring a lot of fabric !!!!!

One easy way to choose fabric is to work with a theme: Christmas, Fourth of July, Flowers, Fruit, Sports prints, Music, Farm Animals etc. Another option is to work with favorite colors: red, white, and blue (for example). Still another option is to find a fabric you really like that contains a variety of colors: and pull out all of the colors you can find in that fabric.

Once you've picked your theme or colors you need a lot of variety:

** Lights, mediums and darks- (there should be a range: can you find lights, mediums, and darks in your selection of light? in your selections of mediums? etc.)

** Variety in type of print: geometrics, stripes, small prints vs. large, fabric that "reads" like a solid, plaids, solids, checks.

** If working with a theme or holiday-lots of fabric that is not your theme. Example: If using red and green Christmas fabrics not all your fabrics should be Christmas-bring all the reds and other greens you have.

** Vary the shades in your colors:
Example: If using red, white, and blue bring lots of different shades of each color.

** Use white:-bring white on white, tans creme, off-white.

Amount of Fabric: ***Each set of two Ohio Stars requires the following:**

- * Star Fabric - 2 strips, 3" X 13"
- * Background Fabric - 1 strip, 3" X 13" plus extr fabric to cut squares (approx. 4" X 16") do not cut ahead of time.
- * Accent Fabric - 1 strip, 3" X 13" plus extr fabric to cut squares (approx. 4" X 16") do not cut ahead of time.
- * Center Square approx. 4" x 4" do not cut ahead-can bring fabrics you like that are only big enough to make a center square.

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Fabric - Lots of variety
Not necessary to cut ahead of time

Spray Starch (I prefer off brands like Walgreens)
Terry Cloth Bath Towel
Sewing Machine (good working order, threaded, new needle)
2 - Bobbins filled with neutral thread
Good size mat (panels are 20" x approx. 14")
6" x 24" Gridded Ruler (6 inch is better than 6 1/2 if you have)
6 1/2 inch square helpful

Rotary Cutter
Straight Pins
Ironing set-up (1 for every 2 students)
Chocolate, water, snacks

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