

SCRAPPY STARS QUILT

A QUILT MADE BY MEMBERS OF MOTHERTOWN QUILTERS, TO BE SOLD AT THE 2015 BOLTON FAIR

The Bolton Fair and Outreach committee's thanks you for helping us construct blocks for a quilt, which will be finished and sold at next year's Bolton Fair. Costs incurred (batting) in making this quilt will come from this year's outreach budget. Money realized from selling this quilt will go into outreach funds for future year's projects.

Using a fabric packet provided by the outreach team at the January guild meeting, you will be able to make two 8 1/2" blocks. We would appreciate your returning the finished blocks at the February guild meeting. The pattern is an eight pointed star block. We are using fabrics in warm fall colors of gold, brown, green, blue and red set on an off-white/cream background. Our intent is to make the blocks very scrappy (see block picture). The blocks will be sashed and set "on-point" in an 88"x102" queen/king size quilt. Pictures of four blocks for the actual quilt are here and on the website, as are the directions for the blocks.

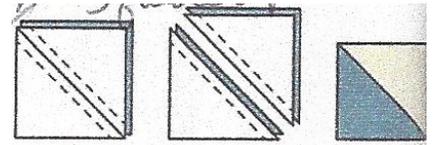


QUILT BLOCK DIRECTIONS; Each fabric packet contains 20 squares of cream and 20 squares of dark fabrics, which should be enough to make two blocks. Feel free to use your own fabrics, provided they match the color tones and use small prints, batik's and tone on tone prints, as the provided fabrics. Note that the squares are approximately 2 1/2", 2 7/8", or 3". Trim or cut to size the squares for the needed location within the block.

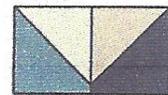
Each block requires

- six @ 2 1/2" squares of cream (corners and center)
- two @ 2 1/2" dark squares (center)
- 8 HST (half square triangles) for the star points.

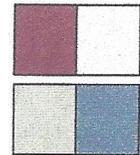
For each block: Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of eight 2 7/8" or 3" cream squares. Layer a dark square, right sides together, with the cream square. Sew together with two seams, stitching a scant 1/4" on each side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line to make two HST's. Press each triangle unit (HST), pressing the seams to the dark fabric. Trim each HST to measure 2 1/2". You need eight of these finished units for each block, all different fabrics if possible.



Sew together two HST units to make star points. You need 4 of these, measuring 2 1/2" x 4 1/2".



Sew center 4 patch units using 2 cream and 2 dark 2 1/2" squares. Sew the dark and cream squares together in pairs. Press to the dark fabric. Join pairs together to form a four patch unit, alternating dark/light. Press in one direction. The four patch unit should measure 4 1/2" square.



Using the diagram, lay out block using 4 cream 2 1/2" squares in the corners and 4 star point units on all four sides of the center 4patch unit. Sew pieces in three rows, pressing seams away from the star point units. Sew rows together to make block. Press seams towards the middle row. The block should measure 8 1/2", including the 1/4" seam allowance. VOILA!

