Quilt-As-You-Go King Size Carpenter Star

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Finished Size: 120 x 120



(Illustrated on a queen size bed as a bedspread)

The top has been divided into 3 sections to allow quilting on a domestic sewing machine. Each section is quilted before the next section is added.

The pattern has been designed to use two main colors and one background color. The above quilt used fat quarters for Blue (colorA) and Taupe/Brown (color B), and yardage for the cream background.

Fabric Requirements

Background: 8½ yards

44-6½" squares 88-7" squares 4-3½" squares 64-3½" x 6½" rectangles for inner border 12-6½" x 36" strips for outer border

Color A: 11 fat quarters or 31/4 yards

64-7" squares 6-3½" squares 32-3½" x 6½" rectangles

Note: all yardages are based on 40" wide fabric

Color B: 11 fat quarters or 31/4 yards

64-7" squares 6-3½" squares 32-3½" x 6½" rectangles

Backing: 12 3/4 yards

Binding: 1 yard

Batting: 6½ yards (based on 90-inch wide bolt)

Cutting Instructions

Background

20 strips: 6½" x width of fabric (WOF)

7 strips: cut 6-6½" squares

1 strip: cut 2-6½" squares and four 3½" squares

12 strips: cut 6½" x 36" piece from each strip

18 strips: 7" x WOF

17 strips: cut 5-7" squares and 1-3½" x 6½" rectangle

1 strip: cut 3-7" squares and 5-3½" x 6½" rectangles

10 strips: 3½" x WOF

9 strips: cut 6-3½" x 6½" rectangles

1 strip: cut 4-3½" x 6½" rectangles

Color A

From each of the 11 fat quarters 2 strips: 7" x 22" From the strips cut 3-7" squares $1 \text{ strip: } 3\frac{1}{2}\text{" x 22"}$ From the strip cut 3-3\frac{1}{2}\text{" x 6\frac{1}{2}\text{" rectangles}}

Color B

From each of the 11 fat quarters

2 strips: 7" x 22"

From each strip cut 3-7" squares

1 strip: 3½" x 22"

From the strip cut 3-3½" x 6½" rectangles

Backing

3 strips: 130" x WOF 1 strip: 66" x WOF From strip cut 4-10" x 66"

Batting

1 strip cut 130" x 90" (divide this strip into 130x40 and 130x50)
1 strip cut 50" x 90"
1 strip cut 40" x 50"
(40" x 40"will be extra)

Binding

12 strips: 2½" x WOF. Sew together end to end for binding

Piecing the Blocks

There are 256 blocks within the borders:

40 Background squares

88 Background/Color A HST blocks

88 Background/Color B HST blocks

40 Color A/Color B HST blocks

The brick border has 12 3-inch squares and 64 3x6-inch rectangles. The inner cream border has 4 3-inch squares and 64 3x6-inch rectangles. The outer border has 4 6-inch squares and 12 6 x 36-inch rectangles. (These are finished sizes).

In order to accomplish quilting a quilt of this size on a domestic machine, the top is divided into three sections as shown on the next page. Each section will be assembled separately as if it were a standalone quilt.

- 1. Use 20 Color A and 20 Color B 7" squares to make 40 HST blocks.
- Use 44 Color A and 44 Background 7" squares to make 88 HST blocks.
- 3. Use 44 Color B and 44 Background 7" squares to make 88 HST blocks.
- 4. Sew 32 Background rectangles to the 32 Color A rectangles.
- 5. Sew remaining 32 Background rectangles to 32 Color B rectangles.
- 6. Make four corner 4-patch squares. Two will have 2 Color A, 1 Color B, and 1 Background using 3½" squares. The remaining two will have 2 Color B, 1 Color A, and 1 Background using 3½" squares. Set aside.



Making Half Square Triangles (HST Block)

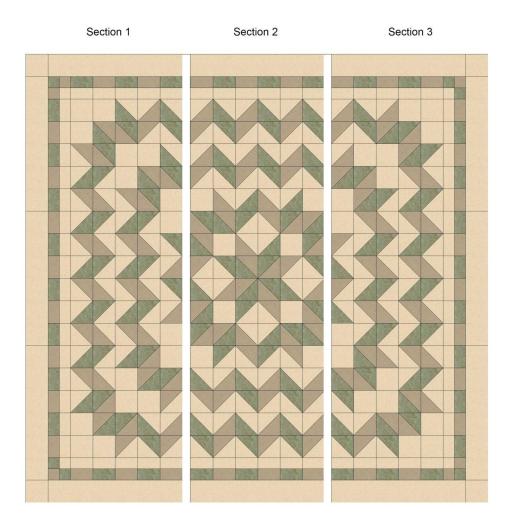
Placing two 7-inch squares right-sides together, draw a diagonal line corner to corner on the back of one. Then stitch 1/4 inch on each side of the drawn line. Cut along the drawn line and press open. The result is 2 half-square triangles sized 61/2 inches.

There are 216 HST blocks within the borders:

88 Background/Color A 88 Background/Color B 40 Color A/Color B

Assembling the Three Sections

- 1. For the left border, piece together 3- 6½" x 36" strips. Attach 6½ square to each end; set aside.
- 2. Starting with the top border, assemble each row. Once all the rows have been assembled down to the bottom border, attach the left border.
- 3. Repeat the assembly process for section 2. Set aside.
- 4. Repeat the process for section 3.



Piecing the Backing

Sew two 10" strips end to end. Attach to side of one 40" x 130" strip. Repeat with remaining two 10" strips. Section 1 and Section 3 will use these strips. The remaining 40" x 130" strip will be used for Section 2.

Layering Section 1 for Quilting

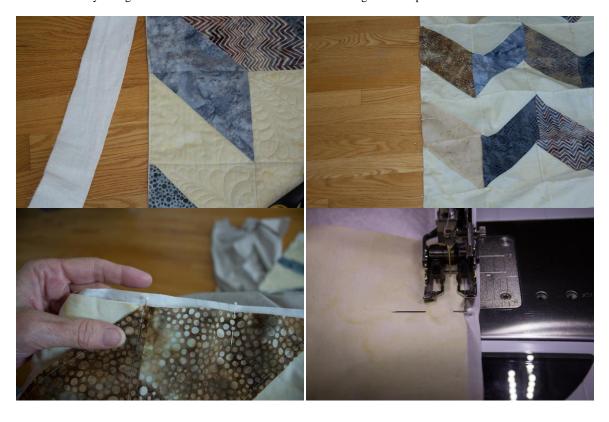
Assemble the Section 1 sandwich using the following:

- Section 1 quilt top
- 50" x 130" batting strip
- 50" x 130" backing section

Baste together using basting method of choice. Quilt as desired.

Adding Section 2 to Section 1

- 1. To begin, trim the excess batting and backing off the side of section 1 where section 2 will be attached.
- 2. With right sides together, pin section 2 to section 1, nesting seams and placing a pin next to each seam.
- 3. With right sides together and the backing overlapping about ¼ inch from the edge, pin the backing to the back of section 1, pinning in between the pins used for the top.
- 4. Sew all the layers together with a ¼ inch seam allowance from the edge of the top of section 2.



- Press the top and backing of section 2 out and away from section 1. Tape the backing to the floor on all three sides, stretching until flat.
- Then lay the batting on top butting it to the edge of the seam.
- Fold over top and smooth out wrinkles. Baste together using basting method of choice. Quilt as desired.



Adding Section 3 to Section 2

Repeat the process to add the last section of the quilt and quilt as desired.

