## Field of Wonky Stars



This center of the quilt is made up of one block which is $8.5^{\prime \prime}$ before being sewn into the top:


To make the quilt pictured:

## You need:

- 4 yards of low volume scraps for the main blocks
- 4.5 yards of low volume pieces in larger scraps that are at least 4.5 " wide for the sashings and outer border blocks
- $1 / 4$ yards of a light red for the center of the cornerstones
- 7 yards of a various reds for the star points and the cornerstone pieces (you can just choose from your scraps - I don't think it will take this much but it does a fair bit due to the waste while making the wonky stars -this is what the program EQ calls for).
- About $1 / 2-5 / 8$ yard of fabric for the binding.


## Cut:

For block 1 - 16 patch block:


If you are working with simple $2.5^{\prime \prime}$ squares, cut $8962.5^{\prime \prime}$ squares.
If you are strip piecing, follow my diagrams that I've given multiple times and sew together strips and then subcut to 224 segments that look like this: Make a variety.


If you do not know how to strip piece, please check out my tutorial here:
https://www.quiltedtwins.com/new-blog/2017/9/1/strip-piecing-tutorial?rq=strip\ piecing
The only difference here is that I am showing using 2 " strips and not $2.5^{\prime \prime}$. So you will cut at $2.5^{\prime \prime}$ intervals and not $2^{\prime \prime}$.

## For sashing pieces:



From low volume large pieces

- $127-4.5^{\prime \prime} \times 8.5^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles

From various red scraps,

- 508 pieces that are rectangular and about $2.5^{\prime \prime} \times 3.5^{\prime \prime}$ or so. Pictures below.

For cornerstones:

From lighter red/s:

- $72-2.5^{\prime \prime}$ squares

From other reds:

- $144-1.5^{\prime \prime} \times 2.5^{\prime \prime}$ strips
- $144-1.5^{\prime \prime} \times 4.5^{\prime \prime}$ strips

For border:
From low volume fabrics:

- 98-4.5" squares

From various red scraps,

- 68 pieces that are rectangular and about $2.5 " \times 3.5^{\prime \prime}$ or so. Pictures below.


## Construct blocks:

## For the main block:



Using your strips of pieces like this, sew together, nesting seams which have been pressed to one side:


If you are sewing individual blocks together, simply sew 4 together, then press. Repeat. Make 224 such segments as shown above.
Now sew these segments together until you have a 16 patch.


Make 5616 patch blocks. They will be $8.5^{\prime \prime}$ square at this point.

## For the sashing blocks:

Cut a single piece of low volume fabric that is $4.5^{\prime \prime} \times 8.5^{\prime \prime}$ and place a piece of red rectangle fabric across the ends like this: I tended to work with two corners at once:

then


Then stitch across the corners at approximately $1 /{ }^{\prime \prime}$ like this:


Flip out and press like this:


Trim off to make 90 degree corners like this. I also trimmed out excess fabric from underneath like this: Steps are shown below:



How to make the pieced border blocks:


Start with a $4.5^{\prime \prime}$ low volume square and add the red star points to only two sides as show just above so that it looks like the picture shown. Make 34 for the quilt the size I made.

Finished size at this point is 4.5 " $\times 4.5$ ".
How to make cornerstones:


Start with your 2.5" light red square, add a darker 1.5"x $2.5^{\prime \prime}$ strip to each side like this: Press.


Then add your $1.5^{\prime \prime} 4.5^{\prime \prime}$ red strips to the top and bottom to form your cornerstone block.
Finished size at this point is $4.5^{\prime \prime} \times 4.5^{\prime \prime}$.

## How to put together this quilt:

1. Make blocks as described above.
2. Using this diagram, place your blocks as shown, sewing a sashing piece between each block:


The rows look like this:
Cornerstone/sashing/cornerstone/sashing/cornerstone/sashing...etc Make 9 like this:


Sashing/pieced block/sashing/pieced block/sashing/pieced block, etc. Make 8 like this:


Repeat making rows until your center looks like shown above.
3. Sew your top together in rows.
4. Add border: The border for this quilt is simply a pieced border to help the stars look finished: You will use $4.5^{\prime \prime}$ squares and for every third one, you will use a pieced $4.5^{\prime \prime}$ square with star points.
The side borders will look like this:


The top and bottom ones will look like this:


Now the overall layout looks like this:

5. Press well.
6. Sandwich, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
7. Quilt as desired.
8. Bind, using whatever method you wish.

## Congratulations! Your quilt is finished! Enjoy!

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