

# Rainbow Star Quilt

Quilt Pattern Created by Leah Day

Learn how to piece super-sized half square triangles and create two cheerful baby quilts at the same time!

**Pattern creates two quilts, finished size: 32 inches square**

## Materials

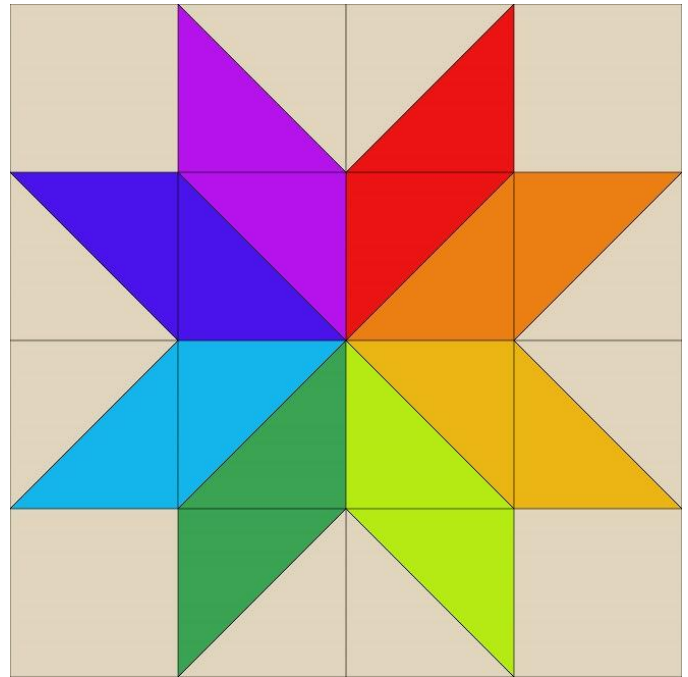
1 yard Fabric A - Beige Background  
8 Fat Eighths (9 x 21 inch pieces) – Fabrics B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I  
¼ yard Fabric J for binding

Beige 100% cotton piecing thread

Note: I used a beautiful selection of hand dyed fabrics created by Kathleen Starr. [www.StarrFabrics.com](http://www.StarrFabrics.com)

## Fabric Preparation and Quilt Piecing Tips

For best results, prewash, starch, and press all fabrics before cutting. Remember to lower your stitch length to 1.5 mm to create a tight stitch. Unless otherwise noted, please press all seam allowances OPEN to reduce bulk and make quilting easier.



## Cutting Chart

<b>Fabric A</b>	Cut 8 – 9-inch squares Cut 8 – 8 ½-inch squares
<b>Fabrics B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I</b>	Cut 2 – 9-inch squares from each fabric
<b>Fabric J</b>	Cut 4 - 2 x 40-inch strips for binding. Piece strips together with a diagonal seam, then press in half to prepare binding.

## Piecing Half Square Triangles

First stack one 9-inch square of Fabric A right sides together with one 9-inch square of each of the other fabrics to create a total of 8 stacks.

Next stack one Fabric B square right sides together with one Fabric C.

Stack one Fabric D square right sides together with one Fabric E.

Stack one Fabric F square right sides together with one Fabric G.

Stack one Fabric H square right sides together with one Fabric I.

Draw a diagonal line on the top square of each block. Take all square stacks to your machine and stitch ¼ inch away from the marked line, then rotate the blocks and stitch ¼ inch from the opposite side of the marked line.

Cut each square along the marked line to create two half square triangles in each color set. Gently finger press the seam allowances open, then press flat with a hot, dry iron.

## Arranging the Quilts

Arrange the half square triangles according to the diagram above with the Fabric A 8 ½-inch squares. You will have enough half square triangles to create two Rainbow Star quilt tops as pictured above. Piece the quilts together in rows, then piece the rows together, matching the seam lines. Give your Rainbow Star quilt tops a final press and they will be ready for quilting.

***Find tips for machine quilting this beautiful quilt at [LeahDay.com](http://LeahDay.com)!***