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PATCHWORK CHRISTMAS STOCKING

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In 1992, I took this class from our own Margie Fisher. I was so excited because it was the first project that I made myself from start to finished product. I remember it was October and my youngest son, Sam, was 2 years old. His was the stocking I made in class. I then went on to make four more for the other members of my family in time for Christmas that year! I hadn't made another one since. This year, when my oldest son, Daniel, got married, I searched through my patterns to find this trusty stocking and made one for my new daughter-in-law. When I mentioned to Margie that she should resurrect this project, she graciously put "the ball" back in my "court" and said "You go ahead and teach it". Well, okay. Here we go. The following directions are taken from Margie, with my own tips added in.

This is a great scrap project, as we will be working with 2" x 5" strips and 2" squares for the body of the quilt. You can easily use a charm pack, or get out your box of Christmas fabrics and scraps. The cuff can be a novelty fabric, or personalized in some way by cross-stitch on aida cloth or with fabric paints, embroidery etc.

Supplies:

- Top Cuff: Cut one 4 1/2" x 7 1/2" (this can be your inspiration or a compliment)
- Cuff Borders: Cut two 1 1/2" x 7 1/2"
- Back: 3/8 yard or a scrap piece, (at least 13" x 23")
- Lining: 3/8 yard contrasting print
- Batting: 3/8 yard Pellon Fusible Fleece
- Walking Foot (in addition to your Piecing Foot)
- Black Sharpie Pen
- Template plastic
- Complimentary or contrasting thread to topstitch your Stocking
- Good fabric cutting scissors (Mine were dull and I had to use pinking shears)

Also:

Sewing machine in good working order (pedal, cords)
Rotary cutter, rulers (6" x 12" is fine), rotary mat
Scissors, pins, seam ripper, thread

In order to finish this project in one session, some of the prep work can be done beforehand, at home:

1. With your rotary mat and ruler, cut 30 scrap strips 2" x 5".
2. Pair these up and sew into 15 strip sets.
3. Press the seams lightly to one side. (You will probably need to re-press some of the seams when you sew these into rows in a later step)
4. Cut each set apart into two 2" x 3 1/2" pairs as shown below. You will have 30 pairs.
5. Also cut 6 or 8 extra 2" squares.
6. If your plan to personalize your cuff in some way, have it ready before class. The piece should measure 4 1/2" x 7 1/2".

