## Blazing Stars



To make the quilt pictured:

## You need:

- 1-1/4 yards of white
- 3-7/8 yards of low volume whites for sashing
- 7/8 yard yellow
- $43 / 4$ yards of colorful scraps for the main blocks
- $3 / 4$ yard of various colorful scraps

Note: Use $1 / 4$ " seams throughout. When long strips are needed, piece as needed to make length needed. WOF = "width of fabric".

This quilt is made of one $8.5^{\prime \prime}$ block plus a pieced sashing block and cornerstones.:


## Cut:

Main block: Make 56 blocks for this quilt
For one block: (total needed in parenthesis)


From white:

- (2) $-1 \frac{1}{2}{ }^{\prime \prime} \times 2 \frac{1}{2}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ strips (112)
- (2) $-1 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime} \times 4 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime}$ strips (112)

From colorful squares:

- (13) $-2 \frac{1121 " \times 2 ~}{1 / 2 \prime}$ " squares (728)

Border will be covered later.

Sashing Blocks: Make 97 blocks


From white:

- (2) $-1 \frac{1 / 2 " \times}{} \times 1 /{ }^{\prime \prime}$ strips (194)

From low volume white based print:

- (1) $-51 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip (97)

From colorful and saturated prints:

- (4) pieces of scrap fabric approximately 3 " $\times 4$ " or larger (388)

Cornerstone blocks: Make 42 blocks


From a BOLD or saturated print:

- (1) $1 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime}$ square

From lighter or pastel prints:

- (8) $1 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime}$ squares

From Yellow:

- (2) $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips
- (2) $1 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime} \times 5 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime}$ strips

How to Construct blocks:
Main Block:


Make 56 blocks:
To a colorful $2 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime}$ square, put white $1 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime} \times 21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips on each side:


Then add a $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " $\times 41 / 2 \prime$ white strip to the top and bottom of this unit like this:


After sewing 2 groups of $21 / 2 \prime$ squares together, sew them to the sides of the center you've created like this:


Now sew 2 sets of (4) $21 / 2$ " squares together like this:


Make 56. They should be $81 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 81 / 2 \prime$ square at this point.

## Sashing Block:

You need two types -
One with the triangles only on one end: (26 needed)


And this type with star points on both ends: (71 needed)


To make these, take your $51 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ low volume white based print and place a colorful piece on the corner.


Sew across diagonally at a wonky angle from one side to approximately the middle of the bottom.


Press out and trim away back of the fabric. Trim the corners to the original fabric size.


Repeat for each corner as needed.
Next corner:


Now repeat this process on the other end as needed.
Once all corners are sewn on with colorful fabrics as required, add a white $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip to the top and bottom. It will now look like this (the one with all corners with wonky star points).


White strips above and below this center part: note - white is shown as slightly gray The sashing piece now looks approximately like this:


Make the number of blocks as indicated. The finish at $51 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ at this point.

## Cornerstone Blocks:



Using your previously cut1 $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares, make a 9 patch, placing the dark square in the center of the 9 patch as shown:
I would do this by sewing my pastels into groups of three and then strips of pastel/dark/pastel and after pressing the rows in one direction, sew all three strips together to make a 9 patch:


Then add the yellow $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2 \prime$ strips to the sides.


Then add the yellow $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 51 / 2 \prime$ strips to the top and bottom as shown:


Make 42. They should be $51 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 51 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ square at this point.

## How to put together this quilt:

1. Make blocks as described above.
2. Using this diagram, make rows:

Make 2 rows like this alternating blocks starting with the chain block:


Make 6 rows like this:


Make 7 rows like this:

3. Sew your rows together as per this layout: Ignore the border/binding for the moment:

4. Add border: white

- Cut 2 - 1.5"x99.5". Attach to both sides.
- Cut $2-1.5^{\prime \prime} \times 88.5^{\prime \prime}$. Attach to top and bottom.

5. Sandwich, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
6. Quilt as desired. I used loops!
7. Bind, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished! Enjoy!
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