

Starstruck Throw

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This design allows you to color-coordinate each block for an overall controlled scrappy look. Easy piecing and fusible appliqué make this a fun project for any quilter.

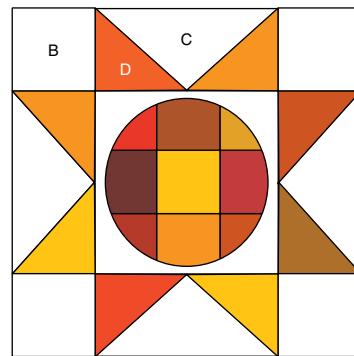
Specifications

Skill Level: Confident Beginner
 Quilt Size: 47" x 59"
 Block Size: 12" x 12" finished
 Number of Blocks: 12

Materials

- Assorted scrap squares (3¼"–4¼" square) 9 prints each in varying values of 12 colors:

red	pink	magenta
purple	blue	turquoise
green	yellow-green	yellow
gold	orange	red-orange
 - ½ yard total assorted scrap strips (14"–20" long)
 - ½ yard of coordinating multicolor plaid
 - 3½ yards white tonal
 - Backing to size
 - Batting to size
 - Thread
 - GO! Fabric Cutter
 - GO! Dies:
 - GO! Square-6½" (6" Finished) (55000)*
 - GO! Square-3½" (3" Finished) (55006)
 - GO! Quarter Square Triangle-6" Finished Square (55002 or 55456)
 - GO! Half Square Triangle-3" Finished Square (55009 or 55456)
 - GO! Square-2½" (2" Finished) (55018 or 55059)
 - GO! Circle-2", 3", 5" (55012)
 - 1 yard (15" wide) fusible web
 - Basic sewing tools and supplies
- *Die not compatible with GO! Baby system.



Star Block
 12" x 12" Finished Block
 Make 12



Die-Cutting Instructions

Notes: Press all scraps flat. To avoid piecing the outer border, first cut the border strips lengthwise from white tonal referring to Additional Cutting Instructions.

From assorted scrap squares:

- Select 4¼" squares, 8 prints in each color.
Using GO! Half Square Triangle-3" Finished Square (55009 or 55456), place squares (up to 6 layers) on the lengthwise grain; die-cut 8 (3") finished half square triangles from each color family. Die-cut a total of 96 D triangles.
- Select 3¼" squares, from 9 prints in each color.
Using GO! Value Die (55018 or 55059), place squares on the lengthwise grain (up to 6 layers) over the 2½" square; die-cut 9 (2½") squares from each color family. Die-cut a total of 108 E squares.

From white tonal:

- Cut 3 (7½" x 31") strips.
Fan-fold each strip to 7½" wide; die-cut 12 (6½") A squares, using GO! Square-6½" (55000).
- Cut 4 (8" x 31") strips.
Fan-fold each strip to 4½" wide; die-cut 48 (3½") B squares, using GO! Square-3½" (55006).
- Cut 12 (4½" x 22") strips.
Fold each strip 11" wide; die-cut 48 (6") finished C triangles, using GO! Quarter Square Triangle-6" Finished Square (55002 or 55456).

Additional Cutting Instructions

From plaid:

- Cut 6 (2" by fabric width) strips.
Subcut 4 (2" x 24½") F and 2 (2" x 39½") G strips.

From assorted scrap strips:

- Cut a variety of 2¼"-wide x 14"-20" strips; a total of 226" is needed for binding.

From white tonal:

- Cut 4 (4½" by fabric length) strips.
Subcut 2 each 4½" x 51½" H strips and 4½" x 47½" I strips for outer borders.

Completing the Star Blocks

1. From same color family, choose 8 D triangles and nine E squares; select one A square and four each B squares and C triangles.

2. Join one D triangle to one C triangle (Figure 1); press seam toward D. Join a second D triangle to the opposite side of the C triangle to make one flying geese unit referring again to Figure 1. Repeat to make a total of four flying geese units.



3. Sew a B square to opposite ends of a flying geese unit (Figure 2); press seams toward B. Repeat to make top and bottom block rows.

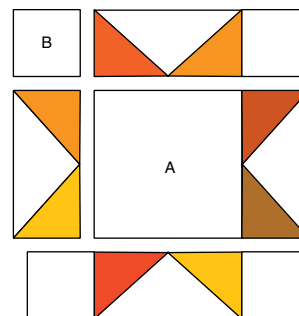


Figure 2

4. Sew a flying geese unit to opposite sides of A, referring again to Figure 2 to make a block center row; press seams toward A.

5. Arrange block rows and stitch together as shown in Figure 2. Press seams toward the center row.

6. To make an appliquéd circle for the center of the Star block, arrange and sew the nine E squares into three rows of three squares each (Figure 3). Press all seams open.

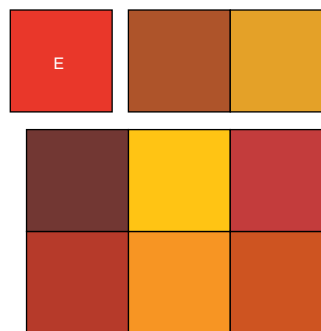


Figure 3



7. Cut a 6" fusible web square and apply it to the wrong side of the patchwork, leaving an equal margin on each side. Do not remove paper backing before cutting. Die-cut using the 5" circle die and referring to General Instructions.

8. Remove paper backing and center the patchwork circle, right side up, on the A square of the Star block referring to the block diagram; fuse in place.

9. Machine blanket-stitch (or satin-stitch) around the circle with matching thread.

10. Repeat steps 1–9 with each of the color families to make 12 Star blocks.

Completing the Quilt

1. Referring to the Assembly Diagram, arrange the 12 blocks into four rows of three blocks each.

2. Sew the blocks together in rows as arranged; press seams open.

3. Sew the rows together; press seams open.

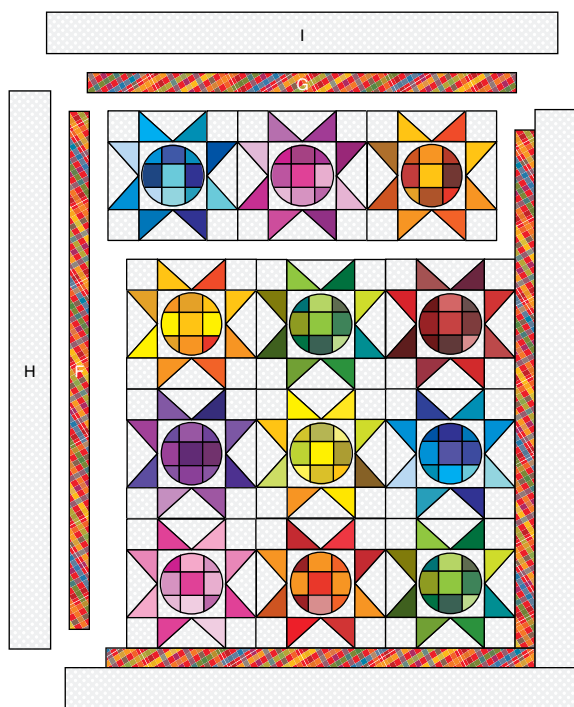
4. Sew two of the F strips together on short ends; press seam open. Repeat with remaining two F strips to make the side borders.

5. Sew F strips to opposite long sides and G strips to the top and bottom of the pieced center referring to the Assembly Diagram; press seams toward F and G.

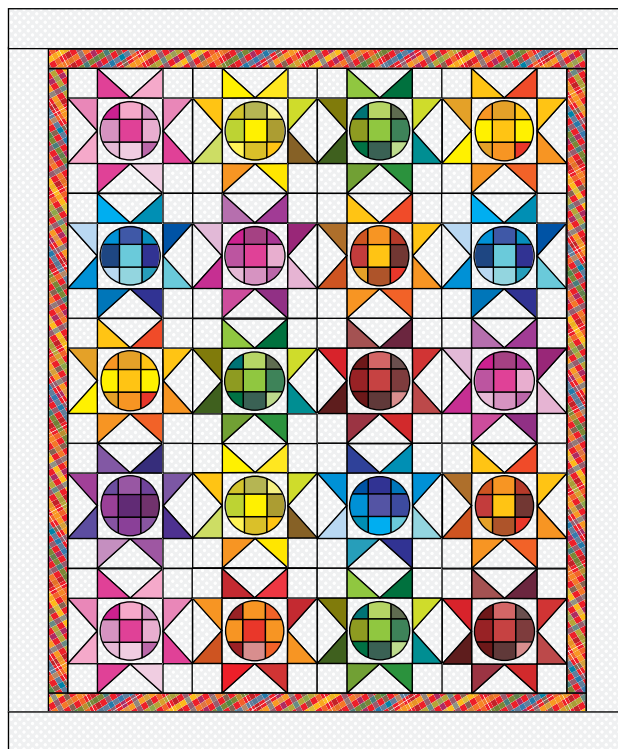
6. Sew H strips to opposite sides and I strips to the top and bottom of the quilt top referring to the Assembly Diagram; press seams toward F and G.

7. Layer and quilt as desired referring to Finishing Your Quilt on page 6 of the General Instructions.

8. Join the 2¼" x 14"–20" assorted scrap strips together on short ends to make binding; press seams open. Bind quilt referring to Binding Edges on page 6 in General Instructions. ❖



Starstruck Throw Assembly Diagram
Assembly Diagram 47" x 59"



Starstruck Throw Alternate Size
Placement Diagram 59" x 71"

Make 20 blocks to make 5 rows of 4 blocks each. Use the same-width border strips as the smaller-size quilt. Remember to increase fabric yardages to make this larger-size quilt.

