

# Scrap Bag Star

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Makes a 24" square (finished size) Block.

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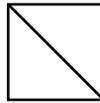
Definition: WOF = Width of Fabric; usually about 44"  
from selvage to selvage.

1. Divide your scraps into two groups: Lights and  
Mediums/Darks.

2. Cut the following for **ONE BLOCK**:

Lights:

- Cut THIRTY 2 7/8" squares; draw a  
diagonal line on the wrong side of each.



- Cut SIXTEEN 4 1/2" squares; they can be from the same fabric, or all different.

Mediums/Darks:

- Cut THIRTY 2 7/8" squares.

- Cut SIXTEEN 2 1/2" squares; draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each.

3. Make a total of SIXTY Half-Square Triangle units with your Light and Dark 2 7/8" squares. (See Diagram A.)

DIAGRAM A



4. Make FOUR units like the one shown in Diagram B with the 2 1/2" Dark squares and the 4 1/2" Light squares. After trimming the extra layers, press the triangle back.

DIAGRAM B



5. Make SIXTEEN units that look like Diagram C from pairs of your Half-Square Triangles.

DIAGRAM C



7. Make SIXTEEN units that look like Diagram D from pairs of Half-Square Triangles.

DIAGRAM D



8. Using all of the above units, plus additional half-square triangle units, make SIXTEEN Units as shown at right. Each should measure 6 1/2" square from raw edge to raw edge.



Make 16 per Block.

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9. Arrange the above Units to make a quarter-block as shown in the diagram at right. Sew together, matching seams. Make 4.



10. Now, assemble your quilt block according to the diagram below, again matching seams. Note that the quarter-sections (from Step 9) are simply rotated a quarter-turn each time they are placed.



**OK** - Now that you have one star assembled, here are some ideas for how to use the star in one or more projects:

For a Wall-Hanging (48" square):

Cut FOUR Light 2 1/2" by Width of Fabric (WOF) strips. This time it is probably best to use all the same fabric. Measure the height of your Star and cut TWO of the strips to this length. Pin, then sew them to each side of your Star. Press seams toward the strips. Measure the new width of your Star (including the strips you just added), and cut the remaining TWO 2 1/2" by WOF strips to this length. Pin, then sew them to the top and bottom of your Star. Press seams toward the new strips. To make a Sawtooth Border, make another SIXTY Half-Square triangle units, just like you did at the beginning of this project (starting with THIRTY 2 7/8" squares each of Lights and Darks). Sew them into TWO rows of 14 units, and TWO rows of 16 units. Sew the shorter rows to each side of your Star; press seams toward the plain strips (first Border). Then sew the longer strips to the top and bottom edges. Your project should now measure about 32" square. If you wish, you may add another Light border, only this time let's make it a 4" (finished) border; for this you will need 1 3/8-yards of fabric. You will need to cut FOUR 4 1/2" by LENGTH of fabric strips and follow the same process that you used to add your first border. This will now make your project about 48" square.

For a Twin-Size Quilt (64" x 88"): Make SIX Scrap Bag Star blocks and set them into two rows by three rows. To cut your border strips, start with a 3/4 -yard piece of Light fabric. Cut SEVEN strips each 2 1/2" wide by WOF; remove selvages and sew them all end-to-end.

Measure the length of your quilt top and cut TWO of the strips to this length. Pin, then sew them to each of the long sides of your quilt top. Press seams toward the new strips. Measure the new width of your quilt top (including the strips you just added) and cut the

remaining TWO 2 1/2" wide strips to this length. Pin, then sew them to the top and bottom edges of your quilt top.

Now, here's the next big decision for you to make: do you want a Sawtooth (half-square triangles) border, or do you want to use a medium to dark print? If you decide to use a print, the rest is easy (see below). If you want to do the Sawtooth border, then it's time to make a WHOLE bunch more half-square triangles: 140 to be exact! This means cutting an additional SEVENTY 2 7/8" squares each of Lights and Darks. The side rows will each need THIRTY-EIGHT units; and the top and bottom rows will each need TWENTY-EIGHT units.

If you choose to use a plain medium to dark border instead of the Sawtooth border, you will need 2 1/3-yards if you will be cutting the strips lengthwise, OR 2/3 of a yard if you will be cutting the strips by the WOF and sewing them end-to-end. The choice is yours. The strips will need to be cut 4 1/2" wide regardless of which method you use. To attach them, you will use the same method you used to attach the first border (measure the length of the top, cut two strips to this length; sew them on, press back; then measure the new width, cut and attach the remaining two strips).

If you added a Sawtooth border, you may wish to add an additional plain border of either a Light or Medium fabric. In this case, you will need 2/3 yard of fabric, cut into FOUR 2 1/2" by WOF strips. Remove selvages and sew them all end-to-end. Follow the above method to attach these strips to the sides of the quilt first, then to the top and bottom. Your quilt should now measure about 64" x 88".

For a Queen-Size Quilt (90" by 108"): Make TWELVE Scrap Bag Star blocks and sew them into three rows by four rows. For this size, the first (Light fabric) border is cut 2 1/2" wide; the second (Medium to Dark fabric) border is cut 2 1/2" wide (you may wish to substitute a Sawtooth border here), and the final (Light fabric) border is cut 5 1/2" wide for the two long sides, and 2 1/2" wide for the top and bottom border.

To cut your strips from the length of fabric, you will need 2 7/8 yards of a Light fabric. All together, you will need to cut SIX 2 1/2" by length of fabric strips, AND TWO 5 1/2" by length of fabric strips from this fabric. This will be enough for all of your Light border strips.

For the Medium to Dark fabric, it's probably best to cut WOF strips and piece them end-to-end. You will need a total of NINE 2 1/2" by WOF strips. Remove selvages and sew them all end-to end; then begin to cut your border strips. This will result in your seams landing in random spots so they will be more difficult to see. Because these strips will have seams, it's best if you choose a somewhat "busy" print for this fabric. Just be sure that it doesn't "read" as a directional or one-way print.

If you wish to make a Sawtooth border instead of using the Medium to Dark fabric, you will need to make a total of (gulp!) 180 units. You will need fifty for each long side, and 40 each for the top and bottom. This means cutting NINETY 2 7/8" squares each of your Light and Dark scraps.

If you make the Queen-size project with a Sawtooth border, you will have made **900** half-square triangle units!! Now if THAT doesn't eat up some of those scraps, I think our quest is pretty much hopeless!!!

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