

Classic Lone Star with Helen Frost for Quilt Festival 2023

Make your own diamond dazzler with this one-of-a-kind method for strip-piecing a Lone Star. You'll also learn lots of precision techniques that apply to all types of patchwork. By bringing the same amount of the star fabrics, the order can be rearranged in class for the best effect.

Supplies

Rotary cutter – 45mm

Rotary ruler – 6" x 12" with 45° line (avoid rulers with the extra built-in 1/2")

Mat – 12" x 18"

Small scissors for snipping threads

Neutral thread for piecing

Seam ripper

Fine pins (avoid yellow-headed or flower-headed pins)

Fabrics

3/8 yard each of 3 fabrics for star points, ranging from lighter to darker

1/2 yard for star background (sky)

1/8 yard for accent border

3/4 yard for outer border

1/2 yard for binding (not needed in class)

1 1/4 yards for backing (not needed in class)

For best results, use fabrics of similar weights, such as ones from the same manufacturer or batiks.