

This item is from a back edition of Maria's Sistrum Magazine (which has not been published for some time). But I thought this article worth reproducing for those who haven't seen it before. Acknowledgment of its origins -- and a thank you to the original author "Asheba"

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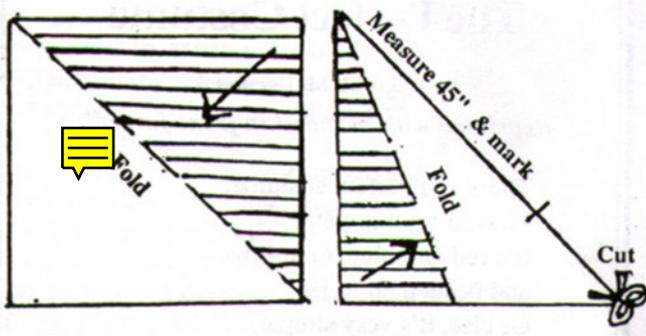
Star Veil - by Asheeba

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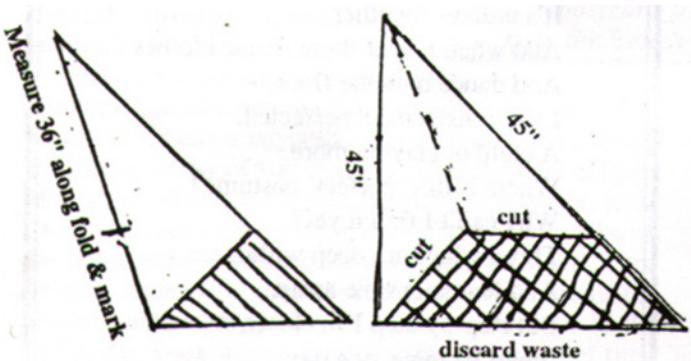
This is a beautiful multi coloured metallic veil with points reminiscent of a star.

Tissue lame seems to work best for these veils, since it has just enough stiffness to float the veil in the air for one-handed veil throws.

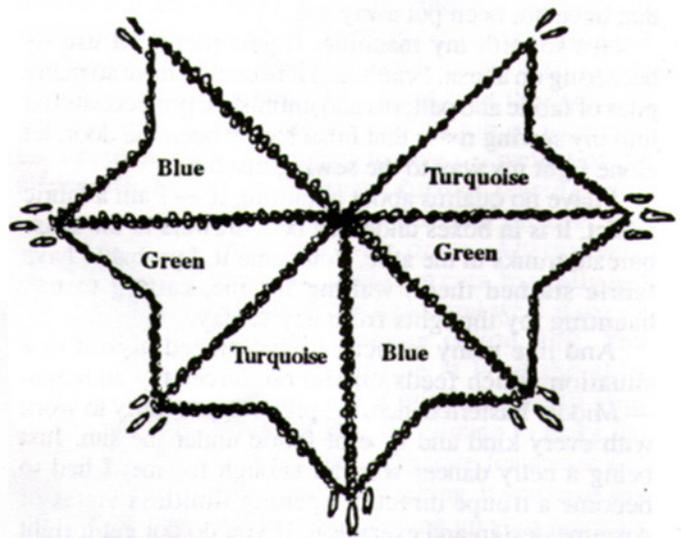
You will need 1-1/4 yards of 45" wide tissue lame in 3 different colours (3-3/4 yards in total). This will give you three squares 45" x 45". Working with each square separately, fold one corner to the opposite corner. Pin the front to the back to keep them from sliding on each other and shifting during cutting. Cut along the fold to give two pieces, but do not separate. Fold your selvage corner to the chalk mark, measure 36" along the fold from the top corner and mark. Unfold and draw a line from this centre high mark to the chalk mark and to the opposite corner. Cut along this line. You will have two skinny triangular pieces, with two points at the bottom sides. Repeat this process with your remaining two lame squares.



The next process is assembling your triangles by alternating your different colours, for example blue, green, turquoise, blue, green, turquoise. Matching the 45" side of one piece to the 45" side of another, sew using a 1/2" seam allowance. Fold the seam edge over to one side or the other, and using a very fine zigzag stitch overlock the seam edge to the main body of the piece.



Since tissue lame frays badly, this will give each seam added strength as well as finishing off the raw edge. Add the next triangle in the same manner. It is best to finish two pieces of 3 triangles each and then sew the centre seam, rather than adding each triangle to the main piece as you go. To finish the veil, sew sequin trim down each seam and along all edges. Teardrop paillettes can also be hung from each point for added sparkle.



Elenie with curlique veil