

Scrappy Firework Quilts by Edyta Sitar for Laundry Basket Quilts

Mini Star Quilt (page 62)

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Materials

1 yard tan print for block and border
8 assorted 1-1/2" x 21" light print and batik strips
8 assorted 1-1/2" x 21" dark print and batik strips
1/4 yard dark plaid for binding
4 – 6" x 15" rectangles of assorted brown prints and batiks for stem appliqués
1/2 yard total assorted green and blue prints and batiks for leaf appliqués
Assorted gold print and batik scraps for flower appliqués
Assorted pink print scraps for bud and leaf appliqués
36" square backing fabric
36" square batting

Finished block: **19-1/2"** square

Finished quilt: **31"** square

Quantities are for 40/44"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics. Measurements include 1/4" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise noted.

NOTE: If you desire more fabric variation in your star, increase the number of light and dark strips to make additional strip panels and cut fewer segments from each panel for a total of 32 segments.

Cut the Fabrics

From tan print, cut:

4 – **6-1/4"** squares
1 – **9-1/4"** square, cutting diagonally in an X for a total of 4 triangles
2 – 6" x **20"** border strips
2 – 6" x **31"** border strips

From dark plaid, cut:

4 – 1-3/4" x 42" binding strips

Assemble the Block

1. Sew together two light 1-1/2" x 21" strips and two dark 1-1/2" x 21" strips into a strip panel as shown, offsetting each strip by 1-1/4" and alternating the light and dark strips. Repeat to make four strip panels.

2. Cut 1-1/2"-wide segments at a 45-degree angle across the strip panels as shown, cutting eight from each panel for a total of 32 segments.

3. Lay out four segments as shown. Sew the segments together to complete one diamond. Press seams in one direction. Repeat to make eight diamonds.

4. Lay out the eight diamonds, four tan print 6-1/4" squares, and four tan print triangles as shown. Refer to 8-Pointed Stars on page XX to complete the block.

Add the Border

1. Referring to the Quilt Top Assembly Diagram, sew 6" x 20" border strips to opposite edges of the block. Press seams toward the border.

2. Add 6" x 31" border strips to remaining edges. Press seams toward the border.

Applique the Quilt

Trace the appliqué patterns on page XX. Use the appliqué method of your choice to prepare appliqué pieces.

From brown prints and batiks, cut:

- 4 of pattern A (long stem)
- 4 of pattern A reversed (long stem)
- 4 of pattern B (short stem)
- 4 of pattern B reversed (short stem)

From green and blue prints and batiks, cut:

- 4 of pattern C (leaf)
- 4 of pattern C reversed (leaf)
- 4 of pattern D (leaf)
- 4 of pattern D reversed (leaf)
- 16 of pattern E (leaf)
- 16 of pattern F (leaf)
- 4 of pattern G (double leaf)

From gold prints and batiks, cut:

- 8 of pattern H (large flower)
- 8 of pattern I (small flower)

From pink prints, cut:

- 8 of pattern J (bud)

Position the appliqué pieces on the quilt top, referring to the Quilt Top Diagram on page XX as a guide. Appliqué the shapes in place using your favorite method. A narrow zigzag stitch was used along the edges of each of the appliqué pieces.

Complete the Quilt

1. Layer quilt top, batting, and backing.

2. Quilt as desired. Neutral thread was used to stitch closely around the appliqué shapes and in-the-ditch of the star's outer edges. The star is filled with stippling and the background is filled with an all-over whimsical design.

3. Bind with dark plaid binding strips.