



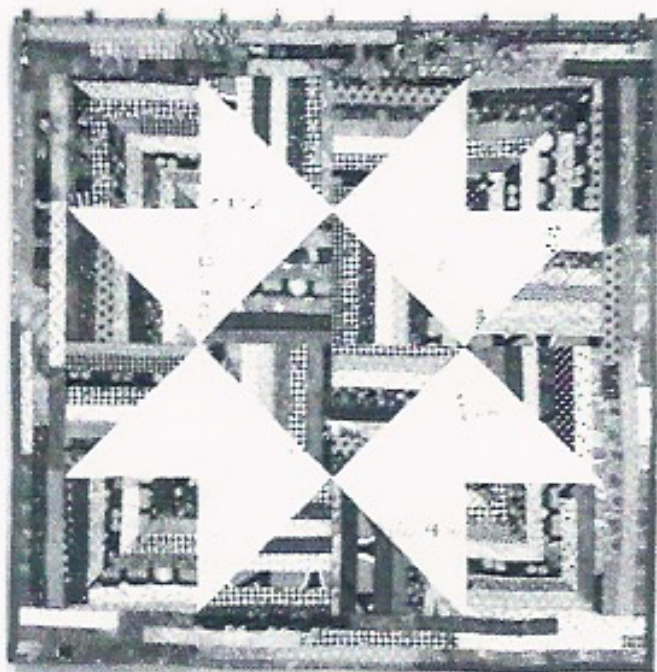
**String Star – modern string quilts workshop**

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Our workshop will explore several possibilities for using 1 1/2"-wide scrap strips. The focus project is the String Star and we'll use the power of contrast – the difference between light and dark – in our scrappy string half square triangle blocks. The construction is easy and the layout possibilities are unlimited - the size is determined by you and your supply of scraps!

In addition to basic project directions, instruction will include: alternative grid work; block scale, scrap fabric selection, effects of value, working with scraps & neutrals, layout tips and tricks, and lots of time to play with fabric!

Suggested materials/tools:



- Block pattern – will be provided
- Sewing machine and all regular sewing supplies (including extension cords and surge protector for plug ins!)
- Personal pressing station supplies, if desired and possible in the space.
- Cutting mat, rotary cutter, 6" x 12" ruler, or similar size of your preference for cutting strips
- 9 1/2" x 9 1/2" square ruler or 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" square ruler
- Fabric: bring your scrap bucket! You'll want plenty of choices – you can focus on a favorite color or mix it to your level of scrappy preference.

Preparation/before class:

I recommend that you cut the 1 1/2" – wide scrap strips before class so that you have more time for actual block construction and quilt top layout. Strips can be of various lengths, they don't need to be width of fabric. We'll be

using strips at least 10" in length for this project but lengths can be made up of smaller scraps if that's what you have and want to use up. (A note on fabric selection: **Low volume fabrics** are light background printed fabrics that can include white, beige, gray, or even light pastels. In this project, the low volume fabrics are going to create the contrast to your darker/brighter scraps. The more the better! )

I'm looking forward to spending the day with you and playing with fabric – we're going to have a great time!

Happy Stash quilting,

Tonya

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