

## “Charmed Star” Quilt Pattern

This modern summery star is sure to spark a smile. This feel-good and super easy quilt can be made in a day, and is a great way to use up some bright scraps or charm packs. Mix and match yours as you like and have fun with your colours!



This quilt measures approx. 70 inches square.

### **You Will Need:**

48, 5 inch squares in warm colours – we reds, oranges, yellows, pinks and purples (Note – we used charm packs for ours and this meant that the half square triangle seams were quite skinny. It works fine, but if you’re cutting your squares from yardage, cut 24, 5 inch squares, and 24, 5 3/8 inch squares.)

32, 5 inch squares in cool colours – we used blues and greens

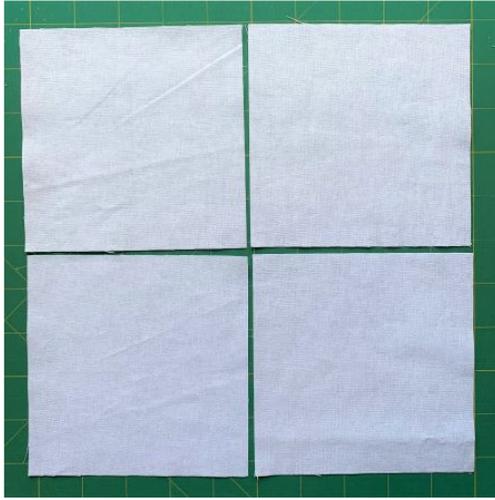
3 ½ yards/metres of plain white fabric for blocks and borders. You need 64, 5 inch squares in white (Note – again, if you’re cutting your squares, cut 40 at 5 inches square, and 24 at 5 3/8 inches square.)

¾ yard / metre of fabric for your binding. We used a bright emerald green.

Batting measuring at least 80 x 80 inches

Backing Fabric measuring at least 80 x 80 inches

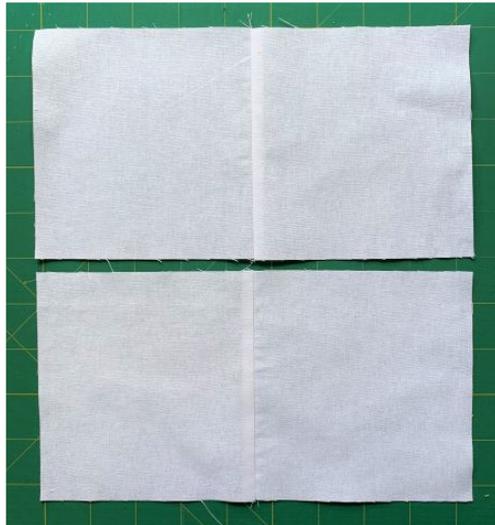
**Construction:**



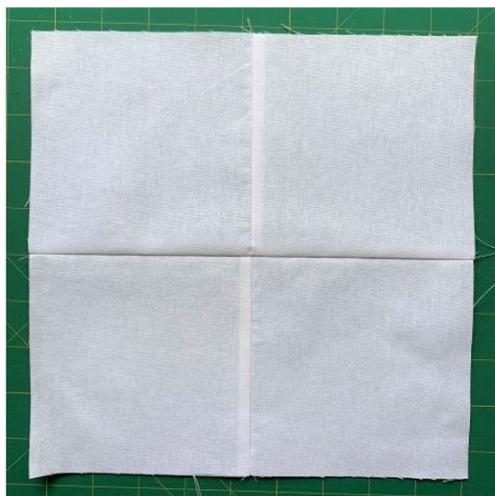
This quilt is constructed from a series of 4 patch units.

To start, you will need to make 4 plain white units, for the four corners of your quilt.

Use 5 inch squares for these units.



Sew into pairs, and press seams in opposite directions.



Join the pairs to make a 4 patch unit.

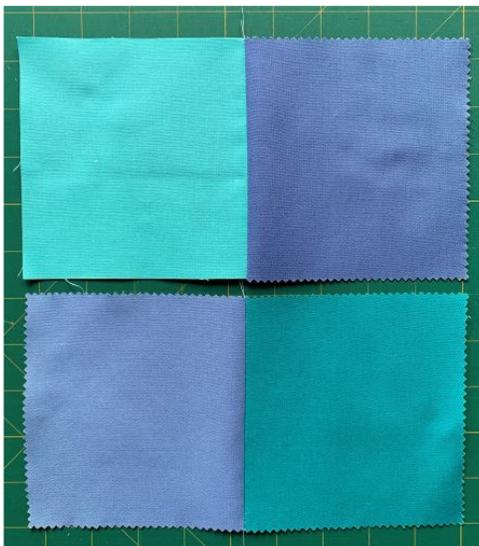
Press well and make 4 in total.



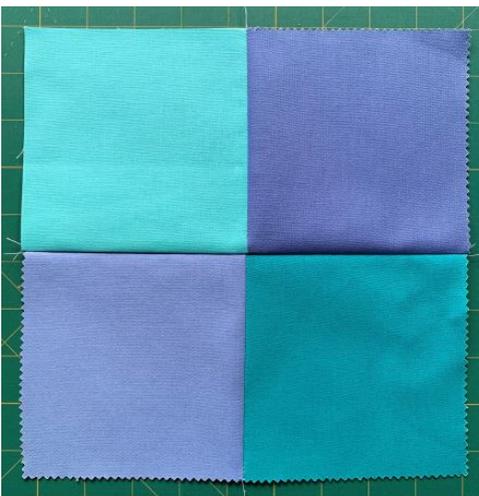
Next, make the cool (blue and green) units.

We kept our arrangement scrappy.

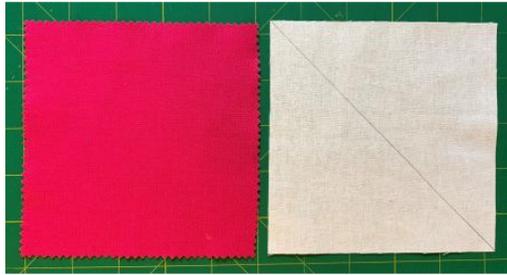
Make a total of 8 of these cool colour units.



Sew in pairs and press seams in opposite directions.



Join the pairs and press well. Make another 7 of these units, so you have 8 in total.



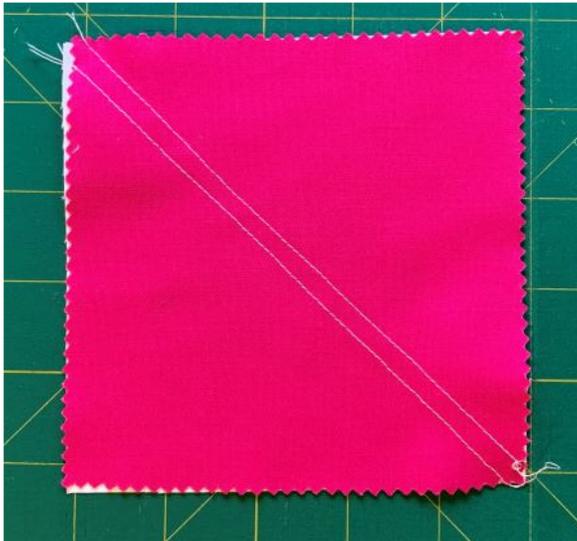
The warm coloured units have two half square triangle blocks in them.

If you cut  $5 \frac{3}{8}$  inch squares, use them for these blocks. If not, you will need 24 coloured and 24 white squares.



Rule a diagonal line on the wrong side of your white squares and pair them up.

One white and one coloured, with right sides together.

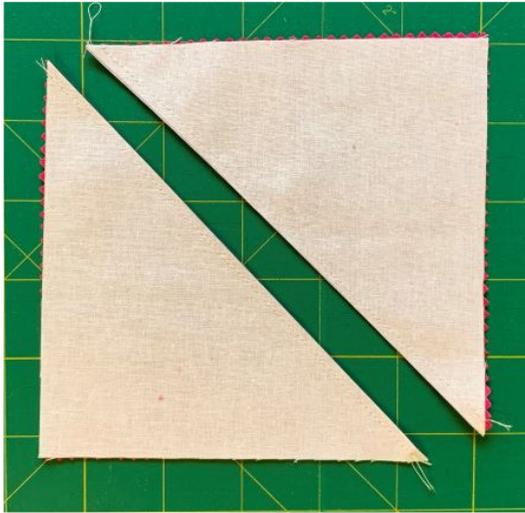


You will sew either side of the marked line, and these blocks can be chain pieced.

\*\* If you have  $5 \frac{3}{8}$  inch squares, sew a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch either side of the line.

OR

\*\*If you are using 5 inch squares, your seams will need to be narrower. Sew  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch either side of the marked line.



Cut on the line to separate the halves.



Open out and press.

Do this for all 24 pairs, so that you end up with a total of 48 half square triangles.



Arrange your warm coloured 4 patch units as shown, with two half square triangle blocks and one white and one coloured square.

Again, we kept ours scrappy.



Sew into pairs and press seams in opposite directions.



NOTE – if you are using 5 inch squares, as pictured, your seam allowances will need to be narrower.

Centre the smaller half square triangle block on the plain 5 inch square as pictured. Stick to  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seams when joining blocks, and it will go together just fine.



Join your pairs to make a completed warm coloured 4 patch unit.

Make 24 of these units in total.

**Assembly:**



Refer to the photos and lay out your quilt top as pictured.

The plain white units go in each corner, and the cool coloured units are spread with one towards each corner, within the star. The remaining 4 cool units make the large centre square.

The warm units are rotated to make the star points.



When you are happy with the arrangement, sew the units into rows, and press the seams in alternate directions between the rows.

Join the rows together, taking care to match your seams for perfect points.

Press well.

**Borders:**



From your plain white fabric, cut two strips measuring  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide by  $53\frac{1}{2}$  inches long.

Make sure you measure your quilt top first to double check the length you will need for your borders.

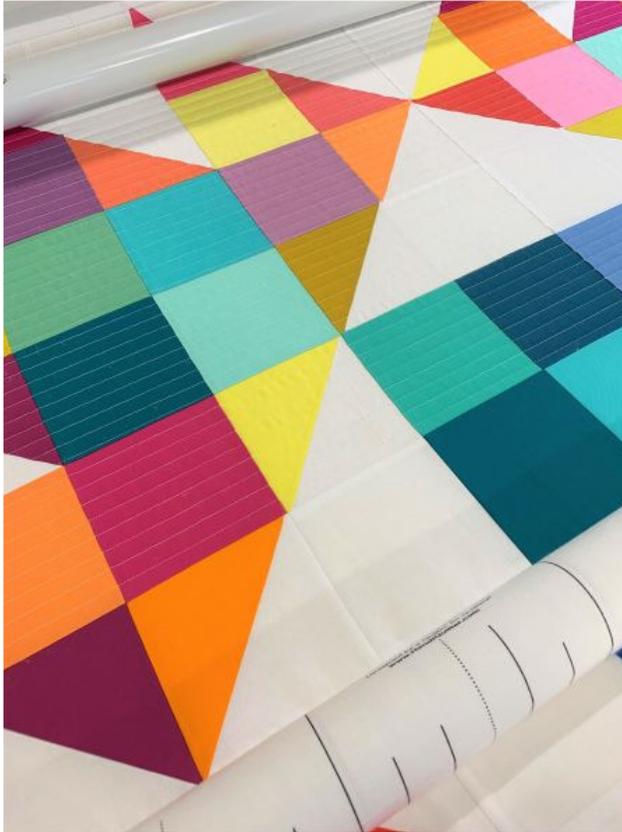
Sew border strips to either side and press well.



Cut another two strips measuring  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches x  $69\frac{1}{2}$  inches (again, measure to double check), and sew to top and bottom.

Press well.

### Quilting:



Place your backing fabric face down on a flat surface, then smooth the batting on top.

Put your quilt top on top of that, centred and smoothed flat. Pin the layers together in preparation for quilting.

Ours was longarm quilted with straight vertical lines, spaced a half inch apart.

Quilt yours as you like.

### Finishing:

From your binding fabric, cut sufficient 2¼ inch width lengths for your binding and join together with 45 degree seams.

Press the ¼ inch seams open, then fold the strip in half, right sides out and press.

Join the binding to the right side of the quilt edge with a quarter inch seam, mitring each corner as you go.

Turn the folded edge of the binding to the back and slip stitch it in place with thread that matches the binding to finish.

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