

Shooting Star



Welcome to Myrtle Beach Quilt Party 2021. What a year! We are going to stay safe, have fun and get a lot of sewing done. This block is very basic. Just 1/2 squares and plain blocks. There are a few tricks to pressing and putting it together that will make things flatter and make your points match better. I'm going to do some demos, but most of your time will be sewing time. We'll spread out and enjoy being together. There is not pattern to buy. I will have a handout for you.

This is a great scrap quilt. Pick a color scheme and go through your stash. All you need for success is great contrast. Fabrics should fall into two piles - lights for background and darks for the star.

Here are some size basics:

The 1/2 squares and squares are 3" finished. The block is 24" finished. You can cut everything with a basic ruler. If you have a Simple 7/8 inch ruler from Creative Grid, that will make some of the cutting easier, but it's not necessary. Other than that, just bring your machine, a **1/4 inch presser foot, without a side blade**, a marking pencil and some basic rulers. If your machine dealer does not have a 1/4" foot without a side blade, check on the internet. You should be able to order one for less than \$20.

The stripping and the outer border are 3" wide finished.

Cutting for one block:

3 1/2" squares - cut 16 from background fabric and 12 from print fabric.

For the 1/2 squares -

Cut 3 7/8" squares - cut 18 from background fabric and 18 from print fabric.

A word about 1/2 squares - I don't like to trim. I have an accurate 1/4" seam, so I can usually make an accurate 1/2 square that does not need to be trimmed.

If you prefer to make your 1/2 squares and trim them, then cut the squares for your 1/2 squares 4 inches. That is the word squares a lot of times, isn't it?

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When you start, take some time to prep your fabric. Prewash if you need to. Press everything and give it good spray of sizing or starch. After you cut, put your squares in a box or tray. Please don't mash them into zipper bag

Basic sizes -

2 x 2 blocks - 63" x 63"

2 x 3 blocks - 63" x 90"

3 x 3 blocks - 90" x 90"

Approximate fabric amounts	Amount of dark fabric for the blocks and stars	Amount of light fabric for the blocks and stars	Amount of light fabric for the sashing and border.	Binding fabric
2 x 2 blocks	2 yds.	1 3/4 yds	2 yds	3/4 yd
2 x 3 blocks	2 3/4 yds	2 1/4 yds.	2 3/4 yds	3/4 yd
3 x 3 blocks	3 3/4 yds	3 1/4 yds.	3 3/4 yds.	1 yd

These amounts are guidelines. Always allow some extra. Use fat quarters, precuts, and scraps. The more variety, the better. Bring some extra fabric to class. There are some other design options for this block. You might decide to change some things.

Cutting for the stars and stripping	Star centers (Dark fabric) 3 1/2" squares	Star Points Dark Fabric 2 " squares	Light squares for the corners Cut 3 1/2"	Light fabric *** 3 1/2' x 24 1/2" stripping pieces
2 x 2 blocks	9 Squares	72 squares	12 squares	20
2 x 3 blocks	12 squares	96 squares	12 squares	27
3 x 3 blocks	16 squares	128 squares	12 squares	36

***You might want to wait to cut your light fabric for the sashing and your border. If you do want to go ahead and cut it, cut your pieces 3 1/2" x 26"+ - . You can trim them to an exact length later. That way, you can use the ends of those strips for 3 1/2" squares in your blocks.

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Total number of squares for the blocks	3 1/2" light squares (16 per block)	3 1/2" dark squares (12 per block)	3 7/8" squares Light (18 per block)	3 7/8" squares Dark (18 per block)
2 x 2 blocks	64 sqs. (cut approximately 6 strips)	48 sqs. (Cut approximately 5 strips)	72 (Cut approximately 8 strips)	72 (Cut approximately 8 strips)
2 x 3 blocks	96 (Cut approximately 9 strips)	72 (Cut approximately 7 strips)	108 (Cut approximately 11 strips)	108 (Cut approximately 11 strips)
3 x 3 blocks	144 (Cut approximately 13 strips)	108 (Cut approximately 10 strips)	162 (Cut approximately 17 strips)	162 (Cut approximately 17 strips)

I didn't realize until after I made this quilt, that it is all over Pinterest. If you would like other sizes, go to this website - <http://www.unitednotions.com/Moda-Love-Layer-Cake-Quilt.pdf>. Or google Moda Love LayerCake Quilt to see other pictures and possibilities. If you want to make these other sizes, that is fine with me. After all, this is your time and your fabric.

If you need help - Call me or text. Patti Cline - 704-807-6992