HOW TO MAKE CLOTH HEARTS & STARS TO FILL A BUCKET

Makes enough to fill a medium, six inch bucket.

Materials you will need:
- 1 yard of brightly patterned fabric.
- 1 yard of rainbow patterned fabric.
- 1 package of quilter’s fusible batting (low loft, crib size).
- Black thread.
- Non-staining fabric marker for outlining the hearts and stars on your fabric.
- Cardboard to make your templates.

Instructions:
- Pre-wash fabric.
- Iron fabric.
- Sandwich the batting between your two pieces of fabric, one pattern on each side, making sure that the right sides are facing out.
- Iron the three pieces together using the recommended heat setting.
- Place the cardboard templates you will make, using the two patterns on pages 2 and 3, on the fabric and draw around them, leaving enough space between each heart and star to allow you to cut outside your stitching.
- Machine stitch using the directions below. Begin at the upper point of the star and follow the arrows on the diagram below, turning your work so that you will have one continuous thread. (Suggestion: To avoid back-stitching, leave enough bobbin and needle thread so that you can tie a knot. Thread a needle with both threads and insert the needle between the fabric, pulling slightly before you snip off the threads.)
- Trim each heart and star outside the stitching.

Note: The hearts and stars may be washed. Put them in a new bag and wash on a delicate setting using cold water. Tumble dry on low heat.
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