



# QUILT ALONG 2020

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## Quilt Along Overview

Welcome to the first National Quilt Museum Quilt Along! We're so excited to share this quilt, Star Cluster, with each of you. Designed by our Education Director Becky Glasby, the finished top measures approximately 45" x 45" and is a fresh take on a medallion style quilt.

Instructions will be exclusively available in the Block of the Month Club Facebook group. Starting on July 6 at Noon CST, instructions will be released every two weeks for each successive border. There will be two giveaways as part of the Quilt Along for those keeping up with the timeline and winners will be randomly selected. After the Quilt Along is complete, the full instructions will be added to our website for future reference.

### Quilt Along Timeline:

July 6: Center Block

July 20: Border 1

August 3: Border 2

August 17: Border 3

August 31: Border 4 & Giveaway

September 14: Border 5

September 28: Border 6

October 12: Final Round-up & Giveaway



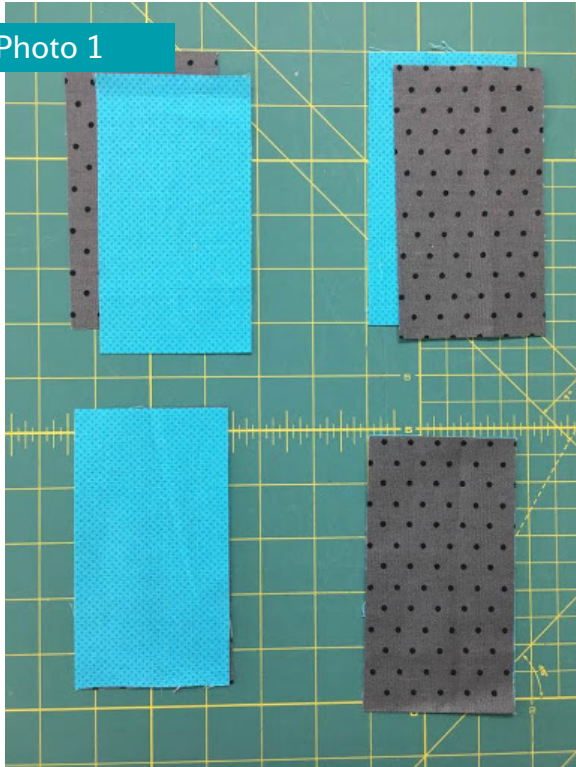
When sharing your progress on social media be sure to use the tag: [#NQMquiltalong](#).

# Let's get started!



## Star Cluster: Border 1

Photo 1



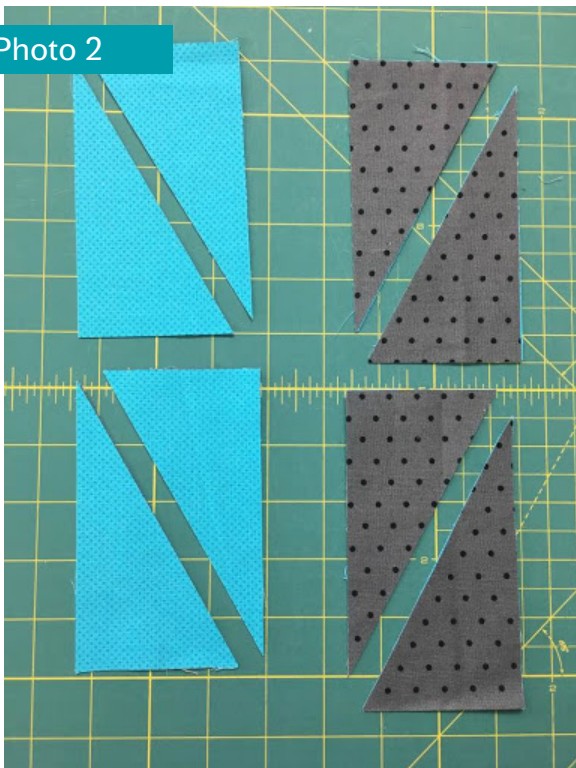
This border will use 8 Half Rectangle Triangles (HRTs) and 4 corner squares to surround the center star block. To start, choose 2 colors for the HRTs. Wait to cut the corner squares until directed in Step 5.

**Cutting:**

2  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 5" - need 4 Color A and 4 Color B

2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares - need 4 of one color

Photo 2



1. Pair up one rectangle of Color A with one of Color B. Stack both rectangles with Right Sides Facing UP. Make four sets (photo 1).
2. Cut 2 stacks in half on the diagonal from top Left to bottom Right. Cut remaining 2 stacks in half on the opposite diagonal, top Right to bottom Left (photo 2).



## Star Cluster: Border 1

Photo 3

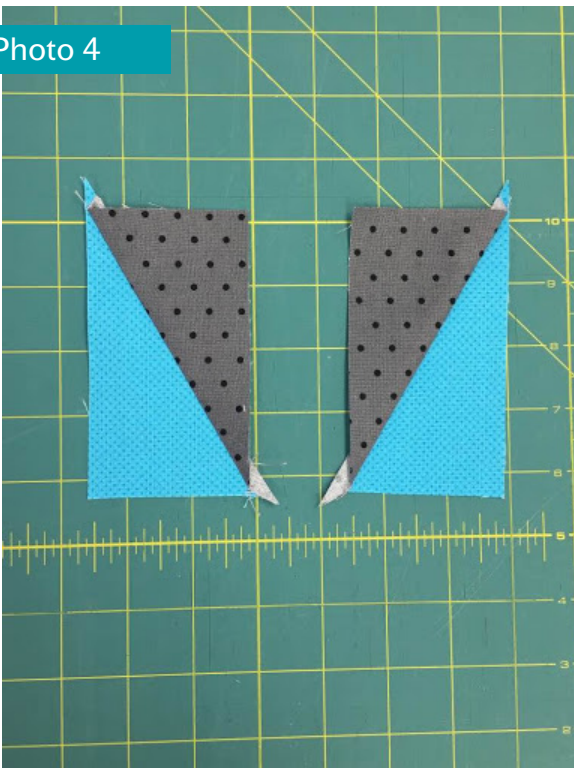


**Tip:** Check your  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance for accuracy, or use a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on this step

3. Flip triangles Right Sides Together, letting about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the pointed corner overhang as shown (photo 3).
4. Stitch together along the long side with  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam and press (photo 4). Trim off dog ears after pressing.

The HRT units should measure  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " when finished.

Photo 4





## Star Cluster: Border 1

Photo 5

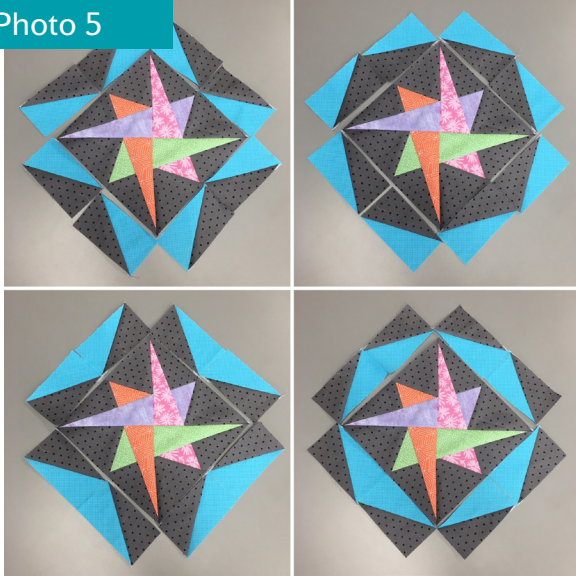
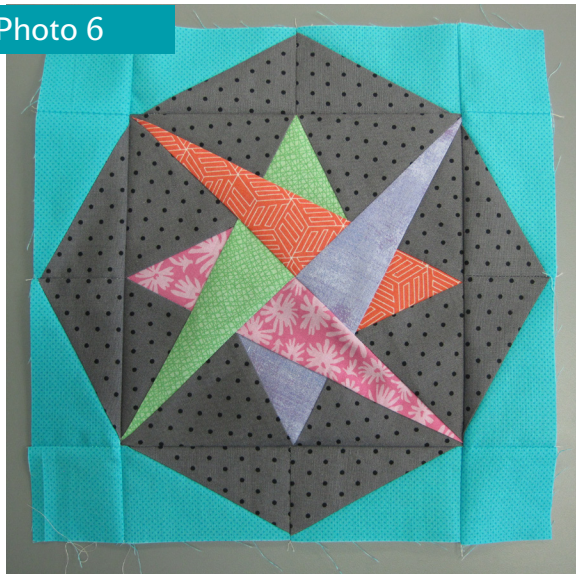


Photo 6



5. Arrange HRTs as desired around your center block. There are several layout options here, so experiment! (photo 5).
6. Once you've decided on a layout, choose which color will be the corner squares. Cut 4 -  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and add to the layout.
7. Stitch two HRT units together along the short side. Press seam. Stitch to opposite sides of the center block.
8. Stitch remaining HRT units together along the short side. Add a corner square to each end. Stitch along the remaining sides of the center block. Press. (photo 6).

**Note:** If you haven't yet removed the paper from the center block, do so now.

9. Measure your quilt - it should now be:  $12.5$ " x  $12.5$ "