

Giant Star Quilt Tutorial



Make jumbo half-square triangle blocks for a quick and easy picnic quilt! This tutorial makes a 68" x 68" quilt. Let's sew together! Use #sliceofpquilts and tag @sliceofpquilts on Instagram!

Fabric & Supply Requirements

Background Fabric—2 yards, cut into (4) 18" squares and (4) 17 1/2" squares

Star Fabric—8 fat quarters, cut into (8) 18" square

Let's begin!

1. Use a fabric marking pen/pencil to draw a diagonal line on the back of all four 18" background squares. Place one of these squares right sides together with one of the star fabric squares. Sew 1/4" on either side of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line and press the seam toward the darker fabric to make two half-square triangles (HSTs). Trim to 17 1/2" square if needed. (Mine didn't need any trimming!) Repeat with the other three 18" background squares and three more 18" square star fabrics. This will make eight 17 1/2" square HST blocks. Note: I used two red fabrics and two blue fabrics when making mine.
2. Place two of the remaining star fabric 18" squares right sides together. Use a fabric marking pen/pencil to draw a diagonal line on the back of one of the fabrics. Sew 1/4" on either side of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line and press the seam toward the darker fabric to make two HST blocks. Trim to 17 1/2" if needed. Repeat with the remaining two 18" star fabrics. This will make four 17 1/2" square HST blocks. Note: I used one red fabric and one blue fabric to make each of these blocks.
3. Use the quilt image to lay out the blocks how you would like them to be in the final quilt. I put the blocks made from the same fabric opposite each other and alternated the red and blue blocks. Place the four 17 1/2" square background pieces in the four corners of the quilt.
4. Sew the blocks together in each row. Press the seams in rows 1 and 3 to the left; press the seams in rows 2 and 4 to the right.
5. Sew the rows together to create the quilt top, nesting the seams between the blocks. Press these seams as desired.
6. Quilt and bind using your favorite method! I used a large meander design to quilt mine, and used scraps of the fabric to make the binding.

