



Stardust Baby



Reach for the stars, little one! This charming quilt is full of stars to help baby's first wish come true. Change the colors to match your baby's nursery or the recipient's favorite color.

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FINISHED QUILT: 48½" × 48½"

FINISHED BLOCK: 16" × 16"



Materials

Yardage is based on 42"-wide fabric.

2 yards of white print for blocks

1 $\frac{7}{8}$ yards *total* of assorted aqua prints and solids for blocks

$\frac{7}{8}$ yards of taupe print for blocks

$\frac{1}{2}$ yard of aqua check for bias binding

3 $\frac{1}{8}$ yards of fabric for backing

55" x 55" piece of batting

Cutting

Cut all pieces across the width of the fabric in the order given unless otherwise noted.

From the assorted aqua prints and solids, cut a *total* of:

16 rectangles, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

8 squares, 5" x 5"

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

32 squares, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

From the white print, cut:

3 strips, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42"; crosscut into 20 rectangles, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

3 strips, 5" x 42"; crosscut into 18 squares, 5" x 5"

3 strips, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42"; crosscut into 36 rectangles, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

3 strips, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42"; crosscut into 36 squares, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

From the taupe print, cut:

2 strips, 5" x 42"; crosscut into 10 squares, 5" x 5"

2 strips, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42"; crosscut into 36 squares, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

3 strips, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42", crosscut into 40 squares, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

From the aqua check fabric, cut on the *bias*:

Enough 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide bias strips to make a 204" length of binding when pieced together end to end

Making the Blocks

Sew all pieces right sides together using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Press the seam allowances as indicated by the arrows.

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of each aqua and taupe 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square, 40 aqua 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, 32 taupe 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, and each white 5" square.
2. Sew a marked aqua 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square to each end of a white 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to make a total of 16 small aqua flying-geese units. Repeat with the prepared taupe 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and remaining white 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to make a total of 20 small taupe flying-geese units.



Make 16 units,
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

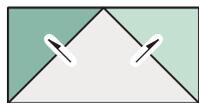


Make 20 units,
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

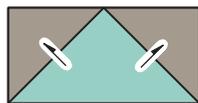
ACCURACY CHECK

After you've folded and pressed the corner triangle, turn the rectangle over and make sure the edges of the triangle line up perfectly with the base rectangle. If they're in alignment with the base rectangle, you're free to cut away the excess triangles on the underneath side.

3. Repeat step 2 with the marked aqua $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and white $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to make 20 large aqua flying-geese units. In the same manner, make 16 large taupe flying-geese units using the marked taupe $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and aqua $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles.

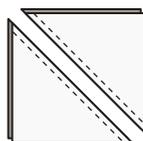
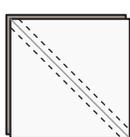


Make 20 units,
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Make 16 units,
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".

4. Layer a marked white 5" square onto each taupe and aqua 5" square, right sides together. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each side of the marked lines. Cut the layered squares apart on the marked lines to make two half-square-triangle units from each pair. Press and trim away the dog-ear points. You'll have a total of 20 taupe half-square-triangle units and 16 aqua half-square-triangle units. Square up each unit to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

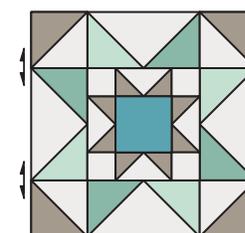
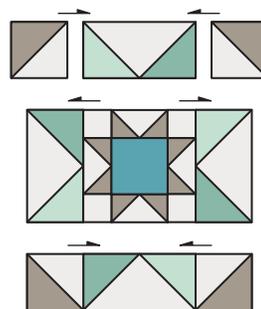


Make 20 units,
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".

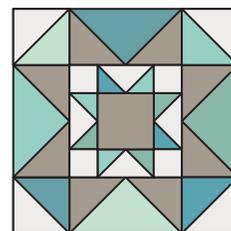


Make 16 units,
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".

5. Arrange one aqua $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square, four small taupe flying-geese units, and four white $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares in three horizontal rows as shown. Sew the pieces in each row together. Join the rows to make a taupe star unit. Repeat to make a total of five taupe star units that are $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square. In the same manner, sew together one taupe $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square, four small aqua flying-geese units, and four white $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares to make an aqua star

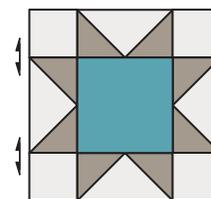
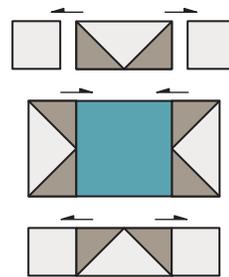


Make 5 blocks, $16\frac{1}{2}$ " x $16\frac{1}{2}$ ".

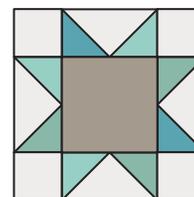


Make 4 blocks, $16\frac{1}{2}$ " x $16\frac{1}{2}$ ".

- unit. Repeat to make a total of four aqua star units that are $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



Make 5 taupe stars,
 $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".

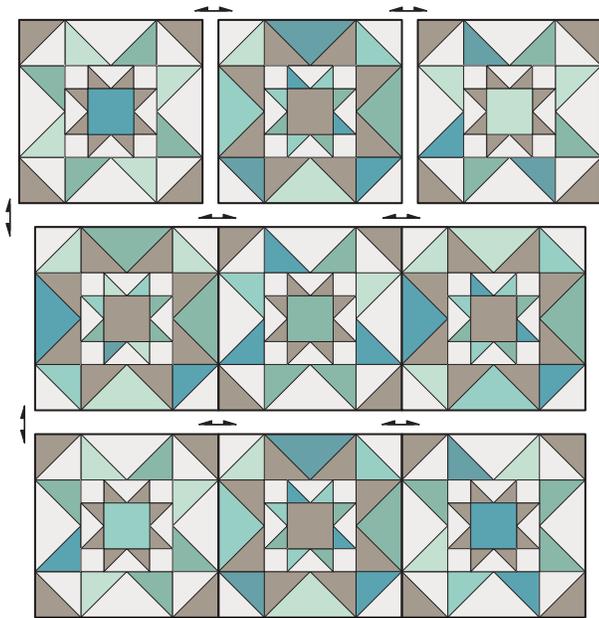


Make 4 aqua stars,
 $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".

6. Arrange one taupe star unit, four large aqua flying-geese units, and four taupe half-square-triangle units in three horizontal rows as shown. Sew the units in each row together. Join the rows. Repeat to make a total of five aqua Star blocks. In the same manner, sew together one aqua star unit, four large taupe flying-geese units, and four aqua half-square-triangle units as shown (pay close attention to the orientation of the half-square-triangle units) to make a taupe Star block. Repeat to make a total of four taupe Star blocks. The blocks should measure $16\frac{1}{2}$ " square, including the seam allowances.

Assembling the Quilt Top

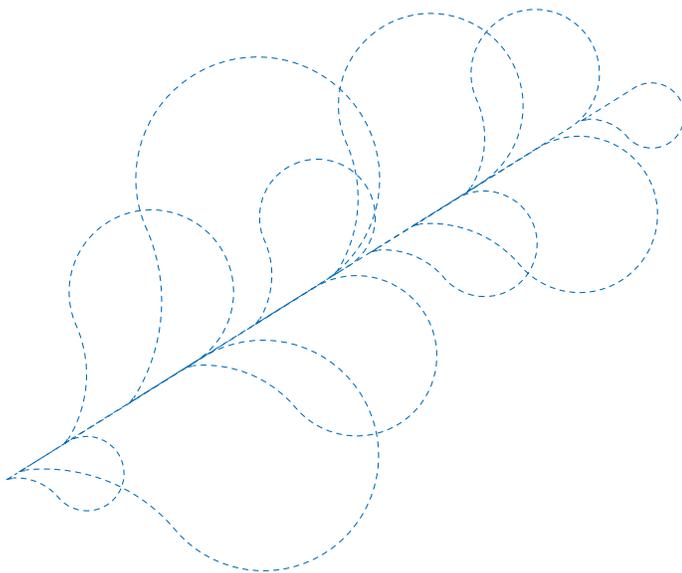
Lay out the blocks in three horizontal rows of three blocks each, alternating the taupe and aqua blocks in each row and from row to row. Join the blocks in each row. Join the rows. The quilt top should measure 48½" square.



Quilt assembly

Quilting and Finishing

1. Layer the quilt top, batting, and backing. Quilt!
2. Join the 2½"-wide bias strips into one length approximately 204" long to make bias binding. Sew the binding to the quilt.



Stardust Baby features an all-over swirl pattern to add a bit of whimsy as well as curvy contrast to the straight lines of the patchwork.