Web Bonus:

Colorful Stars Runner

Based on a Quilt Designed by SANDRA CLEMONS

SKILL LEVEL CONFIDENT BEGINNER

Finished Table Runner Size 161/2" x 641/2"

Number of Blocks & Finished Size

5 Multi Star Blocks 8" x 8" 12 Small Star Blocks 4" x 4"

Planning and Cutting

Choose your favorite prints in bright colors to make stars that sparkle against the text print background of this delightful runner. The text print is oriented the same direction throughout the project. To achieve this effect our instructions call for cutting text print squares twice diagonally. Keep the quarter-square triangles cut from each square sorted together, so when you construct your blocks each text print triangle can easily be oriented correctly. Handle all bias edges carefully to avoid distortion.

Fabric Requirements

Text print (background) 5/8 yd.
Assorted bright prints (stars) yds. total
Plum chambray (sashing) 5/8 yd.
Magenta print (binding) 1/2 yd.
Backing (piece widthwise) 11/2 yds.
Batting size 24" x 74"



Cutting Instructions

(cut in order listed)

□ = cut in half twice diagonally
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 Text print

32 squares 3½" x 3½" ⊠ 128 squares 1½" x 1½" Assorted bright prints—cut 32 matched sets of:

1 square 2½" x 2½" 4 squares 1¾" x 1¾" □ Plum chambray 16 rectangles 4½" x 8½" Magenta print 5 strips 2½" x width of fabric (binding)

Piecing the Blocks

1 Referring to Diagram I, stitch the long side of assorted print 17/8" half-square triangle to short side of text print 3 1/4" quarter-square triangle. Open and press. Repeat on remaining side of text triangle to make star point unit. Make 32 sets of 4 matching.

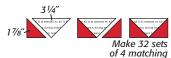


Diagram I

2 Watching text print orientation, sew 3 rows using 4 text print 1½" squares, 4 matching star point units, and matching assorted print 2½" square (**Diagram II**). Stitch rows together to make Small Star Block. Make 32 total.

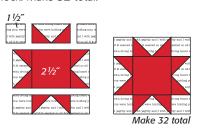


Diagram II

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3 Referring to **Diagram III**, sew 2 rows using 4 Small Star Blocks. Stitch rows together to make Multi Star Block. Make 5 total.

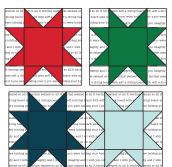




Diagram III



Assembling the Table Runner Top

4 Note: Refer to Assembly Diagram for this step. Stitch 2 rows using 6 Small Star Blocks and 5 plum chambray 4½″ x 8½″ rectangles each. Sew 1 row using 5 Multi Star Blocks and 6 plum rectangles. Stitch rows together, alternating.

Quilting and Finishing

5 Layer, baste, and quilt. Bind with magenta print.

Designer Information

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Assembly Diagram



The lap size (64½" x 64½") version of Colorful Stars is patterned in the November/December 2015 issue of *McCall's Quilting*; digital download pattern also available at **QuiltandSewShop.com**.

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