

# Daystar Quilt 2017

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Daystar was created to celebrate the Solar Eclipse of 2017. As the moon crossed between the sun and earth, it created a strange green tint to everything in sight. If you were fortunate to be in the area of totality, you saw the stars shining during the day!

This quilt would also be stunning in Christmas colors, traditional colors, and let's not forget scrappy! I hope you enjoy creating your quilt in colors that will bring you joy!

I cut out the blocks using templates and I found it very relaxing. I cut strips of fabric first and then marked around the template with a Frixion pen. The cutting was done while sitting in my recliner. I think I may be hooked!



## Fabric Requirements:

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- 2.5 yards green batik fabric for top and binding
- 15 assorted fabrics for stars (scraps or fat quarters will work—each piece must be at least 6" x 12") *I broke open a fat quarter bundle for this project!*
- 1.85 yards backing fabric
- 1 fat quarter for inner border

## Cutting Instructions:

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### Blocks (15 blocks needed)

- Cut (15) – 6-inch x 12-inch assorted colors for the stars.
  - Trace and cut a total of (4) C templates from each fabric.
- Cut (15) – 3-1/2" strips the width of fabric from green batik fabric.
  - Trace and cut a total of (4) A templates and (4) B templates per block from green batik fabric. (60-"A" template pieces and 60 "B" template pieces total)

### Sashing

- From green batik fabric, cut (10) – 1-1/2" strips cut width of fabric. Sub-cut (3) strips into 8-1/2" pieces.

### Inner border

- Cut 1 Fat Quarter into 1-1/2" wide strips lengthwise.

### Outer border

- Cut (6) – 3-1/2" strips from green batik fabric, cut width of fabric.

## Assembly

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I found it helpful to stack the pieces for the stars and the background of the blocks. Starting with the (C) star point, add A and B to each side to create a triangle unit. I finger pressed as I sewed and once the block was together, I pressed with the iron. Batiks are lovely for this method; quilter's cotton may need pressing at each step. *Use caution not to stretch the triangles.*



### **Quilt Body**

Sew two triangle units together to form your block. This should measure 8.5 inches square.

Measure each of the blocks and square up as needed. Place on design wall to check color and row placement. Place blocks in 5 rows with 3 blocks in each row.

For each row, place a strip of 1-1/2" x 8-1/2" sashing on the right edge of block # 1 and block # 2.

Assemble each row together and return to design wall.

Sew the longer 1-1/2" sashing strips between the rows, aligning the vertical sashing lines up with the next row. Trim sashing to length. Next add the top and bottom sashing. Your center is complete. Press towards the sashing.

Measure your quilt in three places and make any changes if needed to square the quilt. Measure the top, middle and bottom of the quilt top. It's a small quilt so any adjustments will be easy. Also measure the length in three places. Use the average of these measurements to calculate the measurements for your inner sashing

### **Inner border**

Sew the 1-1/2" contrasting border fabric strips together to create the length needed to complete the side inner borders. Use the measurement from the previous step. Press toward the inner border. Repeat for top and bottom border. Press carefully not to distort.

### **Outer border**

Repeat previous step for side borders and then top/bottom borders.

### **Backing**

Backing fabric is a single width of fabric, cut 3 - 4 inches larger on all sides than the quilt top.

### **Quilting**

I quilted this in a spiral design so the stars have movement! Texture is more defined due to using a wool blend batting and Glide thread adds the shimmer. Enjoy!

Key Block (43/100 actual size)

