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64" x 90" Finished Quilt

Materials Needed:

WOF = width of fabric;
assumes 42" wide fabric

- 1 black & white jelly roll (or 32 strips from assorted fabrics cut 2-1/2" wide by WOF)
- 1 yard black print background fabric for star blocks
- 1 yard yellow print fabric for star points and binding
- 1/3 yard coordinating yellow fabric for star centers (more may be required if "fussy cutting" centers depending on the fabric design spacing and layout)
- 1 yard white fabric for sashing, vertical lattice strips and inner border
- 2-1/3 yards black print for outer border
- 2 yards of 108" wide fabric for backing (or 5-1/2 yards of 42" wide fabric, sewn together in two vertical panels)
- Batting

NOTE: This pattern uses quick rotary cutting and piecing techniques. You'll have a few units left over after completing sub cuts for some of the sections.

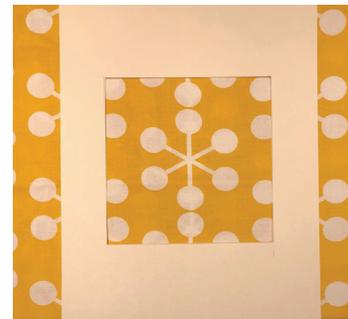
Star Blocks (10" finished size)

- From black print for background, cut 4 strips measuring 3" wide by WOF for corner squares.
Sub cut into 52 squares measuring 3".
- From black print for background, cut 4 strips measuring 5-1/2" wide by WOF.
Sub cut into 52 rectangles measuring 3" x 5-1/2".
- From yellow fabric for star points, cut 8 strips measuring 3" wide by WOF.
Sub cut into 104 squares measuring 3".
- From yellow fabric for star centers, cut 2 strips measuring 5-1/2" by WOF, or fussy cut the centers using the tip below.
Sub cut into 13 squares measuring 5-1/2".
- From white fabric, cut 7 strips 1-1/2" wide by WOF.
Sub cut into 26 strips measuring 10-1/2" x 1-1/2".



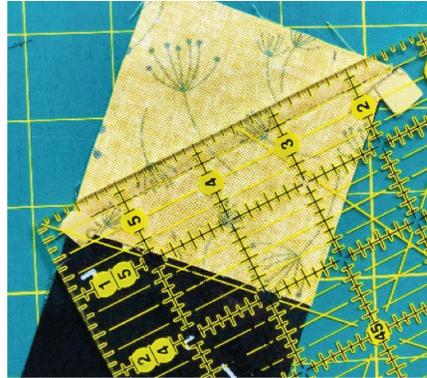
TIP

To "fussy cut" the star centers, mark a 5-1/2" square on your ruler using painter's tape, Washi tape or specialty ruler tape. Center your desired design inside the marked square. Trim two edges, then rotate the ruler and trim the final two edges. If other parts of the fabric distract you, then try cutting a 5-1/2" square out of a piece of heavy paper or card stock. Use this "window" to find and center the motif you like. Mark the design inside the square and then cut out on marked line.



Star Point Units

Mark a diagonal line on each 3" yellow square. Place one square on top of a black background rectangle as shown, right sides together. Sew on the line. Repeat for remaining 51 rectangles. Trim seam allowance to 1/4".

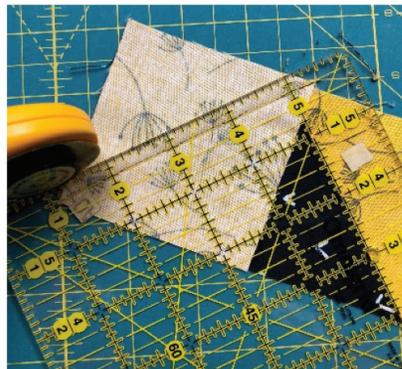


Place another square on the opposite end of each rectangle as shown so that the sewing line goes from the corner to the center of the rectangle. Sew, trim the seam allowance as before, and then press the unit open.

Star Block Assembly (Make 13 blocks)

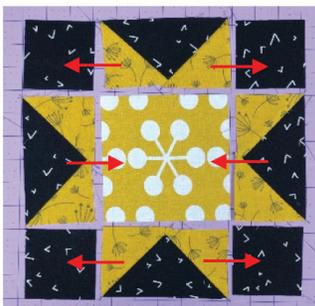
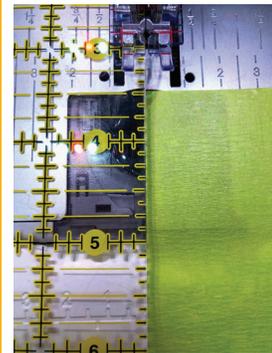
Assemble the block in three rows as shown, pressing the seams in the direction of the arrows. Sew the rows together to form the block. Press.

Sew a 10-1/2" x 1-1/2" white sashing strip to the *top and bottom* of each block. Press seam toward the white fabric.



SPEEDY TIP

Instead of marking each yellow square, place painter's tape on your sewing machine throat directly aligned with your needle. Keep the corner opposite the needle aligned with the tape as you sew.



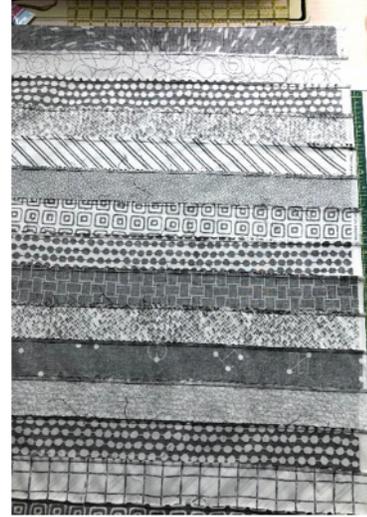
Strip Units

Note: *If your strips are less than 42 inches long, you may need to cut a few more single strips to get the correct number of individual strips for a unit (each single strip unit measures 2-1/2" x 10-1/2".)*

Select 32 strips from jelly roll and arrange them in a pleasing order. Starting at the same end as you add each strip, sew the strips together on the long sides to form a single unit (often called a "strata").

Place the unit with the seams facing up on your ironing board. Press all the seams in one direction while gently pulling the strips away from each other. This helps keep the strip widths consistent along the entire length of the unit. Flip the unit over and press again, checking for any accidental folds along the seam lines.

Now sew the first and last strips together to form a tube. Press this final seam in the same direction as the other seams.

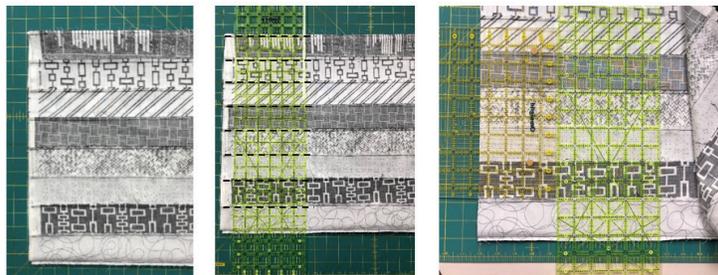


Cutting Instructions

Place the tube on your cutting mat, aligning one of the seams with a reference line on the cutting mat. Gently smooth the unit out while working to keep the top and bottom strips parallel and straight.

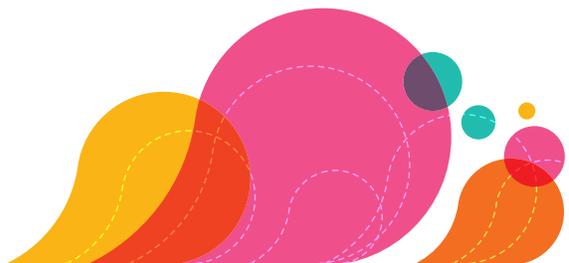
Bring up the opposite folded long edge of the tube and line it up with the top edge of the tube, creating four layers. Check that all four layers are straight and aligned. Place a rotary cutting ruler across the folded unit, lining up the horizontal lines on the ruler with seam lines to ensure that it is straight. Cut off the selvages.

Slice the strata into 4 smaller tubes, each 10-1/2" wide. To help keep the cuts straight and to reach the appropriate 10-1/2" width, use another ruler along the first cut edge of the strata unit. In the example above right, the long ruler is 6" wide, so the smaller ruler is placed



at 4-1/2", giving a total distance of 10-1/2" from the first cut edge. Keep checking that the ruler's horizontal lines align with the tube's seam allowances.

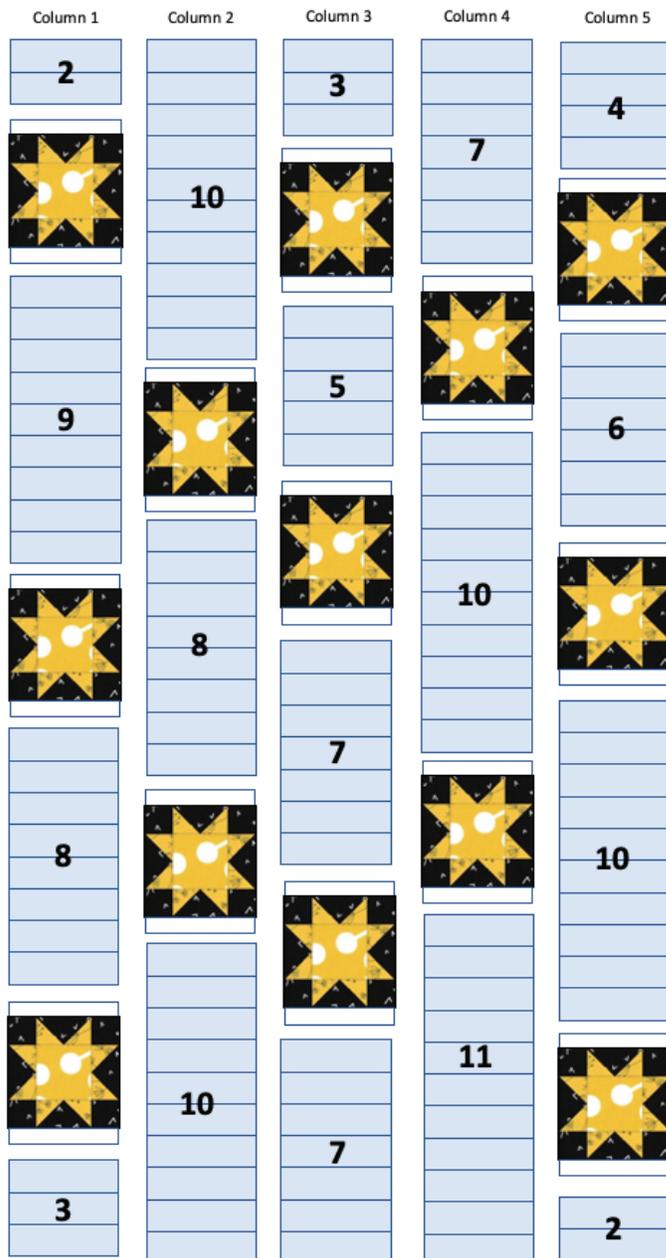
After making the first two cuts, you may have to reposition the tube. Be sure to re-square the cut edge if necessary before cutting the next section to keep the strips from skewing.



Strip Unit Preparation

Starting with one 10-1/2" tube section, use a seam ripper to open a seam between two fabrics so the tube becomes a long strip again. Using the chart below as a guide, count the number of fabric strips needed for each "strip unit" in a column. Open the seam between fabrics to create each strip unit for the five columns. You may need to join a few strips from one tube to another to get the correct number of strips for each unit.

Sew the units and blocks together into five columns as shown below; press seams of white block sashing strips toward strip units.



TIPS

Creative Tip: You can shuffle the star block placement up or down within a single column by changing the number of strips in that column's units.

However, for the rows to match up with each other, the total number of strips in a single column must still add up to 22 strips in columns 1, 3 & 5, and 28 strips in columns 2 & 4. Columns 1, 3 and 5 must have 3 stars; columns 2 & 4 must have 2 stars.

Seam Ripping Tip: Cut every 4th or 5th stitch on the visible side of the seam with the ripper. When you reach the end, pull on the thread on the under side of the seam to pop the seam open. (This reduces undue stress on the fabrics.) Tap a small piece of painter's tape along the fabric edge to quickly pull out the remaining thread bits to help reduce fraying along the raw edge.

Vertical Lattice Strips and Inner Border

- From White Fabric, cut 15 strips measuring 1-1/2" by WOF for the 4 lattice strips between each column and the left and right narrow side borders. **Set aside 3 strips for top and bottom inner narrow border.**

From the 12 strips, sew two strips together along the short ends with right sides together (like sewing binding strips together.) Trim 1/4" away from stitching; trim any overhanging dog ears. Press seams open.

Repeat for the remaining 10 strips to get 6 long strips total. Trim each joined strip to 80-1/2" long.

With right sides together, pin a long strip to the *right side* of each column, easing in the strip fabrics and blocks with pins until the column length matches the white strip.

Sew with the pieced column on the bottom; this will allow your machine's feed dogs to help ease in any fullness in the pieced column. Take care when meeting the column's seams to avoid flipping them in the wrong direction as they pass between the presser foot and the feed dogs. Press the seam toward the white lattice strip to reduce bulk.

Pin and sew the remaining single white strip to the left side of Column 1.

Now join all the columns together, again pinning the columns to match the length of the adjoining white lattice strip.



Inner Narrow Border

The left and right white lattice strips form the left and right inner narrow border.

Sew the 3 remaining 1-1/2" wide white strips together along their short ends to form one long strip. From this piece cut 2 strips measuring 56-1/2" long for the top and bottom inner narrow border.

With right sides together, pin a strip to the top and bottom of the assembled columns, easing the columns to fit the white strip. Sew and then press seams toward border fabric.

Outer Border

- From Black Print Outer Border Fabric, cut two strips along the lengthwise grain of the fabric measuring 82-1/2" x 4-1/2".
- Cut two strips measuring 64-1/2" x 4-1/2".

Pin the long strips to the sides of the quilt with right sides together. Sew and then press seam toward outer border.

Pin the shorter strips to the top and bottom of the quilt with right sides together. Sew and press toward outer border.

Finishing

Quilt as desired. Binding for the sample was cut at 2-1/4" wide; 8 strips cut WOF are needed.