Star Baby

41 x 42" approximate

Materials

- Leftover triangles from the the Chain Gang Quilt
- Star points, binding – 1-1/4 yards (Shown as gray in photo)
- Background – 1 yard (Shown as black in photo and cream in diagrams)
- A ruler with a 60 degree mark is also used

Step 1

Sew twenty-three spinning hexagons in the same manner as diagram II-B. They will look like diagram 1.

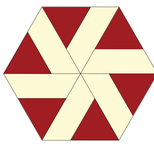


Diagram 1

Step 2

From the star point fabric, cut five 3-1/2" strips. Using TBO from the Quilted Jewels Series Templates, cut seventy-six triangles.

From the background fabric, cut nine 3-1/2" strips, sub cut twelve 3-1/2 x 5-1/2" rectangles and twelve 3-1/2 x 8-1/2" rectangles. Also cut twenty-four triangles using template TBO.

Stack 2 smaller rectangles, wrong sides together. Lay on your cutting mat. Place a ruler so that the 60° mark lines up with the bottom edge of the fabric and the edge of the ruler is right on the corner of the fabric. Cut away the corner as shown in diagram 2A. You will have one piece that 'faces' left and one that 'faces' right. Diagram 2B. Repeat with the remaining small and large rectangles.

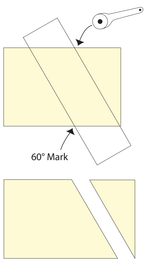


Diagram 2A

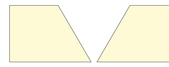


Diagram 2B

Step 3

Sew a star point triangle to opposite sides of each hexagon block, Diagram 3, press toward the triangle. Sew star point triangles to the cut rectangles (from step 2), Diagram 4. Piece end units as shown in diagram 5. Make 6 with the small pieces and 4 with the large pieces.

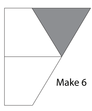
Using the background triangles cut in step 2, make six half-hexagons, Diagram 6.

Sew the half hexes, remaining star point triangles and large units together as shown in the quilt diagram. Make 2 strips.

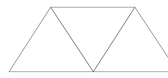
Diagram 3

Make 6 of each

Diagram 4



Make 6



Make 8

Diagram 6

Make 4

Diagram 5

Step 4

Lay out the pieces as shown in the quilt diagram. Sew in rows. Trim the edges even, if needed.

Step 5

Cut two background strips 3-1/2" x width of fabric. Measure the quilt the longer way and cut your two border strips to this length. Sew to each side of the quilt and press.

Layer and quilt, make a binding: cut four 2-1/2" strips from the background fabric and join with a 45 degree seam. Press seams open to reduce bulk, Bind in your favorite method. On the model quilt the binding was sewn to the back, pressed toward the front and top stitched in place.