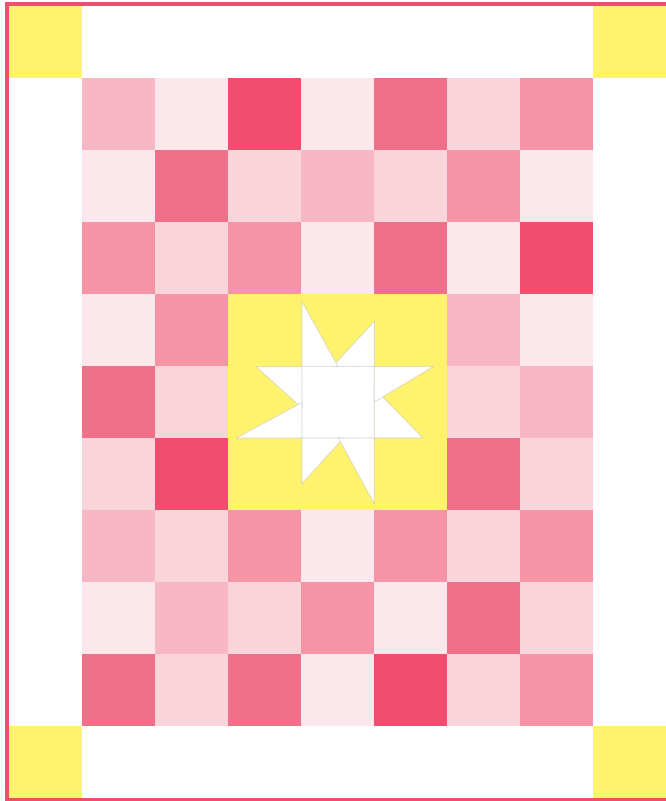


Starshine Baby Quilt

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Finished Quilt Size: 36" x 44"



Fabric:

1/8 yard each of 9 coordinating fabrics (1 1/8 yds total) ~ patchwork & cornerstones

1/4 yard ~ borders

1 1/8 yards ~ backing fabric (44" width of fabric)

1/2 yard ~ binding fabric

(Prefer Precuts? Substitute (75) 5" charm squares for patchwork & cornerstones, and increase width of borders to 5" for piecing. Finished top is 40.5" x 49.5", requiring 3/8 yd border fabric, 1 1/2 yds backing fabric, and 1/2 yd binding fabric.)

Cutting:

A (8) 4.5" squares for background of star

B (9) 4.5" squares for star (scraps may be used for (8) star points, but (1) 4.5" square is needed for center)

C (54) 4.5" squares for the main body of the quilt

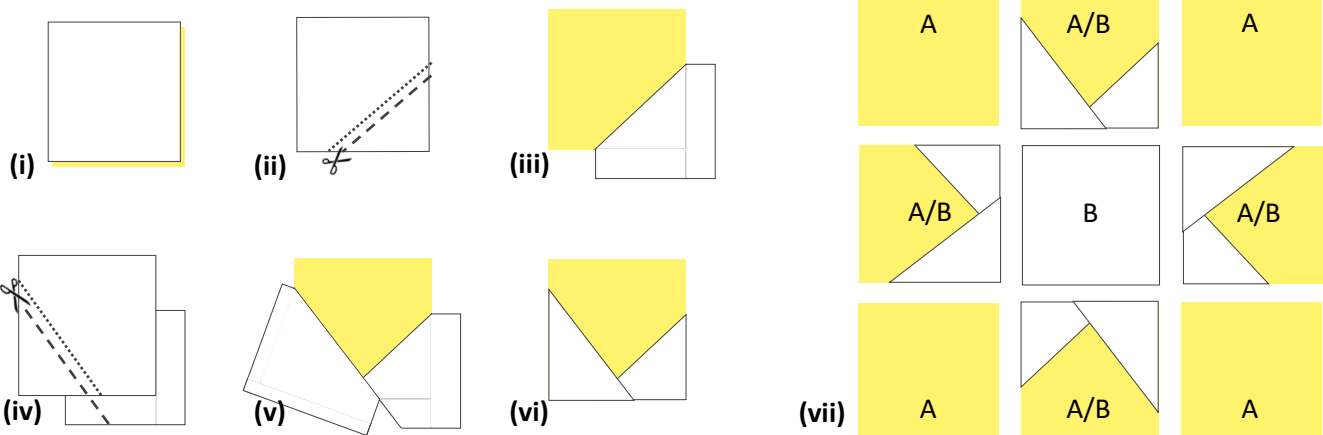
D (2) 4.5" x 37" strips for left & right side borders (do not cut length until center of top is pieced)

E (2) 4.5" x 29" strips for top & bottom borders (do not cut length until center of top is pieced)

F (4) 4.5" squares for cornerstones

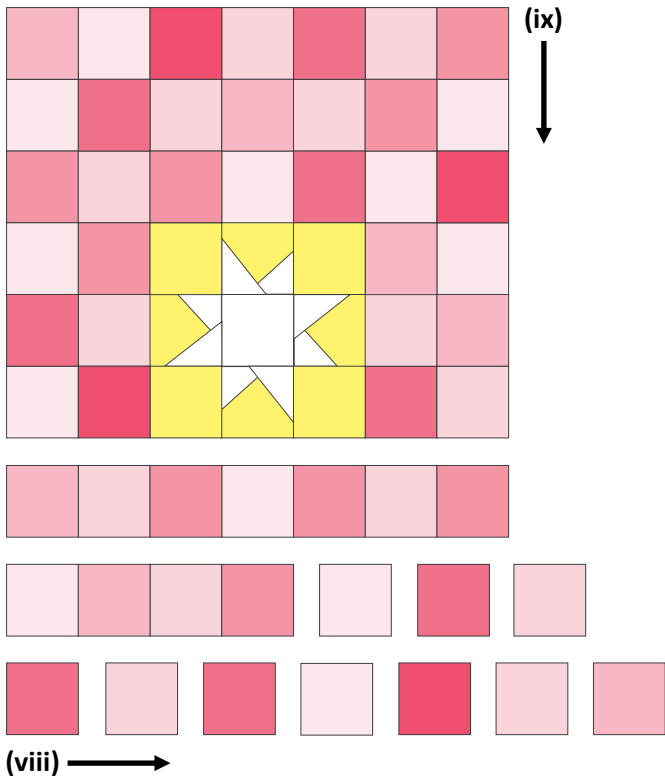
Piecing:

To start, set aside four of the A squares and one of the B squares. With the remaining A and B squares, you will create four 4.5" A/B sub-blocks using a wonky star piecing style. **(i)** Lay B on top of A, right sides together. **(ii)** Stitch a diagonal line across bottom right corner, trim 1/4" from seam. **(iii)** Flip and press seams toward the dark side. **(iv)** Lay another B on top of the new A/B you just created, right sides together. Stitch a diagonal line across bottom left corner, trim 1/4" from seam. **(v)** Flip and press seams. **(vi)** Trim entire block to 4.5" square. **(vii)** Repeat to create three more A/B sub-blocks. *(New to wonky stars? For a detailed tutorial with step-by-step photos of how to piece the sub-block, visit <http://bit.ly/2iJyF68>)*



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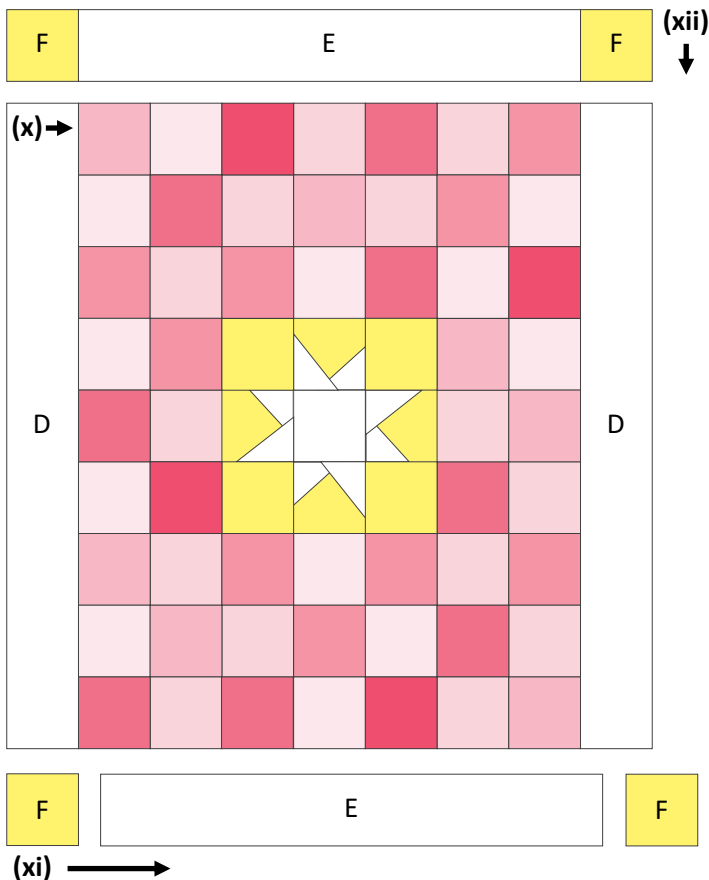
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Once the A/B sub-blocks are complete, lay out the entire center of the quilt using pieces A, B, C & A/B. **(viii)** Working horizontally, sew together adjoining squares to complete each row, then press seams. (Press open or to the side; I suggest pressing each row in opposite directions to nest seams.) **(ix)** Once each row is complete, sew together adjoining rows to complete the quilt's center. Pay careful attention to match corner seams throughout, especially when joining the squares that comprise the center star, then press seams.

Now that you've completed the entire center of the quilt, press and lay flat, then measure the finished length (approximately 37") and width (approximately 29"). Using length measurement, trim two D sashing strips; using width measurement, trim two E sashing strips. **(x)** Sew D to each side of the quilt center, and press seams. **(xi)** Sew F cornerstones to the ends of the E, and press seams. **(xii)** With care to match the corner seams, attach E/F strips to the top and bottom of the quilt, and press seams.



Voila!

Your quilt top is complete! Choose your favorite method to sandwich backing and batting, then quilt and bind to finish.

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