

Floating Stars

Block: 4 1/2" finishing to 4"

Quilt: 36" x 44"

Stars: Medium dark colour, feature print or plaid for star centers.

Cut: 1 1/2 strips 4 1/2" x 40" then crosscut into 4 1/2" squares. You need 12.

Light for background.

Cut: 6 strips 4 1/2" x 40" then cross cut into 4 1/2" squares. You need 51.

Dark for star points.

Cut: 6 1/2 strips 2 1/2" x 40" then crosscut into 2 1/2" squares. You need 98.

Borders: Inner Border: Cut: 4 strips 1 1/2" x 40".

Outer Border: Cut: 4 strips 3 1/2" x 40".

Assemble Blocks:

Light Blocks: Set aside 6 - 4 1/2" squares. These will be spacer blocks.

Light Blocks with one corner point: 14 light 4 1/2" squares and 14 dark 2 1/2" squares. Lay the dark square face down to right side of the 4 1/2" square, on one corner. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner on the dark square. Stitch on the diagonal line. Trim off the extra leaving 1/4" seam. Press the seam toward the dark. See the drawing. You need 14.

Light Blocks with two corner points: You need the remaining 4 1/2" squares (43) and the remaining 2 1/2" squares. Place a dark square onto two opposite corners of each light square. Stitch the corners and repeat as instructed above.

Medium dark, feature print or plaid with two corner points: Repeat as described above stitching two 2 1/2" squares onto opposite corners of each 4 1/2" square. (12)

Assemble Quilt:

Arrange blocks 7 blocks across and 9 rows down. Row 1: 1 point, 2 point alternating across.

Row 2: All blocks with two points, alternating light, medium across.

Row 3: All light blocks. 1 point, 2 point, spacer sq., 2 point, spacer sq., 2 point, 1 point. Note the points are reversed on left and right sides.

Repeat row 2 and row 3 until the last row, then repeat row 1. See the drawing.

Borders: Stitch on side borders then tops and bottoms.

