



Star Cluster Mini Quilt

Finished Size: approx. 16 1/2" square

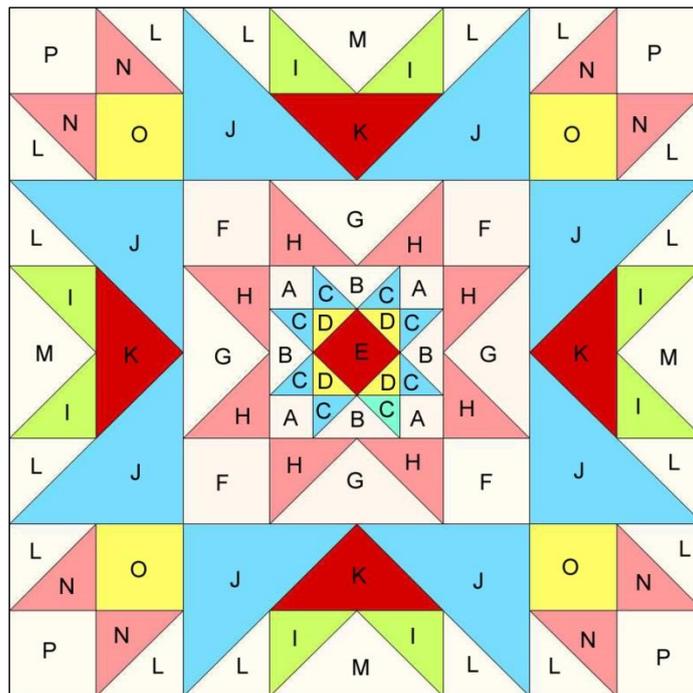


Requirements:

- 35cm white homespun
- 15cm red fabric
- 7cm yellow fabric
- 15cm aqua fabric
- 8cm pink fabric
- 8cm green fabric
- 50cm square of backing and wadding (extra backing fabric for hanging sleeve-**optional**)
- 15cm binding fabric
- Neutral thread for piecing
- Quilting thread

Please Note:

Please read all instructions carefully before proceeding with this project. A $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance has been added to all measurements. Fabric requirements are based on fabric 44" (112cm) wide. It is recommended that fabrics be prewashed and ironed before proceeding. I suggest labeling pieces as you cut to assist with constructing this mini quilt.



Cutting Guide:

From the white homespun cut:

- 4 x $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares (**A**)
- 1 x $3 \frac{1}{4}$ " square cut diagonally twice to yield 4 triangles (**B**)
- 4 x $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares (**F**)
- 1 x $5 \frac{1}{4}$ " square cut diagonally twice to yield 4 triangles (**G**)
- 8 x $2 \frac{7}{8}$ " squares cut diagonally to yield 16 triangles (**L**)
- 1 x $5 \frac{1}{4}$ " square cut diagonally twice to yield 4 triangles (**M**)
- 4 x $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares (**P**)

From the red fabric cut:

- 1 x 1 7/8" square (**E**)
- 1 x 5 1/4" square cut diagonally twice to yield 4 triangles (**K**)

From the yellow fabric cut:

- 2 x 1 7/8" squares cut diagonally to yield 4 triangles (**D**)
- 4 x 2 1/2" squares (**O**)

From the aqua fabric cut:

- 4 x 1 7/8" squares cut diagonally to yield 8 triangles (**C**)
- 4 x 4 7/8" squares cut diagonally to yield 8 triangles (**J**)

From the pink fabric cut:

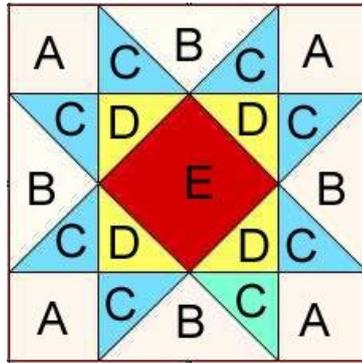
- 4 x 2 7/8" squares cut diagonally to yield 8 triangles (**H**)
- 4 x 2 7/8" squares cut diagonally to yield 8 triangles (**N**)

From the green fabric cut:

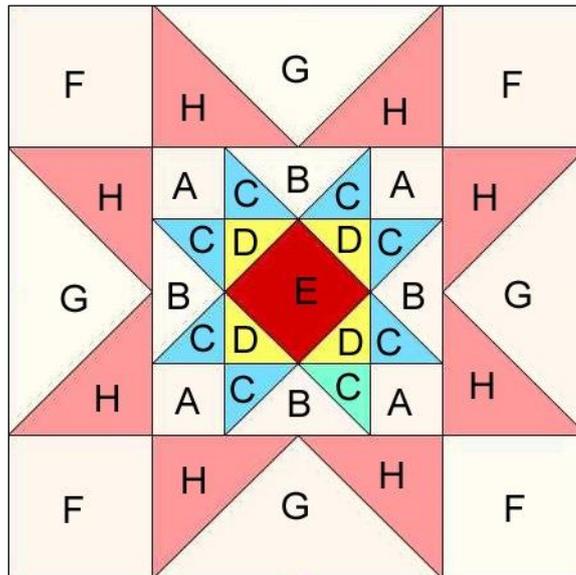
- 4 x 2 7/8" squares cut diagonally to yield 8 triangles (**I**)

Assembly of the Star Cluster Mini Quilt:

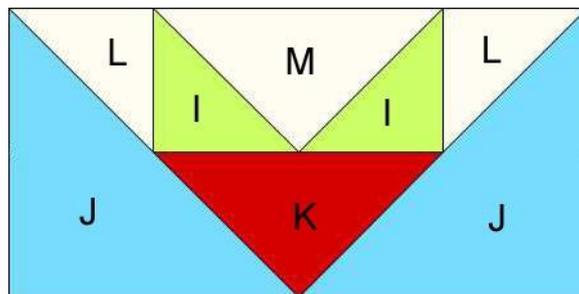
1. Beginning with the centre **crystal star block**, arrange the (**A-E**) cut pieces according to the following diagram:



2. Sew a yellow (**D**) triangle to two alternate sides of the red (**E**) square, pressing seams towards the yellow triangles.
3. Sew the two remaining yellow (**D**) triangles to the remaining sides of the red (**E**) square, pressing seams towards the yellow triangles. This centre (**D/E**) unit should measure 2 1/2" square when complete.
4. Sew a blue (**C**) triangle to each of the white homespun (**B**) triangles, along the short side, pressing seams towards the blue triangles. Repeat for the remaining side to create four flying geese units, which should each measure 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" when complete.
5. Sew a flying geese unit to either side of the centre (**D/E**) unit, pressing seams towards the centre unit.
6. Sew a white homespun (**A**) square to either short end of the two remaining flying geese units, pressing seams towards the white homespun square.
7. Sew these units to the top and bottom of the centre (**D/E**) unit to complete the centre **crystal star block**, which should measure 4 1/2" square when complete.
8. Arrange the (**F-H**) cut pieces around the completed centre **crystal star block** according to the following diagram:

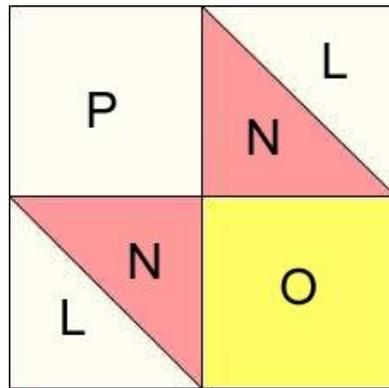


9. Sew a pink **(H)** triangle to each of the white homespun **(G)** triangles, along one short side, pressing seams towards the pink triangles. Repeat for the remaining side to create four flying geese units, which should each measure 2 ½" x 4 ½" when complete.
10. Sew a flying geese unit to either side of the centre **crystal star block**, pressing seams towards the centre **crystal star block**.
11. Sew a white homespun **(F)** square to either short end of the two remaining flying geese units, pressing seams towards the white homespun square.
12. Sew these units to the top and bottom of the centre **crystal star block** to complete the second star block, which should measure 8 ½" square when complete.
13. Arrange the **(I-M)** cut pieces, according to the following diagram. You will have **four** units:



14. Sew a green **(I)** triangle to each of the white homespun **(M)** triangles, along one short side, pressing seams towards the green triangles. Repeat for the remaining side to create four flying geese units, which should each measure 2 ½" x 4 ½" when complete.
15. Sew a white homespun **(L)** triangle to either short side of the flying geese units, referring to the diagram for placement and pressing seams towards the white triangles.
16. Sew a red **(K)** triangle to the bottom of each unit, along the long side and pressing seams towards the red triangle.
17. Sew a blue **(J)** triangle to one short side of the units, pressing seams towards the blue triangle. Repeat for the remaining side to yield four units which should each measure 4 ½" x 8 ½" when complete.

18. Sew one of these units to two alternate sides of the second star block, pressing seams towards the second star block.
19. Arrange the **(L-P)** cut pieces, according to the following diagram. You will have **four** units:



20. Sew a white homespun **(L)** triangle to each of the pink **(N)** triangles, pressing seams towards the pink triangles to yield 8 squares, each measuring 2 ½" square when complete.
21. Sew a white homespun **(P)** square to four of the **(N/L)** squares, referring to diagram for placement, and pressing seams towards the white homespun squares.
22. Sew a yellow **(O)** square to the remaining four **(N/L)** squares, referring to diagram for placement and pressing seams towards the yellow square.
23. Sew together one unit from **step 21** and one unit from **step 22**, referring to diagram for placement to complete four cornerstone blocks which should each measure 4 ½" square when complete.
24. Sew a cornerstone block to each short end of the two remaining **(I-M)** units, referring to the main diagram on **page 2** as a guide for placement and pressing seams towards the cornerstones.
25. Sew one of these units to the top and bottom of the second star block to complete your mini quilt top which should measure 16 ½" square, when complete.

Basting and Quilting:

1. Lay the backing fabric wrong side up on a flat surface and tape into position to secure.
2. Lay the wadding on top, smoothing out any wrinkles and then position the well pressed mini quilt top, on top, right side up.
3. Pin the three layers together if you are machine quilting and hand baste the three layers together if you are hand quilting.
4. Quilt as desired. I have chosen to machine quilt and I have free motioned a flower motif all over the quilt using a coordinating thread.

Bindings and Optional Hanging Sleeves:

1. Trim the excess backing and wadding level with the mini quilt top.
2. You can add a hanging sleeve at this point if desired. Here are two options:
Option 1: Cut a strip of backing fabric 2 ½" x 14 ½" and with right side down, turn in a ¼" seam on either short edge and press well. Fold strip in half lengthways, wrong sides

together. Pin the raw edge of the sleeve to the back of the quilt, evenly on one raw edge and sew across a scant 1/8" seam to secure into position. (With this option, once binding has been completed you can slide in a quilt hanger to hang your quilt)

Option 2: Cut 2 x 3 1/2" squares from the backing fabric and with wrong sides together, fold each square diagonally to form a triangle. Press well. Position a triangle on the back of the quilt, in the two top corners, raw edges together. Sew around the raw edges with a scant 1/8" seam to secure into position. (With this option, you can use the triangles to hold a quilt hanger OR place a thumbtack inside the triangle and push through the triangle only and then into your wall to hang your quilt)

3. From your binding fabric cut:
 - 2 x 2 1/2" strips across the fabric width
4. Sew the strips together, with diagonal seams, along the short sides to form one long strip.
5. Press strip in half lengthways and starting in the middle of one side of the mini quilt, sew bindings to the quilt front, raw edges together, mitring the corners as you go and trimming excess.
6. Turn bindings to the wrong side of the mini quilt and slipstitch into place to secure.
7. Label and date your completed **Star Cluster** mini quilt.

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