

Star-Struck

Scrappy Queen-Size Medallion

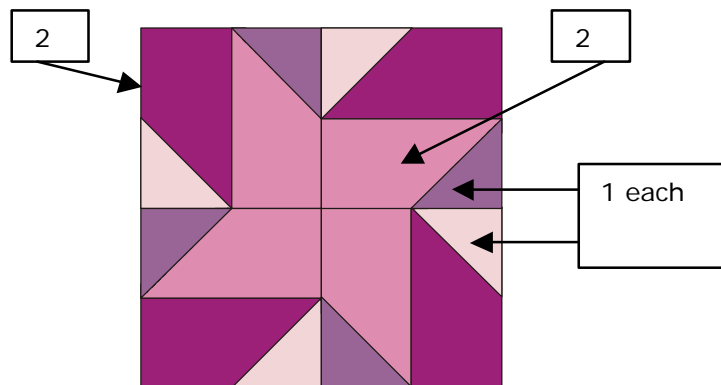
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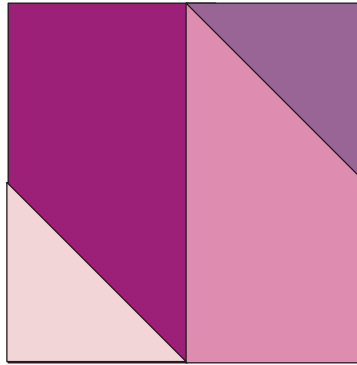
Size shown on a queen-size bed and is about 48" wide by 64" long.

Fabric requirements

You'll need about 2 yards of dark fabrics and 2 yards of lighter fabrics.
And one yard of each of quarter-squares.



Each finished block is 8" square. Each block is made up of four 4-inch blocks.



Making the blocks

Make 192 of the 4-inch blocks as follows:

Dark and Light Fabrics

You could use all black for your dark fabrics and all brights for your lights, or all prints for your dark and all white-on-white for your lights. Do whatever!

You need 864" of EACH the dark and the light fabrics, cut 2½" wide. If you are using all one fabric that is 44" wide, divide 864 by 44 and you get 20. So you'd need 20 strips that are 2½" wide if you are using one fabric for your darks. The table below assumes you're using 44" wide fabric. If you're using scraps, just break it down so you have 192 2½-inch strips that are at least 4½" long.

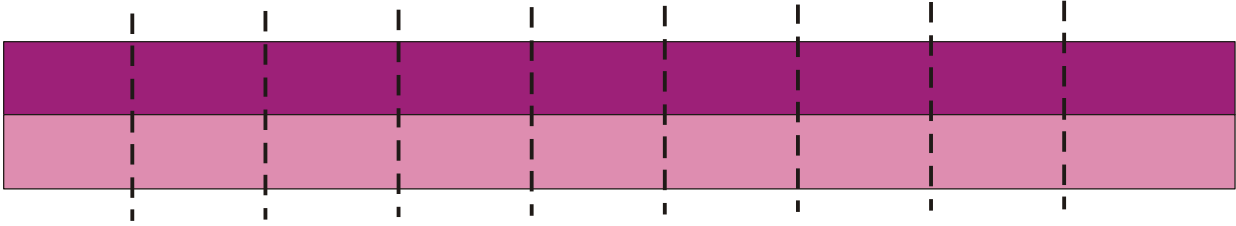
Number of fabrics	Number of 2½" Strips You need
2	10
3	7
4	5
5	4
6	4
7	3
8	3
9	3

You also need 192 2½" squares of each dark and light fabrics. These can be the same fabrics or all different. Or perhaps all red for darks and all white for lights.

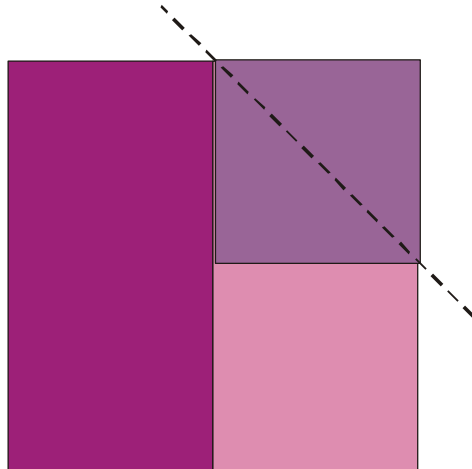
Sew the dark strips to the light strips lengthwise:



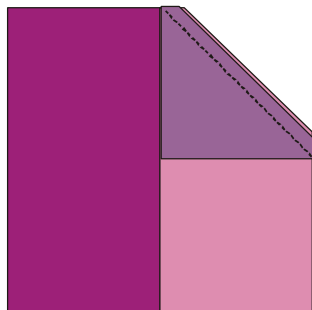
And cut into 4½" squares:



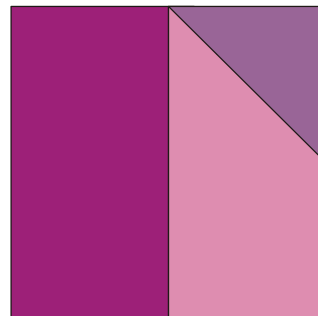
Now, place a 2½" dark square over top of a light-colored strip (right sides together), and sew from corner to corner. If you feel you need to, you can use a pencil to mark a sewing line on all of your 2½" squares first. I did this for the first pile I sewed, but found I didn't really need to anymore. I did mark a dot on my machine to help me line up my sewing lines.



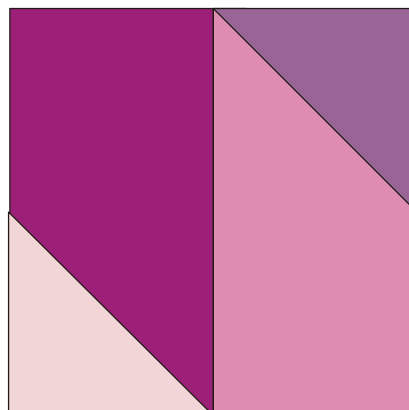
Now, take scissors and trim off the excess:



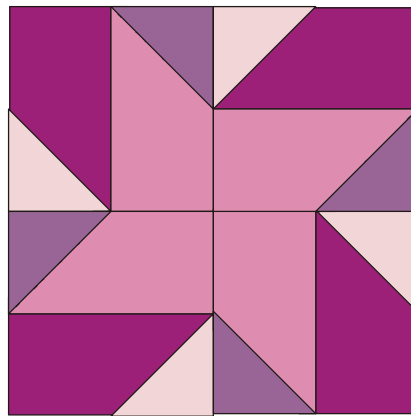
And then press your seam open:



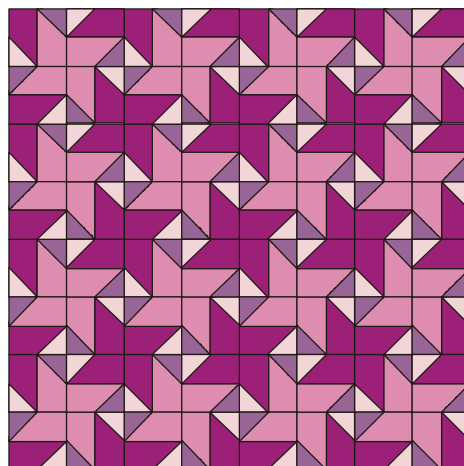
Do the same to the other corner of your 4-inch squares using the light fabric squares, and your 4-inch squares are now complete (though they still measure 4½" square):



Now, sew your 4-inch blocks together to make 8-inch blocks (which still have their seam allowance and really measure 8½" square. Do this by positioning them to create light-colored Friendship stars (see note below):



When you sew the 8-inch blocks together, the dark-colored Friendship stars appear:



NOTE: Notice that there are dark half-stars around the edge rows. If you want your dark stars to be predominant, then sew the blocks together to create dark stars instead of light stars, which can give a very different look:

