

Starry Starry Snowball

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Fabric Requirements:



You will need 1/8 yard of background fabric. From this cut:

4-4 ¼" squares

4-3 ½" squares

You will need 3 different layer cake squares.

For Star Points cut 4-4 ¼" squares from 1 layer cake square. If you want a scrappier star you could cut one 4 ¼" square from 4 different fabrics.

For Star Center cut one 6 ½" square from a different layer cake square.

For Outer Center Triangles cut 4-1½" squares from same layer cake used for Star Center.

For Center Contrast cut 4-2 ½" squares from your third layer cake square.

Block Construction:



To make 8 half-square triangle blocks, place the 4-4 ¼" background squares right-sides together with the 4-4 ¼" squares you are using for your star points. Draw a diagonal line across the backs of the background squares and sew ¼" from either side of that line. Cut in half along the first drawn line. Press half of the blocks toward the background fabric and half toward the layer cake fabric. Trim these ½ square triangles to 3 ½" square.



Press the four 1 ½" squares in half right sides together. Also press the four 2 ½" squares in the same manner.



Place the 2 ½" squares on the four corners of the center 6 ½" square, right sides together. Sew just inside the pressed line. Trim seam to ¼" and press out to create a "snowball" block.



Use the same technique to add the 4-1 ½" squares to the outer corners. Again, trim and press out.



Arrange the block components as pictured. Make sure each pair of star point half-square triangles has one pressed toward background and one pressed toward star point fabric so the seams will "nest." Sew all four star points together.



Sew left and right star points to the sides of the center block. Press toward center on both sides. Also add a 3 ½" background square to either side of the top and bottom star points. Press toward background.



Sew top and bottom rows to center section, pressing both towards center. All seams should nest, and your Starry Starry Snowball block is complete!