

Summer Stars | Sew Along

I am so glad you are joining me for this scrappy summer sew along.



I just love to use an antique quilt as inspiration and recreate the blocks one by one. This sew along is designed to fit into your schedule. Use the photo of the original quilt above as inspiration to start building your 4" star blocks. Choose the size of quilt that fits into your schedule and make the necessary number of blocks needed. Lets get started!

Making the Star Blocks

Make one Star block as follows. Repeat to make desired number of blocks.

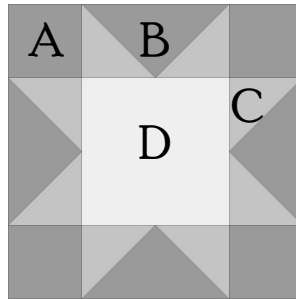
From a variety of light, medium and dark prints, cut:

A ~ 4 squares, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ "

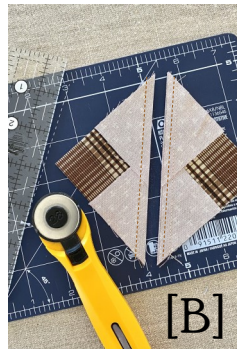
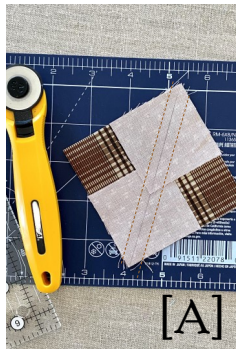
B ~ 1 square, $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ "

C ~ 4 squares, $2\frac{1}{8}$ " x $2\frac{1}{8}$ "

D ~ 1 square, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "



1. Make four Flying Geese blocks as follows:



[A] Draw a diagonal line on wrong side of four $2\frac{1}{8}$ " squares. With right sides together, lay out two $2\frac{1}{8}$ " squares on $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square as diagrammed. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of line.

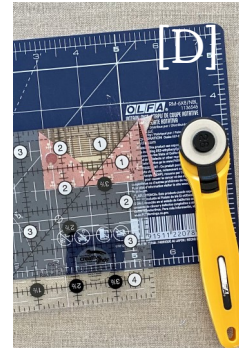
[B] Cut on line.

[C] Press triangles as pictured

[D] Place remaining $2\frac{1}{8}$ " squares on triangle units, stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of line and cut on line.

[E] Now you are ready to square each unit.

2. Flying Geese blocks are oversized to allow for squaring up. Trim each block to $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "; including seam allowances;



[A] Trim top edge first being sure to cut $\frac{1}{4}$ " from triangle point.

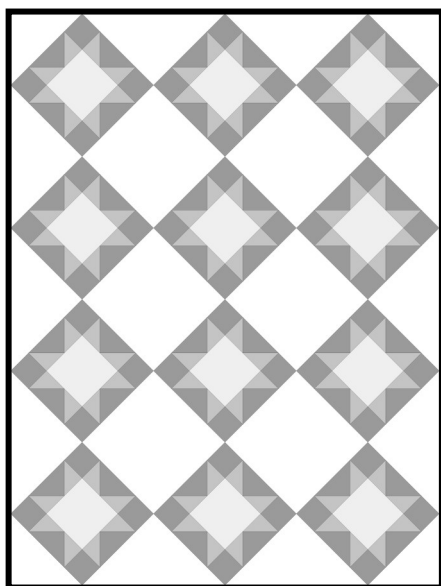
[B] Turn block and line up $1\frac{1}{2}$ " line on ruler with top edge, trim excess.

[C] Trim sides by lining up $1\frac{1}{4}$ " line on ruler with center of block, trim excess.

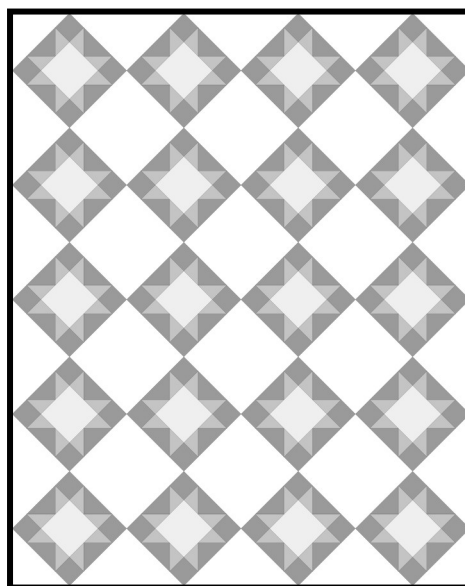
[D] Repeat on opposite side.

Choose Lay Out

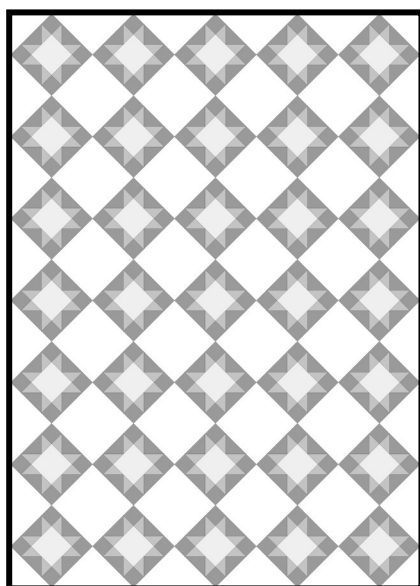
Lay outs below give you all the details for a variety of different size quilts. Watch out these little stars are addicting!



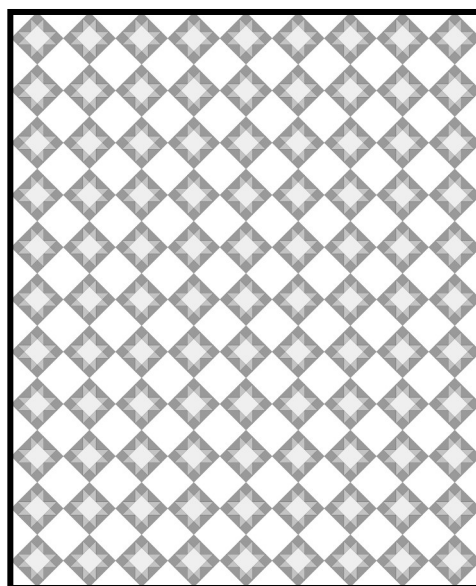
Summer Stars ~ Mini
Finished Quilt 17" x 22^{1/2}"
12 Star Blocks
Setting Fabric 3/8 yard



Summer Stars ~ Small
Finished Quilt 22^{1/2}" x 28"
20 Star Blocks
Setting Fabric 5/8 yard



Summer Stars ~ Medium
Finished Quilt 28" x 39^{1/2}"
35 Star Blocks
Setting Fabric 5/8 yard



Summer Stars ~ Perfect!
Finished Quilt 51" x 62"
99 Star Blocks
Setting Fabric 1^{3/4} yards

Cutting the Setting Squares and Triangles

12 star quilt | Cut: 6 squares, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

3 squares, 7" x 7" cut diagonally twice | side setting triangles

2 squares, 4" x 4" cut diagonally once | corner triangles

20 star quilt | Cut: 12 squares, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

4 squares, 7" x 7" cut diagonally twice | side setting triangles

2 squares, 4" x 4" cut diagonally once | corner triangles

35 star quilt | Cut: 24 squares, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

6 squares, 7" x 7" cut diagonally twice | side setting triangles

2 squares, 4" x 4" cut diagonally once | corner triangles

99 star quilt | Cut: 80 squares, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

9 squares, 7" x 7" cut diagonally twice | side setting triangles

2 squares, 4" x 4" cut diagonally once | corner triangles

Assembling and Finishing the Quilt Top

1. Lay out the Summer Star blocks, setting squares, side triangles and corner triangles in diagonal rows. Use lay out diagrams on previous page. Sew the pieces together in rows, pressing the seam allowances toward setting squares. Join the rows, matching the seams at intersections. Add the corner triangles last. Trim the quilt top making sure to leave $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance beyond the block points. Quilt as desired, bind and Enjoy!