Lone Star Quilt Pattern using 2 ½” Strips

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Finished Size: 32 x 32”

Required Material:
9 – 2 ½” Strips WOF
Background: ½ yard
  Border: 1/3 yard
  Binding: 1/3 yard
  Backing: 1 yard

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Cutting Directions:

Using the lettered diagram as a guide, take an A, B, and C strip and sew them together with a ¼” seam allowance along their long edge in order: A B C. Press seam allowances to one side.

Following the same method, make a unit in order B C D.

Then make another in order C D E.

Fold the ABC unit in half with right sides together and place one long edge along a 45 degree line on your cutting mat. As shown below, make a first cut near the edge but making sure you cut off the selvages. Make your next cut 2 ½” away from your first cut. Make three more cuts so that you have 4 patchwork units right sides up, and 4 units right sides down. Take all the units that are right sides up and put them in one stack, and all the units facing down in another stack.

Follow the above method for the other two units, keeping the right sides up units separate from the right side down units.
From all the right side up units, take one of each unit and lay them out as shown below:

Stitch the rows together. Press all seams to one side. Repeat to make three more.

Repeat the sewing process with the diamonds that were cut right side down so that you have four more diamonds.

Iron each section very flat making sure to move your iron in the direction of the straight grain so that you won’t distort or stretch the patchwork.

**Background:** Cut 4 squares 9 ½”. Cut these squares along one diagonal from corner to corner to form 8 triangles.

Cut 4 squares 7”. Cut each along one diagonal from corner to corner to form 8 triangles.
Starting at piece E (the pointed end of the star), match the longer side of one of the 7” triangles to the pieced diamond and stitch. Both of these edges are bias so be careful not to stretch either of the pieces. Finger press the seam toward the triangle.

Starting at piece C match the shorter side of one of the 9 ½” triangles to the pieced diamond and stitch.

Repeat above steps using the 4 diamonds with the straight grain going left to right to make the lower (right) sections.

Take one upper (left) and one lower (right) and stitch together from the center of the pieced star toward the outside corner. Be sure to match all patchwork intersection and make sure that the fabrics don’t stretch too much. Iron this seam closed first using a bit of steam to help reduce any stretching that happened while you were stitching, then press the seam allowances to one side.

Repeat with remaining sections and sew all four quarter sections together to make the quilt top. Steam press the quilt top very flat.

For your border: Cut 4 @ 2 ½” WOF and sew on to all 4 sides. Quilt, bind, and enjoy!

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