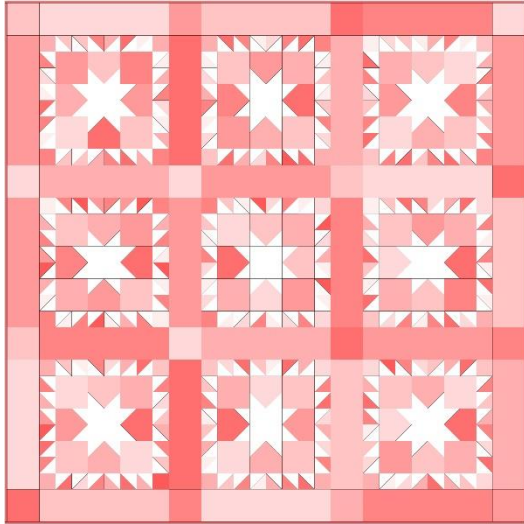


Scrappy Inner Star Quilt Pattern



This pattern includes instructions to make blocks with scrappy stars on a scrappy background. The main body of the block is a floating sawtooth star, with a half-square-triangle (HST) border. The blocks finish at 16" square, and the quilt finishes at 64 ½ x 64 ½".

HOUSE-KEEPING

- Seam allowances are ¼"
- Width of the Fabric (WOF) means cutting selvage to selvage.

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

For a scrappy quilt, it is always hard to list fabric requirements. However, I can tell you that I used 21 fat quarters for the background fabric, and 9 fat quarters for the stars.

You can definitely make the quilt with fewer fat quarters than that, but that number allowed me to have 9 different background & star/HST fabrics making up each star block and the HST pieces, and 12 different background fabrics making up the sashing. Using separate fabrics for sashing made it easy to ensure that no sashing fabrics were adjacent to the same fabric in the HST border pieces.

You'll need ½ yard for binding, and 4 yards for backing.

Background Fabric (reds)

You'll need the following:

(The numbers have combined pieces needed for both background & sashing)

- 30 sashing pieces 16 ½" x 4 ½"
- 88 squares 4 ½" x 4 ½"
- 108 squares 3" x 3"
- 36 squares 2 ½" x 2 ½"

Star/HST Fabric (whites)

You'll need the following to make the 9 blocks:

- 9 squares at 4 ½" x 4 ½"
- 108 squares at 3" x 3"
- 72 squares at 2 ½" x 2 ½"

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Background Fabric

Choose 12 fat quarters that you will use for sashing, and 9 that you will use for the blocks.

1. From the sashing fabric, cut 3 strips 4 ½" x LOF (it's a fat quarter, so it'll be about 20").

Sub-cut those pieces into the following and set them aside until we get to piecing the sashing.

- 2 pieces $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 16\frac{1}{2}''$
 - 2 pieces $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$ (you won't need to cut 2 of these from every fat quarter since you only need 16 total).
 - At the end you will have 24 pieces $16\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$ and 16 pieces $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$.
2. From the fabric for the blocks, cut 2 strips $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times \text{WOF}$
 - Sub-cut those strips in to eight squares $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$
 3. From that same block fabric, cut 2 strips $3'' \times \text{WOF}$
 - Sub-cut those strips in to 12 squares $3'' \times 3''$
 4. Also cut 1 strip $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times \text{WOF}$ from the block fabric
 - Sub-cut that strip in to 4 squares $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$

Star/HST Fabric (white)

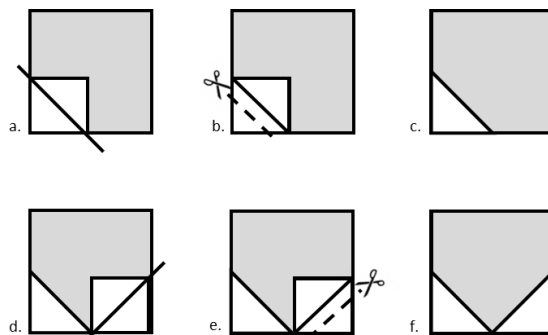
From each of the 9 fat quarters, cut the following:

1. Cut 1 strip $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times \text{WOF}$
Sub-cut in to 1 square $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$
2. Cut 1 strip $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times \text{WOF}$
Sub-cut in to 8 squares $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$
3. Cut 2 strips $3'' \times \text{WOF}$
Sub-cut in to 12 squares $3'' \times 3''$

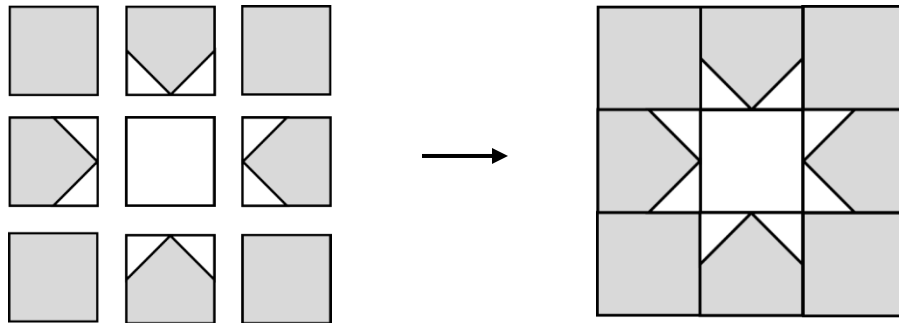
PIECING INSTRUCTIONS

Floating Sawtooth Stars

1. Using 36 of the $4''$ background squares, and all of the $2\frac{1}{2}''$ star block fabric squares, sew the star-points one $2\frac{1}{2}''$ square at a time.
 - a. Place a $2\frac{1}{2}''$ star square right-sides-together (RST) with a $4\frac{1}{2}''$ background square and sew diagonally from one corner to the opposite corner.
 - b. Trim $\frac{1}{4}''$ from your stitch line.
 - c. Press.
 - d. Place second $2\frac{1}{2}''$ star square RST with a $4\frac{1}{2}''$ background square and sew diagonally from one corner to the opposite corner.
 - e. Trim $\frac{1}{4}''$ from your stitch line.
 - f. Press. Repeat for all 36 background $4\frac{1}{2}''$ squares.



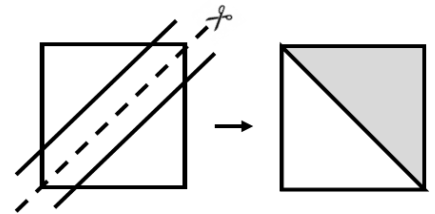
- Gather the 36 star point blocks that you just sewed, the 36 plain 4 1/2" background squares, and the 9 star fabric 4 1/2" squares. Sort the fabric squares in to 9 groups that each have 4 different background squares, 4 different star-point blocks, and 1 star fabric square (for the star center). Sew them together using the diagram below. Press.



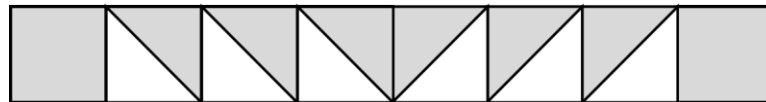
HST borders

- Using the 108 background & star fabric 3" squares, create 216 HST blocks.

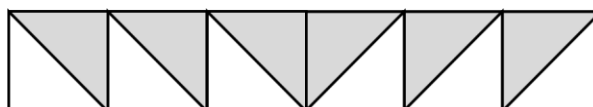
- Place a background 3" square RST with a star fabric 3" square.
- Draw a diagonal line from two corners and sew 1/4" on either side of that line.
- Cut along that diagonal line. You will have two HST squares.
- Press, and trim to 2 1/2" square.



- Sort the HST squares in to 36 groups of 6, trying your best not to duplicate any fabrics in any group.
- Add 2 background 2 1/2" squares to 18 of those groups – again trying not to duplicate fabrics too much.
- Lay out 18 groups of 6 of the HST blocks with two 2 1/2" background squares and sew together in the below combination.

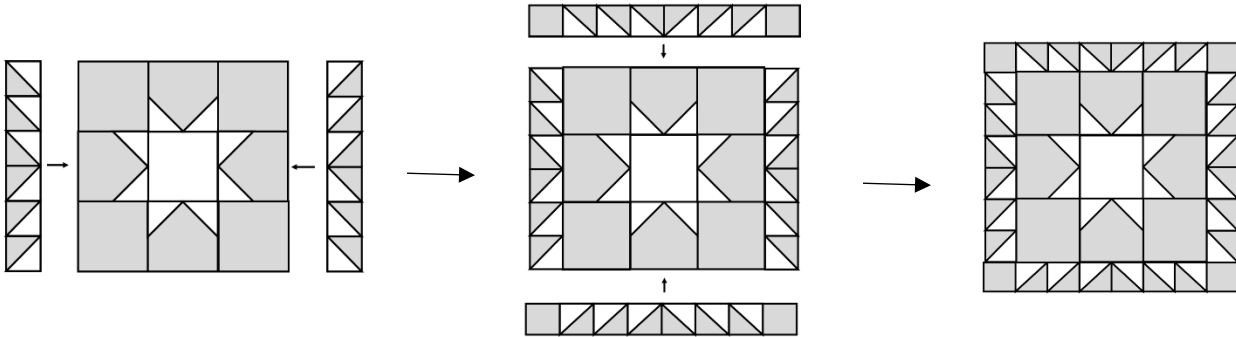


- Lay the remaining HST blocks out in 18 groups of 6 and sew together in the following combination:



Assembling the Star Blocks

1. Sew the shorter, side borders on to both sides of the floating sawtooth star blocks. Press.
2. Sew the longer borders on to the top and bottom of the block. Press block. Repeat for all 9 blocks.



ASSEMBLING THE QUILT

1. Lay out your blocks with the sashing rectangles and squares using the diagram below.
2. Sew your quilt together using your favorite method (squares, rows, or net-piecing).
3. Now back, baste, quilt & bind your quilt and enjoy!

