



QUILT ALONG 2020

Star Cluster

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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



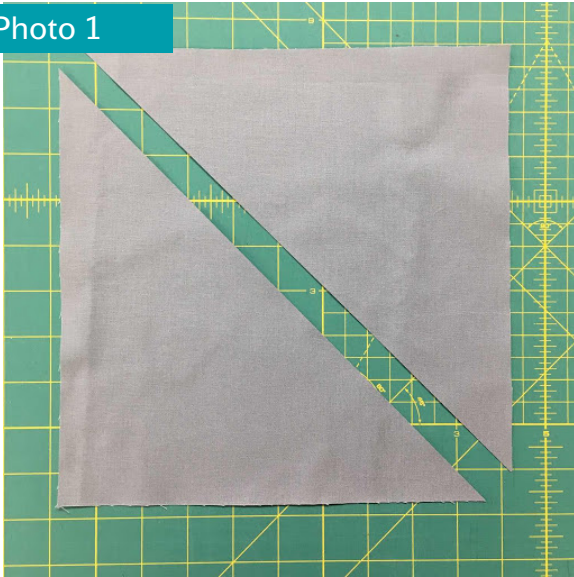
When sharing your progress on social media be sure to use the tag: [#NQMquiltalong](#).

Let's get started!



Star Cluster: Border 2

Photo 1



This week the stitched center unit will be turned on point at a 45 degree angle using setting triangles. Choose a background fabric and a mix of colors for the strip-pieced radial lines.

Cutting:

2 - 9 ½" x 9 ½" squares from background color. Cut each in half on the diagonal and set aside (photo 1).

8-10 - 1" x 15" strips from a variety of fabrics in your chosen colors

Photo 2



Tip: Don't have a long enough strip? Piece several together to make it work!

1. Piece together several (4-6) strips. Press carefully to avoid distorting the straight lines.
2. Make a second set of strips, varying up the color order/prints as desired and press (photo 2).



Star Cluster: Border 2

Photo 3



Photo 4

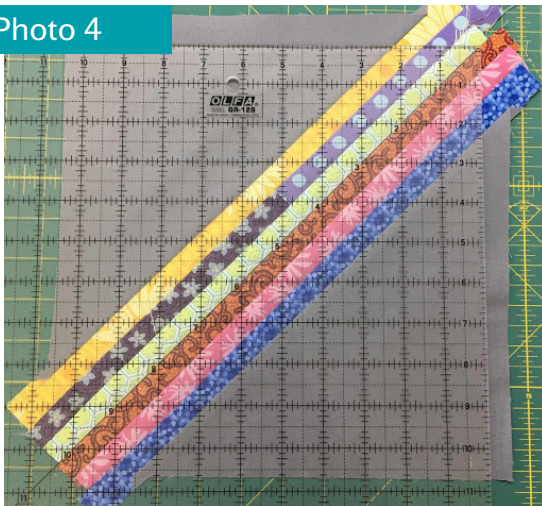


Photo 5



3. Add one set of pieced strips to the center of each cut background square. Stitch one background triangle to the strips and press. Stitch the remaining background triangle to the opposite side of the strips and press (photo 3).
4. Repeat for the second set of pieced strips and background square. Press.
5. To keep the square aligned correctly, line up the 45 degree line on the ruler with the seam of the strips (photo 4). Make sure there is enough fabric on all sides to cover $9 \frac{1}{2}$ ". Trim each set to a $9 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $9 \frac{1}{2}$ " square (photo 5).



Star Cluster: Border 2

Photo 6



Photo 7



6. Cut each square in half on the opposite diagonal from the strips. You'll now have 4 setting triangles, with strip pieced radiating lines (photo 6).
7. Layout setting triangles around the center block.
8. Fold triangles in half and finger press or pin to mark the centers of the long sides.
9. Match these center marks to the center seam of the center unit to make sure setting triangles are aligned. Stitch a setting triangle to opposite sides of the center unit then press.
10. Repeat with the remaining two setting triangles on the opposite sides of the center unit (photo 7).

**Measure your quilt it should now be:
17.5" x 17.5"**