

Scrappy Star Tutorial

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Block size: Approximately 12.5"

Number of blocks: 36

Number of blocks per row: 6

Approximate finished quilt size: 72" x 72"

Skill: Intermediate – requires French Braid technique and very careful piecing

Please acknowledge the designer on your finished quilt – Elena Temyanko, Scrappy Star pattern. You can reach her on Etsy under Quilt Family if you would like to send her a picture.

You will need the following:

(72) 6.75" squares in white or light tone on tone. Cut 36 of these squares on the diagonal to give you 72 HSTs.

(108) 2.5" x 6.5" strips in various colors

(108) 2.5" x 8.5" strips in various colors

This quilt lends itself very well to scraps but you can also do a red/white/blue, or white/black/accent color. Play around with crayons and paper to see what you like.

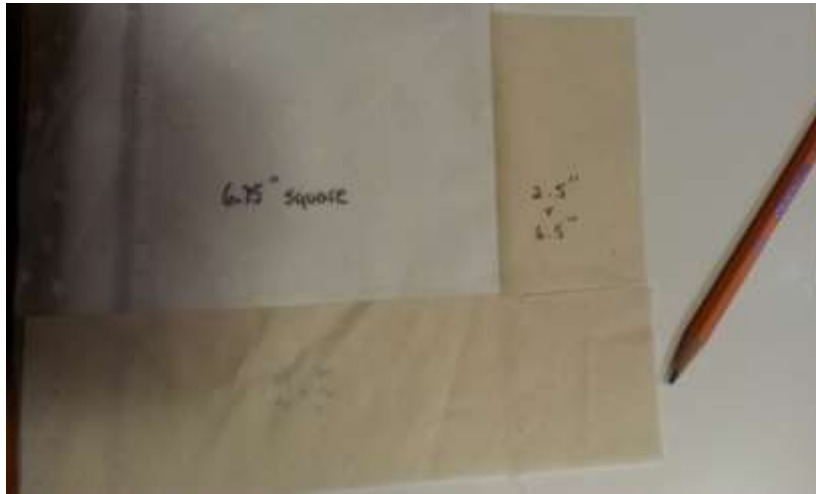
Each block takes one 6.75" square, 2 HSTs, (3) 2.5 x 6.5" strips and (3) 2.5 x 8.5" strips.

Sew the first 6.5" strip to the right side of the 6.75" square. Line up the bottom edge of the strip with the edge of the square.



You will be short about $\frac{1}{4}$ " at the top.

Press the seam towards the strip.



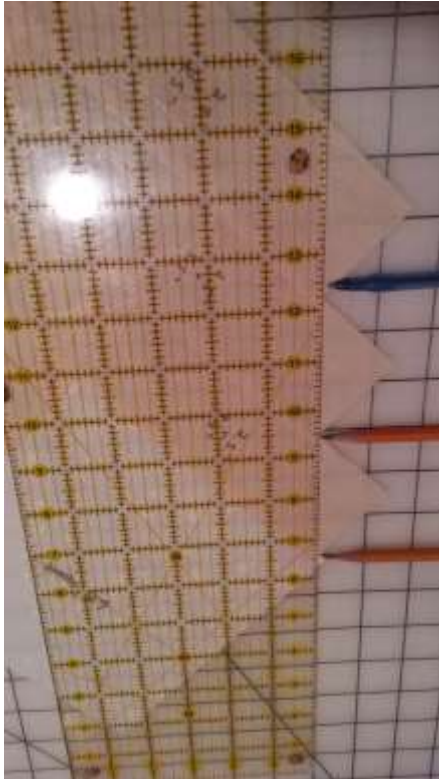
Sew the 8.5" strip to the left side of the square. Line up the bottom edge of the strip with the edge of the 6.5" strip (French braid technique). Press seam towards strip.



Continue to sew alternating strips, always starting from the previous strip's edge (French Braid technique).

Here is the finished block template.





To trim the sides, line up the piece along a vertical grid line as shown. Note that where each triangle is formed, its base is on the grid line. Using a rotary cutter, trim off the triangles, using the grid line and a ruler as a guide.

Repeat on the opposite side.

To sew the HSTs, line up an HST along the right side of the braid (right sides together) so that you have $\frac{1}{4}$ " excess on the top and bottom of the HST.



If it is easier, cut $\frac{1}{4}$ " off the top and bottom of the HST and line up with the edges of the braid. Sew along the edge. Press the seam towards the HST. Repeat on the opposite side.



Note the $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance above the points. This is VERY important to have; otherwise you will end up cutting off the points.

Blocks are assembled in rows with 3 braids pointing down and 3 braids pointing up in a single row.



To assemble the blocks in a row, line up 2 blocks with braids pointing in the same direction.



Bring the bottom block up and over the top block, right sides together (if you can see through the top block, the silhouette will look like a diamond).

IMPORTANT; make sure that the tails of the little triangles overlap as shown.

This allows the design line to be straight after it has been sewn.



Repeat until 6 blocks are assembled.

Assemble rows, lining up seams. Once the top is completed, sandwich your batting and backing and quilt as desired. You should have enough seam allowance on the edges to use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam for the binding without cutting off the points.



I free motion quilted this on my Baby Lock mid arm machine using an allover star pattern as shown below, rotating the design 90 degrees in every block. Other suggestions might be to stitch in the ditch around the French Braid portions and quilt a design in each white space.