

# Jurek's Stars

81" x 92"

To make the quilt pictured:



## You need:

- 1 7/8 yards of cream/off white fabric for stars
- 7 5/8 yards of a variety of dark warm colored fabrics in total needed for blocks, sashings and piano key border.
- 1 1/8 yard of red for the first border
- 3/4 yards for the binding



## **Cut:**

### **For main block:**

From various warm colored fabrics:

- 42 - 8½" x 8½" squares

### **For sashings:**

From various warm colored fabrics:

- 71 - 3½" x 8½" strips

From cream for star points:

- 240 – 2" x 2" squares

### **For cornerstones:**

From off white/cream:

- 30 – 3½" squares

**Borders** will be discussed later under "How to construct this quilt".

## **How to make the blocks:**

### **Main blocks:**

Your main block is a plain piece of fabric – cut 8½" x 8½". Once they are cut, you are done! Wasn't that easy?

You need 42 for the quilt pictured above.

### **Sashing sets:**

Each sashing piece finishes at 3.5" x 8.5" It looks like this when finished:



You will need to snowball the corners of the 3.5" x 8.5" sashing piece with your cut 2" cream squares.

### ***To snowball corners –***

If you are unsure how to sew across diagonally a 2" square, either press a seam diagonally or draw a line diagonally with a pencil LIGHTLY on the back side of the square this:



Take your plain rectangle piece of fabric like this:



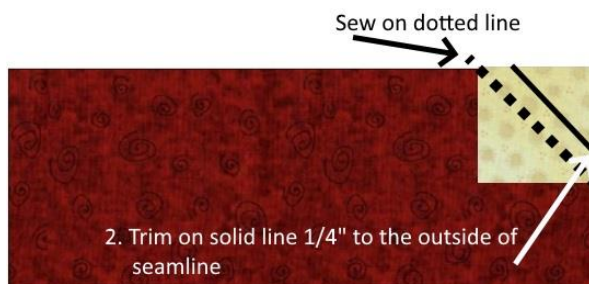
With ***right sides*** together, place a cream 2" square on the corner of the block.



Sew across diagonally on the line you have drawn or pressed (or you can eyeball it)



Then trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the outside of that seam:



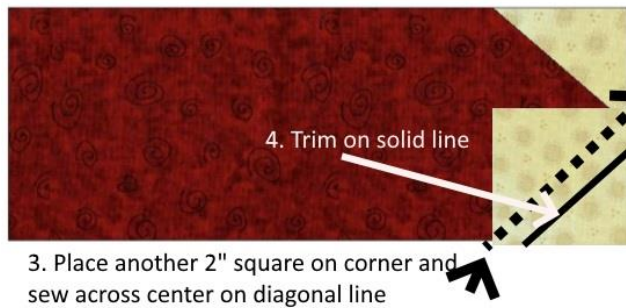
The press that cream piece "out" so that it now looks like this:



Repeat process for the next corner – placing a cream (right sides together) square on top of the piece like this:



Then sew on the diagonal and trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the outside of the seam:



Now press that little cream piece to the outside so that it now looks like this:



Repeat on the other end so that you have a piece that now looks like this:



Make 49 with 4 snowballed corners and

Make 22 that look like this with one end with snowballs

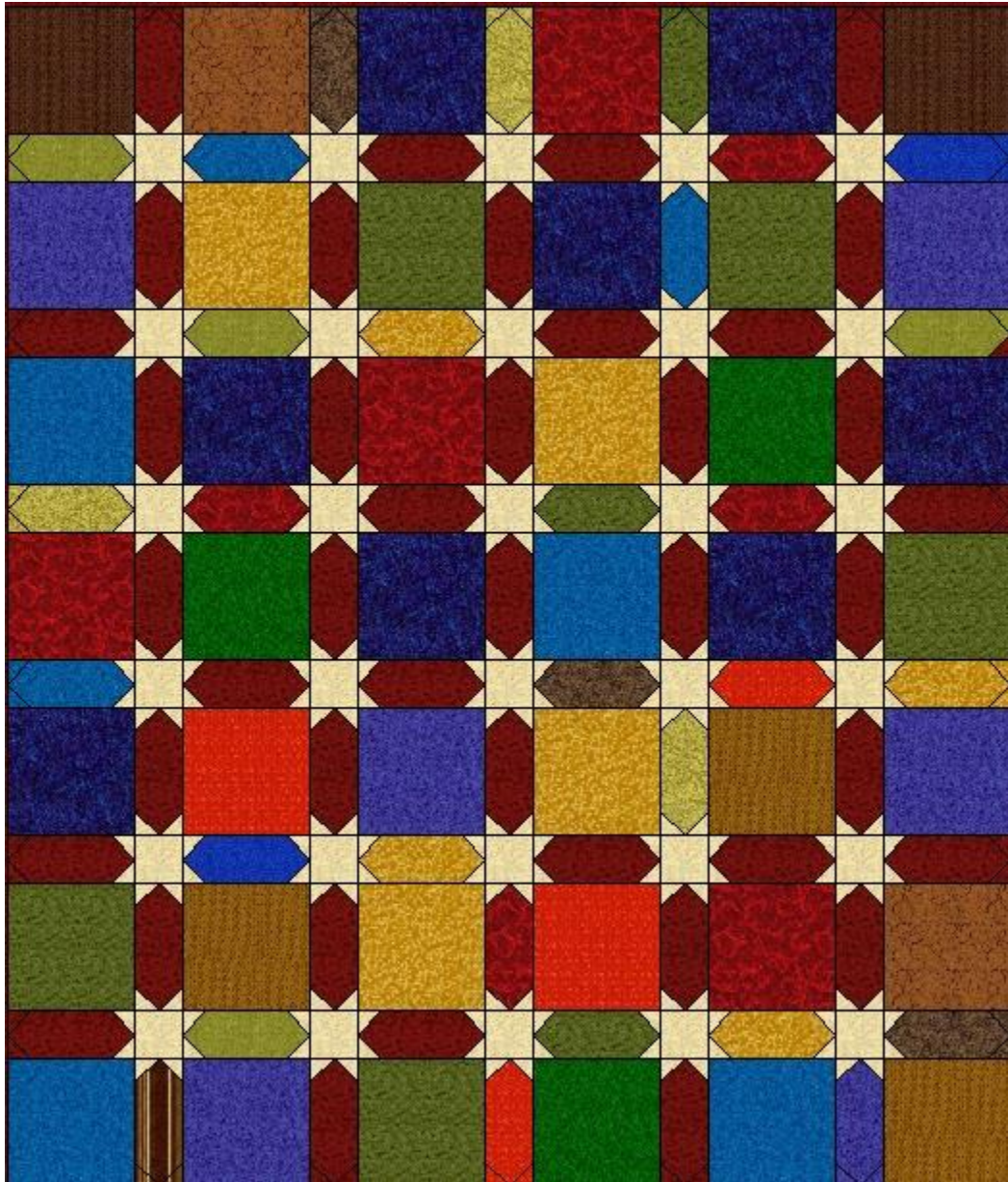




## How to make this quilt:

1. After making all the sashing blocks as directed above, lay out your blocks as you wish, making sure the colors are what pleases you.

Use this diagram to help you:



I sewed the rows together first, placing a sashing strip between each block and then created rows of only sashing and cornerstones and sewed them to the rows. Watch location of the sashing strips with only one end that has snowballed corners.

The rows of blocks and sashing look like this:



The rows of sashings and cornerstones look like this:





2. Borders:



3.

**A. First border: red**

Cut strips of red fabric –  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $74\frac{1}{2}$ " and attach to the sides (piecing as necessary)

Cut 2 strips of red fabric –  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $69\frac{1}{2}$ " and attach to the top and bottom

**B. Second border: piano key border:**

Cut 4 –  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for the corner squares.

Cut 144-  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " strips of fabric from your dark fabrics.



- Sew together 35 strips as pictured in the diagram for the top and bottom. They will be a tad bit too long. When sewing on to the top and bottom, trim across the last piece to fit. Attach to the top and bottom.
  - Sew 37 together as per diagram above for the sides. Add a 6 ½" square to each end of the 37 strips. Make 2. Attach to sides.
4. **Press** well.
  5. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
  6. **Quilt** as desired.
  7. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations!  
Your quilt is finished!

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Notes:

This star sashing is the thing that *makes* this quilt. It is called various things including the Morning Star block. You can google it and find other instructions on how to make it if you do not understand these. It is a very old "technique".

If you want to make this a true queen size quilt, add an additional row of blocks each direction. The finished quilt would then measure 92"x 103" and would be fine on a queen bed. (You would need to cut 56 8½" blocks and make more sashing and piano key strips as well, of course.)

Here's the layout for a 7x8 or queen size quilt:





I wrote up this pattern because some people wanted to know the exact dimensions of this quilt which I made as a gift for a man named Jurek (George).





