

Starry Night

96"x105"

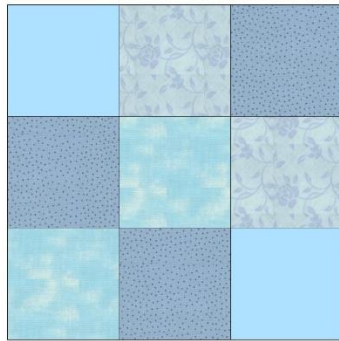
To make the quilt pictured:



You need:

- 5½ yards of medium and dark blues
- 4½ yards of light and medium light blues
- ½-¾ yard of white or slightly off white for star points and middle of star
- ¾ yard of your color choice for the binding

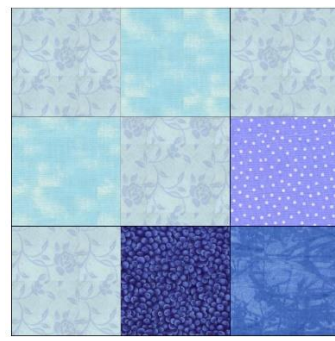
This quilt is made up of 9" (finished in the quilt size) blocks which are basically 9 patches. They look like this: They will finish at 9.5"x9.5" before being sewn into the top.



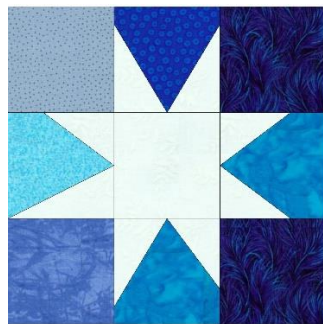
(21 blocks)



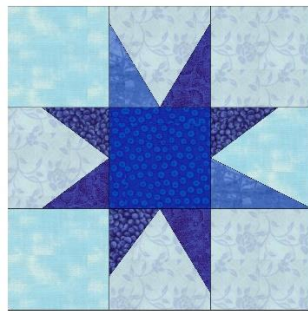
(48 blocks)



(13 blocks)



(13 blocks)



(15 blocks)

Total of 110 blocks

Cut:

From medium to dark blues:

- 636 - 3.5" squares
- 104 pieces of dark blue strips about 2"-2.5" wide by 3-3.5" long for star points

From light to medium blues:

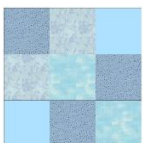
- 471 - 3.5" squares

From white:

- 13 - 3.5" squares
- 120 strips of about 2-2.5" wide x 3" or 3.5" long fabric for the wonky star points

How to make these blocks:

Block 1:



Using various light and medium light blues – make a simple 9 patch – try not to have the same fabric side by side. First sew strips of 3 in a row and then sew 2 more. Then sew those together to make a 9 patch.

Make 21.

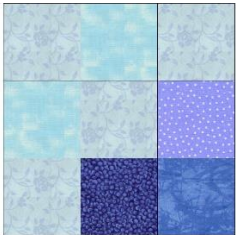
Block 2:



Using various dark blues and medium dark blues, make your 9 patches, trying to keep from using the same fabric side by side.

Make 48

Block 3:

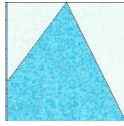


Placing your lights and darks according to this diagram, make your 9 patch to look like this:

Make 13.

Block 4:





Make star points:

- Take a 3.5" square of dark blue and place a strip of light colored fabric across one edge as in a star point.



- Sew along that edge, Before sewing, make sure your fabric is wide enough, when folded back to reach the edge of the dark fabric .



- Press back over the dark fabric.



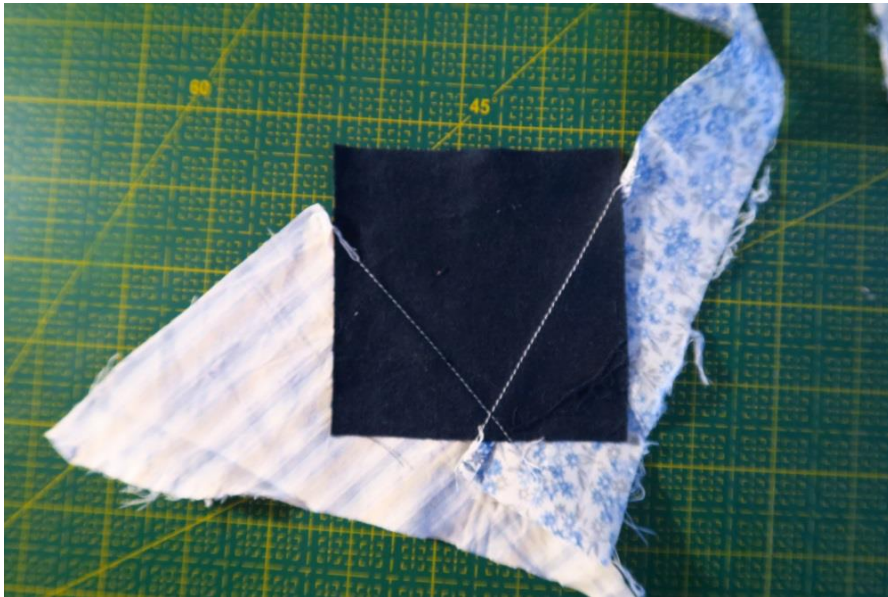
- Sew next star point. Place fabric in position as in a star point, not trying to be perfect or make it match the other side – that’s the beauty of these – they are supposed to be wonky – don’t make them look like you tried to be perfect.



- Press.



- Trim block to 3.5" square. You can turn it over and use the original block as a guide or cut from the top.



- If you want, cut away the dark fabric under the star points.



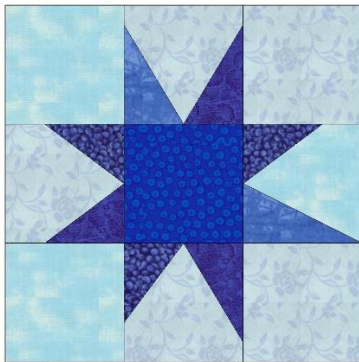


Make 52 such blocks so you can make your 9 patch stars.

Now you can make your star blocks, using white in the middle and light star points. (I used white or off white).

Make 13 wonky star blocks.

Block 5:



Using the same method to make the star points, make 60 star point sets like this only using dark star points and a light background.

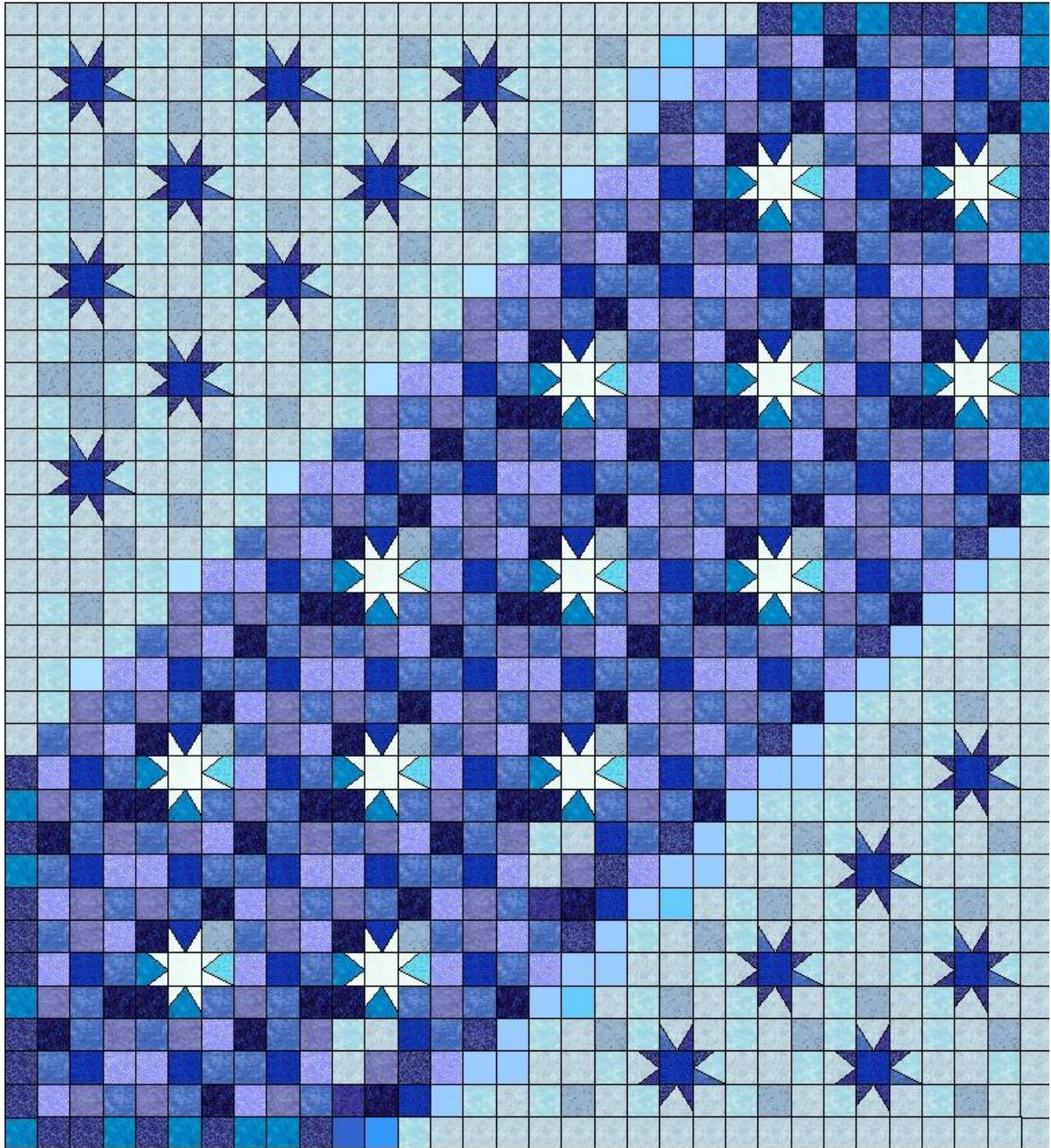


Then make your 9 patch using a dark or medium fabric as your center square and the star points when you make the 9 patch.

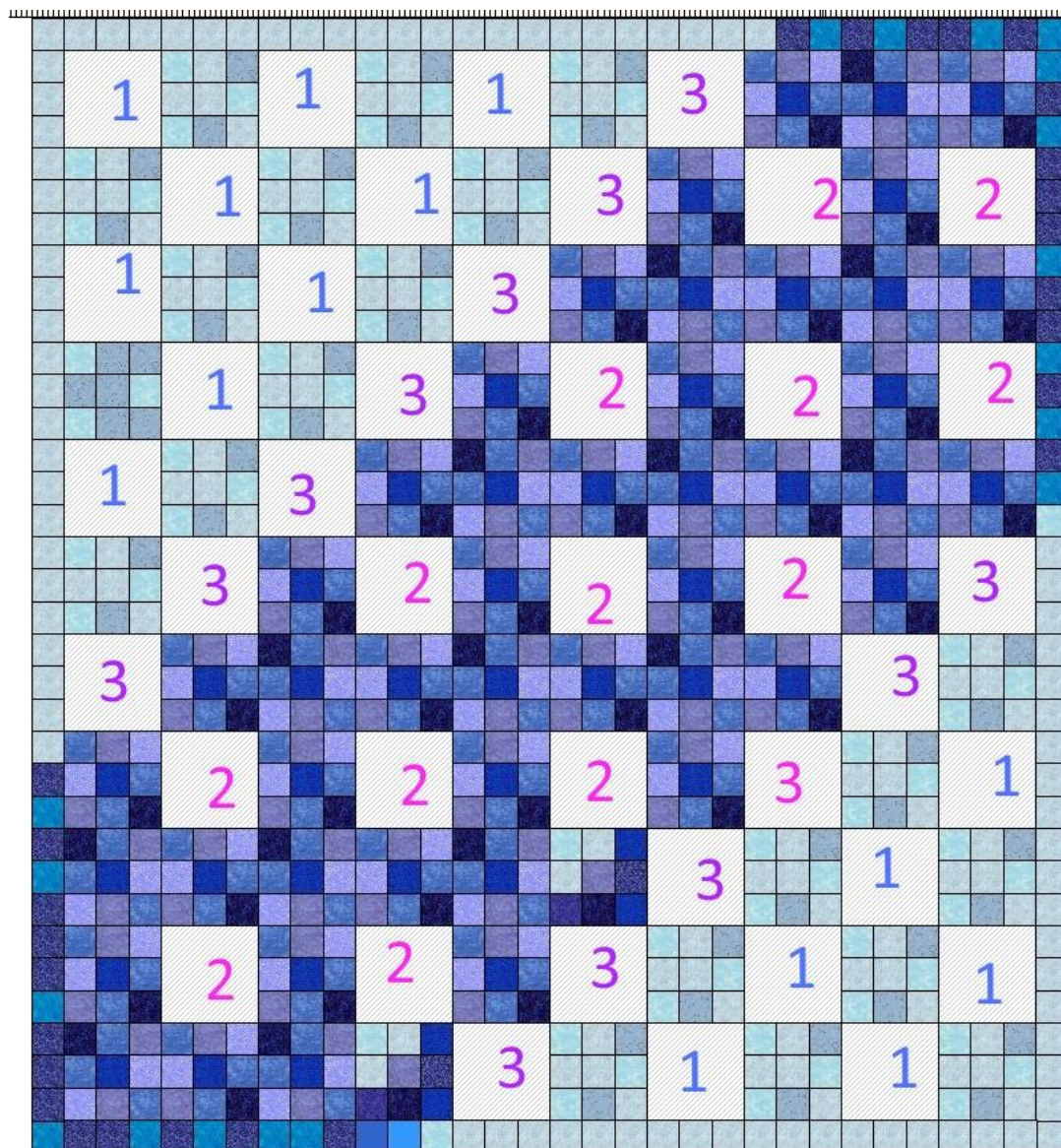
Make 15 wonky star blocks.

How to make this quilt:

1. Using this diagram, place your blocks (Note: the quilt pictured above is upside down according to this diagram.)



Because of the difficulty of reading this chart, I have taken out some of the blocks so you can see where blocks go and where the border goes. The numbers correspond with the blocks you made above.



2. **Press** well.
3. **Add border:**
Following the diagram, make a strip of blocks in the order and pattern of light/dark shown and sew together and attach. It doesn't matter what side you start on. You are using the leftover 3.5" blocks you have already cut under "Cut".
4. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
5. **Quilt** as desired. I used a star and loop pattern to quilt this.
6. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!

Here are a couple of close ups of the quilting.





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