

## STRIPS AND STARS

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I recently taught a class using Daniela Stout's book **Strip Tubing** by Cozy Quilt Designs. The quilt was called "**Just Too Easy**" and was very fun to make. I decided to further use this method to design a Star block with her strip tube blocks in the corners – and Abracadabra!– "**Strips and Stars**" was born!! In addition to the strip tube method, you will make Quarter-square triangle units and add a plain block in the center to make a new Nine-patch block. Are you with me so far? Grab a Bali-Pop, a Moda Jelly Roll, or another collection of 2 ½" strips and lets get started.

**Color placement:** You will want your Star Points to stand out. They will need to be either very dark OR very light to pop out of the pattern. For example, if your collection of 2 ½" strips are of light to medium value (with a few darks), you will want very dark Star Points. Conversely, if your collection of strips are mostly medium to dark values, your Star Points would stand out if they were very light. Another choice might be to use mostly monochromatic strips (for examples, blues) and a complementary color for the Star Points (for example, red).

**Quilt Block Size:** 15" finished

**Quilt Size:** approximately 74" x 89"

### Supplies:

- **The Strip Tube Ruler** by Cozy Quilt Designs.
- Optional, but helpful: Book **Strip Tubing** by Cozy Quilt Designs.
- 40 assorted 2 ½" strips, **OR 1 Bali Pop, OR 1 Moda Jelly Roll** .
- 1 yard Light Fabric for Star Background in the quarter-square triangle units.
- 1 ¾ yards Medium Print Fabric for the Star Centers and quarter-square triangle units.
- 1 ¾ yards Dark Fabric for the Star Points in the quarter-square triangle units.
- 2/3 yard Fabric for the Inner Border.
- 1 ½ yards Fabric for the Outer Border
- In addition, a Square ruler 6 ½" or larger.

### Also:

- Sewing machine in good working order
- Thread, scissors, pins, seam ripper, rotary cutter, rulers, rotary mat, etc.