

One Star Wonder

40.5" X 40.5" Baby Quilt

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Materials:

- 1 2/3 yd background fabric
- 1/2 yd fabric for star
- four fat quarters or 1/4 yds for center of star
- 1 1/4 yd for backing
- crib sized batting
- embroidery floss for string ties

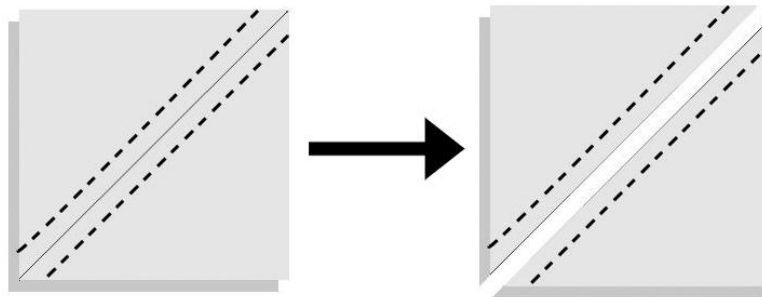
Cutting:

- from background fabric: four 14" squares (for corner blocks)
- from background fabric: two 15 1/4" squares (for quarter square triangles)
- from background fabrics: four 8 1/8" squares (for half square triangles)
- from star fabric: two 15 1/4" squares
- from center diamond fabrics: four 8 1/8" squares (4 total, so 1 from each of 4 prints)

Pieced Quilt Top Construction:

1. Create the half square triangle units for the center diamond:

- Use a pencil to draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the four 8 1/8" background squares.
- Next, pair each 8 1/8" background square with an 8 1/8" print square, right sides together. Pin.
- Stitch 1/4" seam from each side of the drawn line on all four pairs.
- Using a rotary cutter and ruler, cut each of the pieces in half at the drawn line, giving you 8 units.



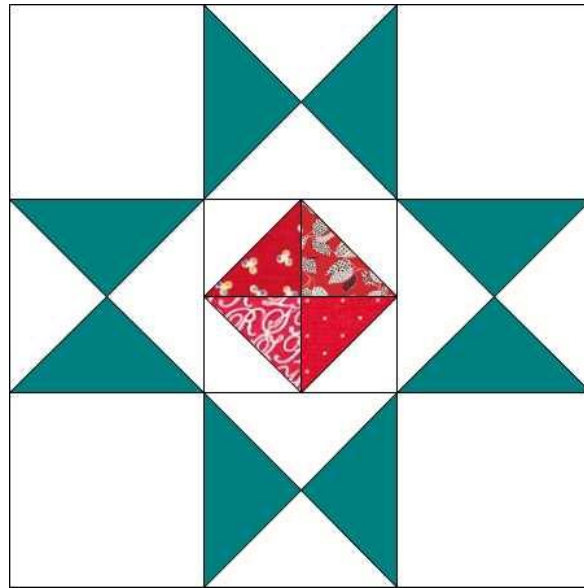
- Press the units open, with the seam pointing toward the darker fabric.
- Trim dog ears & set 4 aside for the back of your quilt
- Create the center diamond block by constructing a 4 patch, 2 rows of 2, with seams pressed in opposite directions, then nesting the seams, pinning, and stitching the rows together. Press.

2. Create the quarter square triangle units for the star:

- Start by creating constructing 4 half square triangle units using the 15 1/4" squares, per the previously outlined half square triangle steps.
- Next, create 2 pairs, by layering a half square triangle on top of another half square triangle, right sides together, seams parallel, *with fabric colors opposite one another*.
- Use a pencil to draw a diagonal line on the top unit of each pair, perpendicular to the seam.
- Use your fingers to nest the center seams against one another, locking them tightly in place, and pin.
- Stitch 1/4" seam on both sides of the drawn line on both pieces, then cut the units in half along the line, just as you did when creating the half square triangles.
- Press the pieces open, and trim the dog ears.

3. To complete the quilt top:

- Lay out your star design, and stitch 3 rows of 3 blocks each. Take care to press seams in alternating directions by row (ie row 1 & 3 press right, row 2 press left, or vice versa). Nest and pin all seam intersections. Press.



To layer & finish the quilt:

1. On the floor or a table, spread your batting out and smooth flat.
2. Add your quilt backing (untrimmed) right side facing up.
3. Then add your quilt top right side facing down (so the quilt top and back are right sides together).
4. Smooth, and pin around the outside edge of your quilt.
5. With your quilt top facing you and the batting on the bottom, stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam around the entire piece, leaving a 10" opening on one side.
6. Using sheers or a rotary cutter, trim away any excess backing or batting around the quilt at $\frac{1}{2}$ " from your outside seam.
7. Reaching between your quilt top and back, turn the piece right sides out, carefully poking your corners out with scissors or a knitting needle.
8. Press around the perimeter of the quilt, including pressing under the raw edges of your opening, pinning the opening if needed.
9. Top stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam around the outside edge of the quilt, back-tacking at the end of your seam to secure.
10. Quilt or tie as desired.