Featuring Coats & Clark® Button & Craft Thread

Red, white and blue pinwheels swirl around this patriotic wall hanging sure to bring the holiday spirit to your indoor or outdoor décor.

Supplies
- Coats & Clark® Button & Craft Thread
- Red wall frame, 11” x 14” (27.94cm x 35.56cm)
- ½ yd (30.48cm) background fabric
- Assorted patriotic prints and solids, ¼ yd (11.43cm) each
- Spray fabric stiffener, such as Perfect Sew
- Fabric glue
- Spray adhesive
- Assorted red, white/blue buttons, for centers
- Large hand-sewing needle
- Spring clips
- Decorative scissors, such as pinking or scallop (optional)
Cutting

From the background fabric, cut:
(1) rectangle to fit the frame backing board

From the assorted prints, cut:
Strips at least 22” (55.88cm) long and 2”-3½” (5.08cm-8.89cm) wide

Prepare the Backing Board

1. Spray the backing board with spray adhesive and smooth the background fabric onto the board surface. Trim the edges to match the board shape.
2. Push the board into the frame and secure the edges.

Assemble the Pinwheels

1. Cover a flat work surface to protect it from fabric stiffener. Lay out the strips of patriotic prints flat. Following the manufacturer’s instructions, spray thoroughly with fabric stiffener and allow to dry. If desired, trim one edge with decorative scissors.
2. Accordion fold the stiffened fabric strip along the length, creating folds ¼"-½" (.64cm-.95cm) wide and keeping the folds perpendicular to the long cut strip edges. Firmly crease the edges of the folds.
3. Using Coats & Crafts® Button & Craft Thread and a large needle, weave the thread in and out of the center pinwheel edge folds (not the edge cut with decorative scissors). Draw it up so the pleated fabric forms a full and/or partial circle. The center may have a hole, or be pulled tightly together, depending on the desired finished radius, but be sure the shape lies flat.
4. Glue the last folds together on the full circles and clamp with clips until dry.
5. Decide on a center treatment—cut a shape from a scrap of stiffened fabric, sew on a button, etc. Glue or sew the centers in place.

Finishing

1. Lay out the pinwheels in a pleasant arrangement and glue in place, anchoring them to the backing board surface and/or frame.