



## Double Star Quilt

*with* Fancy Tiger Crafts



The Double Star Quilt features a striking combination of light and dark fabrics, with a star-within-a-star motif radiating from the center. Using a mix of special prints and half-square triangles, Amber from Fancy Tiger shows you how to use free-form patchwork to grow the quilt from the center out. In the class, Amber shows how to make a 54" baby quilt, but instructions are included for making a larger 90" queen-size quilt.

### *Learn How To:*

- Use a rotary cutter to cut fabrics
- Use a clear gridded ruler to make 90-degree angles
- Assemble a quilt top

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*Materials:*

**For the 54" Baby Quilt:** Four fat quarters of dark fabric, ten  $\frac{1}{3}$ -yard cuts of light fabrics

**For the 90" Queen-Size Quilt:** Four fat quarters of dark fabric, nine 1-yard cuts of light fabric

- $\frac{1}{4}$ " Sewing machine foot
- Thread snips
- Thread
- Rotary cutter
- Cutting surface
- 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square clear gridded ruler
- 6" x 24" clear gridded ruler (optional)
- Sewing machine
- Iron and ironing surface
- Pins (optional)

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designed by Amber Corcoran of FANCY TIGER CRAFTS

## CHOOSING FABRIC

The Double Star Quilt uses a mix of dark and light fabrics to create a patchwork, yet graphic quilt. It is a great project to learn about playing with contrast. Our sample is made with dark fabrics for the foreground star motif and light fabrics for the background. You can choose to switch it up and try a light star motif on a dark background, or experiment with color for your contrast. Try bright reds for your star on a mint background, or hot pinks on a mustard ground. Make it yours!

This class will walk you through making the patchwork top for the Double Star Quilt. The material requirements below also list amounts needed to finish your quilt with a backing, binding and batting.

## FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

Size	Finished Size	Dark Fabric (foreground)	Light Fabric (background)	Quilt Backing	Binding
Baby/Throw	54" x 54"	4 fat quarters (mix of darks)	ten 1/3 yard cuts (mix of lights)	2-5/8 yards	1/2 yard
Queen	90" x 90"	4 fat quarters (mix of darks)	nine 1 yard cuts (mix of lights)	6-7/8 yards	3/4 yard

## ADDITIONAL MATERIALS NEEDED

Sewing machine, coordinating thread, pins and pincushion, rotary cutter, cutting mat, 12"x12" square acrylic ruler, 6"x24" acrylic ruler, iron and ironing board. Quilt batting to finish quilt.

## INSTRUCTIONS

### Cutting

From your dark fat quarters, cut:

- Four 11.5"x11.5" squares
- Four 6.5"x6.5" squares

Cut these squares on the diagonal, making 8 half-square triangles (HSTs) of each size.

From a mix of your light fabrics, cut:

- Four 11.5"x11.5" squares
- Four 6.5"x6.5" squares

Cut these squares on the diagonal, making 8 HSTs of each size.

Continuing from your light fabrics, cut:

- Five 10.5" x 10.5" squares
- Four 5.5"x5.5" squares

Set these squares aside for now while you assemble your HSTs

### Assemble Half Square Triangle (HST) Blocks

With 1/4" seam, sew each dark triangle to a matching sized light triangle along the longest side. (8 large HST blocks and 8 small HST blocks)

Press your seams to the one side.

Trim the sewn blocks down to 5.5" square and 10.5" square. Lay out your double star, deciding on the placement of your blocks.

### Assemble the small inner star.

Top row: separate the top 4 small blocks and seam them together from left to right and press. Middle row: First seam the two left side, smaller squares together into a tall rectangle, then the two right side small squares. Now seam these to either side of the larger center block.

Bottom row: Seam the bottom 4 small blocks together just like you did the top row.

Sew the three rows together to complete the small inner star and press.

### Assemble the large star.

The small star will now be the center block as you create your large star. Assemble the large star in exactly the same way as the smaller star.

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### Add Border

Your large double star block should be about 40" across. With your remaining fabric cut 8" strips of random lengths from your remaining light fabrics, and seam them together until you have an 8" wide strip at least as long as the width of the star block.

Seam the strip to one edge of the quilt. Press the seam and trim the strip to the width of the quilt. Cut and seam an 8" wide strip to fit the next side of the block. Repeat until you have a border on all 4 sides.

A single border is all you need for the throw/baby size quilt. Tada! Your quilt top is finished!

### Queen Size: Add 2 More Borders

For a queen sized quilt, continue by adding a 12" border. With your remaining fabric cut 12" strips randomly from your

remaining light fabrics, and seam them together until you have a 12" wide strip at least as long as the width of the quilt. Seam the strip to the edge, press, trim strip to the width of the quilt. Repeat so that you have a 12" border on all 4 sides of the quilt.

Add another 8" border--sew a patchworked 8" strip to each of the 4 sides of your quilt to complete the queen sized top. This will give you a 90" square quilt top.

Once your quilt top is finished, you can complete the quilt with your favorite quilting and binding method. Enjoy your beautiful new quilt!

