

Wonky Stars

Finished size: 70" X 76".
Skill Level: Beginner



Piecing stars does not have to be scary! Not only will you see how easy it is to sew these star blocks together, but you will enjoy seeing how each one is slightly unique when complete. Add vibrant Michael Miller Cotton Couture solids into the mix and you will have a finished quilt to be proud of.

Janome Supplies Required:

- Horizon MC8900QCP Special Edition
- 1/4" Seam foot O
- AcuFeed Flex foot
- Blue Tip needle
- Bobbin

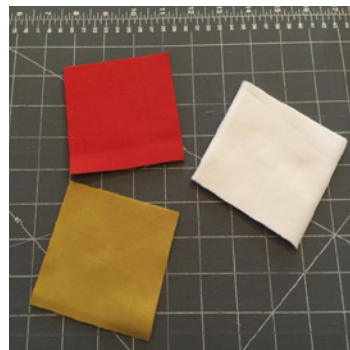
Fabric/Notions Required:

- Michael Miller Cotton Couture Fabric Kit
- 4 2/3 yds. cotton fabric (backing)
- 80" X 85" batting
- Rotary cutter/ruler/mat
- Sewing thread for piecing
- Cotton quilting thread

Cutting Instructions:

- From the gold fabric you will need to cut:
 - Three 3 1/2" strips. Sub-cut into (36) 3 1/2" squares
 - Five 2 1/2" strips or Bias cut binding

- From the remaining nine colors of fabric you will need to cut:
 - Two 3 1/2" strips. Sub-cut into (16) 3 1/2" squares.
 - Sub-cut the 3 1/2" squares diagonally, creating 32 triangles (these will be your star points)
- From the white background fabric you will need to cut:
 - Twenty-four 3 1/2" strips. Sub-cut into (288) 3 1/2" squares.



Piecing Instructions:

1. Thread machine and wind bobbin with sewing thread. Attach 1/4" Seam foot O.
2. Select four of the background squares and four sets of the star points. Sew one triangle to the right side of each background square.
3. Sew the other triangle to the left side, changing the angle of each triangle to help create the wonky-ness of the star.

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4. Take notice that when the triangles are flipped and ironed toward the star point, it extends past the edges of the background square.



5. Trim the excess star point fabric from the block, using the back side to keep it 3 1/2" square.

Tip: Keep the background fabric on the block to help keep it stable since the star points are on the bias.



6. Lay out the center square with the star points facing outwards and place a background square for each corner. This creates your star block.



7. Sew the squares into three rows.



8. Press the outside seams toward the corner square, and the center seams toward the center square.

9. Line up the center seams and sew the three rows into the Wonky Star block. Trim block to measure 9 1/2" square, which will be a 9" finished block.



10. Once all the blocks are created, lay them out, moving the varying colored stars around, so that the same colors are not blocked together.

11. In order to offset the rows of stars, add a half block of the solid white background at the top and bottom. Sub-cut three of the 9 1/2" squares of the background fabric. Cut in half down the center to create six rectangles.



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12. Lay out the rows, six blocks by six blocks. Add the background rectangle to every other row at the top and then the opposite rows on the bottom.
13. Sew the top together.
14. Cut the remainder of the color fabrics into $3\frac{1}{2}$ " strips by length of fabric. Randomly select the strips and sew two together, lengthwise, at a time. Press toward one side.



15. Keep sewing the sets together until you have one continuous strip set. Sub-cut into a $9\frac{1}{2}$ " strip set.

16. Sew the strip sets together for one long border.



17. Sew the border to the top and bottom of the quilt top.
18. Sew the border to the sides of the quilt top.
19. For added stability, sew a $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam around the entire quilt edge for stability. This way seams will not come undone during the quilting process.
20. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing fabric together.
21. Quilt suggestions are Stitch in the Ditch, free-motion or send to your friend who has a long-arm machine!
22. Attach AcuFeed Flex foot AD.
23. Attach quilt binding to the top edge of the quilt.
24. Fold over to the back, mitering the corners.
25. Stitch in place either by sewing in the ditch or using a serpentine-type stitch.