



Dawn Star Quilt  
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- Finished Quilt: 60" x 60"
- Level: Intermediate

Jennifer teaches Good Color Principles & Mastering Value, plus how to make double sawtooth star blocks with precision and explore the fun of working with a full range of color. Use multiple ombré fabrics and capture dynamic movement as you explore foreground and background and the blurred lines in play.

You'll learn Jennifer's favorite way to make sharp points and beautiful stars along with her approach to deeper understanding of color and value through use of ombré fabrics. Plus we explore a bit of improv within structure as the secondary star may not need all its points and let the fabric do the work!

#### **Class Material:**

- [Ombre Quilts Book](#) (contains pattern) available on Stitchin' Post website
- [Dawn Star Quilt Kit](#) (optional, available at [jennifersampou.com](http://jennifersampou.com))
- The more variety of shading in ombré fabrics you choose, the better. Pick a color family such as blues, reds, purples or oranges then choose accents of opposite colors. This quilt uses nine of Jennifer's SKY full range fabrics (exact fabrics are listed in book with images of colors but any ombrés will do).

#### **BLOCKS for Your Own Color Story:**

Buy or assemble Fat Quarters, 1/2 to 1 yard cuts of 10 to 40+ ombré fabrics ranging from light to dark, supported color schemes in various values and analogous hues.

For example, Blues: have light blues, mid blues, dark blues, brights, dusty and greyed blues.

Important that color is push toward teals and cobalts. Study the sky

at sunset and sunrise and see the hundreds of hues. Choose something like oranges, yellows and pinks as accents (or opposite on color wheel of your choice color). Finish your selection off with a touch of emeralds, fire reds, and hot fuchsias. Plus dulls and in-betweens. Don't forget the lights and pales are as well as the deep, muddy darks and those in-between colors that you don't know the names of! Bring more than you need so you have lots of choices and can fill the holes...but you already knew that!

#### **Supplies (besides the fabrics listed above):**

- Rotary cutter with fresh blade
- Quilt rulers 24"x 6" and 12 1/2"x 1 1/2" or your favorite sizes for making 1 1/2" long strips for precision. Omnigridd has a 20 1/2"x 20 1/2" that is really nice for squaring up - but not mandatory

Sewing machine in good repair or reserve from retreat host if applicable

- Thread 50 wt for piecing. See Jennifer's [Aurifil SKY boxes](#) for all the colors

- Scissors small and medium. Include thread snips.
- Pins for piecing- Clover glass head pins. Curved Pins for quilt basting if you think you'll need them
- Seam Ripper
- Notebook/Graph paper for design concept and layout ideas/ color pencils
- Starch
- 4' x 8' Design wall flannel with masking tape for design wall
- Smart phone with room for lots more photos.

**Prior to Workshop:**

- Working with color inspiration you love can be an important step for success. This comes from all kinds of sources: Do you have a favorite photo? What hues do you want to work with? Is this a gift for a friend? Take the time to ponder this. To be mindful of what you'd like to sew. Make a Pinterest board with favorite Log Cabin Quilts.
- Cut your fabrics beforehand based on instructions in the pattern if you are excited to get started right away on color work once you begin class.
- Jennifer will discuss any questions you have prior to workshop. Send her a picture, chat via email. Contact [jennifersampou@gmail.com](mailto:jennifersampou@gmail.com)

Suggested Reading/Watching:

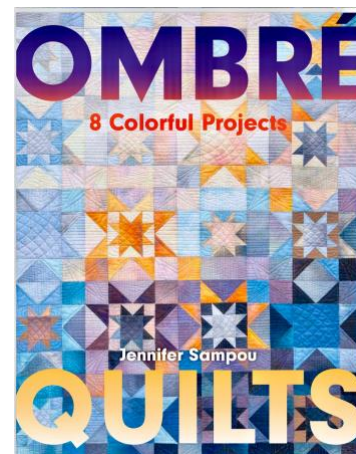
**OMBRE QUILTS** book, (C&T Publishing 2019) pages 1-18, Value Study pages 36-37, Dawn Star Quilt pages 64-70.

**Jennifer Sampou YouTube** [SKY and Ombre Quilts](#).

**Blog Posts** sign up for [Jennifer's newsletter/blog](#) for updated info on Dawn Star and SKY Ombrés

**Instagram** [@JenniferSampou](#) and search #Ombrequiltsbook #dawnstarquilt

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**MATERIALS**

The more variety of shading in the ombres, the better. This quilt incorporates color families predominantly in various blue ombres, with warm accents of yellows, pinks, and oranges. The following instructions give the total yardage needed to complete your quilt with some left over. Cut at least half of your required yardage first and organize the pieces based on color and value. This gives you options to pick and choose each block as you go. Enjoy playing with your expansive color palette!

**Opal:** 1½ yards  
**Cloud, Dawn, Evening, Haze, Heather, and Powder:** 1 yard each  
**Ocean:** ¾ yard  
**Mist:** ¼ yard  
**Kona Cotton in Taupe:** ¼ yard  
**Binding:** ½ yard  
**Backing:** 4 yards  
**Batting:** 69" × 69"

