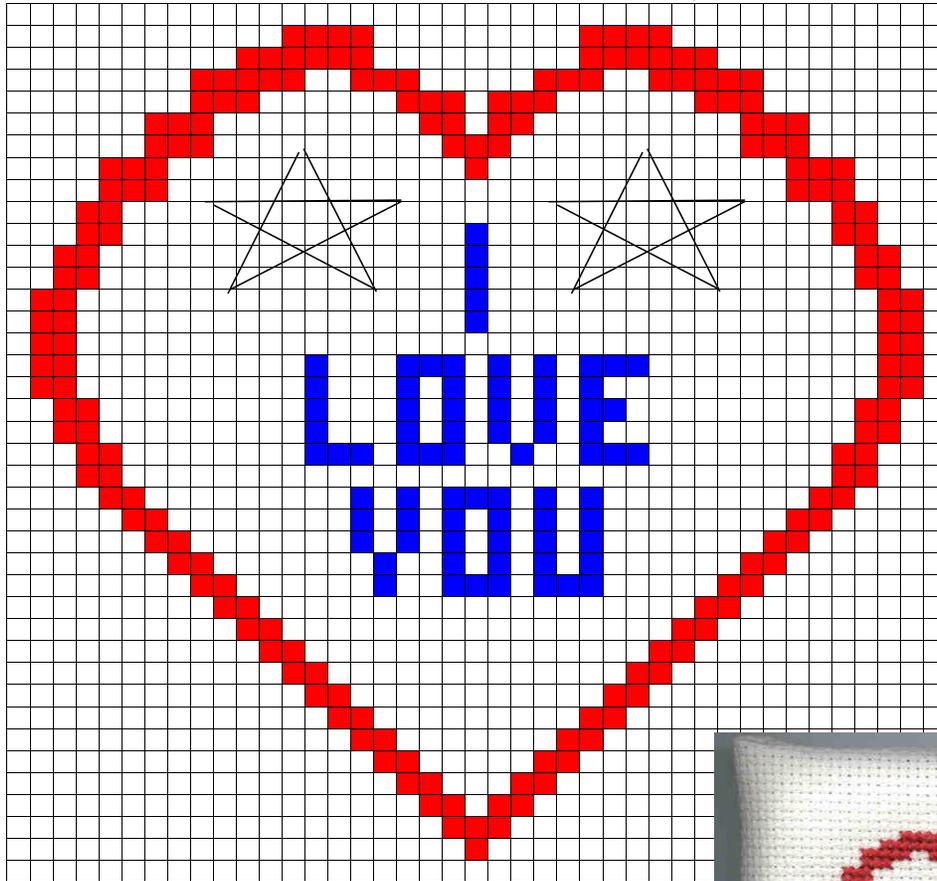
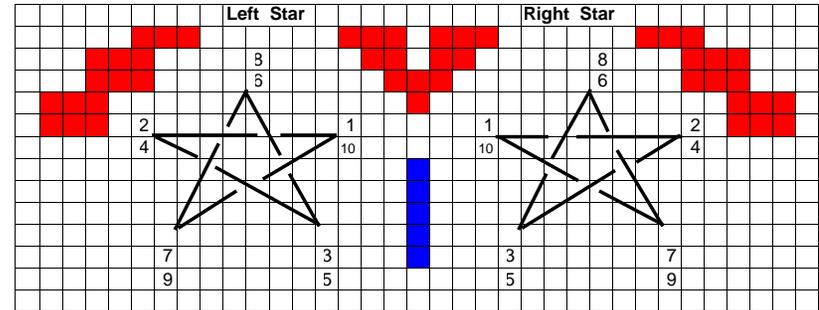


**Soldier Family Kissing Pillow; Yellow Rose Chapter
of The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc.**



Star Diagrams



Begin and end each star by running your thread through the "I" of I Love You.

- 1) 1 to 2
- 2) 3 to 4
- 3) 5 to 6
- 4) 7 to 8, going over the 3/4 line and under the 1/2 line
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14 Ct. White Aida (6" X 6")
 Blue is DMC 797
 Red is DMC 321
 White is DMC Blanc
 Stitched Design is 2 7/8" wide by 2 3/4" high
 Finished Pillow is 4" wide by 4" high
 Heart and Lettering: Use 3 ply
 Stars: Using 1 ply each of red, white and blue DMC, stitch long stitches from point to point.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR STITCHING SOLDIER KISSING PILLOWS:

1. Measure and mark 9 squares from each side of the heart and 9 squares from the top and bottom of the heart. Use the heart as your guide, not the center of the fabric or the edges of the fabric.
2. Cut backing 5” square. Place backing (patriotic) fabric, right side to right side of stitched piece. **SQUARE IT UP** using the aida lines. Even if the backing fabric is straighter than the aida, it will look crooked, you **HAVE** to line it up along the aida lines.
3. Pin and trim aida to fit.
4. Stitch around all 4 edges, using a 1/2 inch (7 squares) seam allowance (you will want to stitch in the ditch of the aida), and leaving an open space of 1 1/2 to 2 inches in which to put stuffing. You will want the finished pillow to be close to 4” square.
5. Trim edges, cutting across corners so turning is easier. Iron. Turn right side out. You may need to iron again.
6. Lightly stuff; pillow should be fluffy and squishy, not hard and bouncy.
7. Close open space using blind stitching.

PACKAGING INSTRUCTIONS:

Place pillow in a clear plastic sandwich bag. Seal.

Print “Information Slip” on colored paper (Yellow Rose uses yellow, but your chapter can use whatever bright color you wish). We print 4 slips on one page and cut the slips 3 1/2” wide by 4 3/4” high.

Staple the “Information Slip” on top of bag.

We deliver the pillows in cardboard file boxes that I line with white tissue. You can get about 60 pillows in one file box. It makes an easy-to-transport box and a nice presentation.

OTHER FACTS:

We are generous with our fibers:

One bag of thread will easily stitch 1 1/2 hearts by the experienced stitcher, but we provide more than enough for those who are not so experienced. It does not go to waste, as the thread simply gets used up on another heart.

1 Bag of Fibers:

24”	Blanc DMC
1.5 yds.	Blue DMC 797
3 yds.	Red DMC 321

6” square of white 14 Ct. Aida. It fits easily in a 5” hoop if they want to use one. It allows for misjudgment of “start in the center.”

These hand-stitched little pillows are designed to be used as a keepsake for the children and loved ones left behind by the soldiers departing for service of the United States of America. The soldier should kiss the pillow and give one to each of his or her loved ones to hold onto until he or she returns from war. The pillows also can be given to those who are being deployed and know that they are filled with hugs and kisses from their loved ones and from those of us who care and made them for each soldier. We hope the pillows will be a comfort during the lonely times for both the soldier and the families. They were lovingly stitched with gratitude for your service to our country by the Evergreen Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc.

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