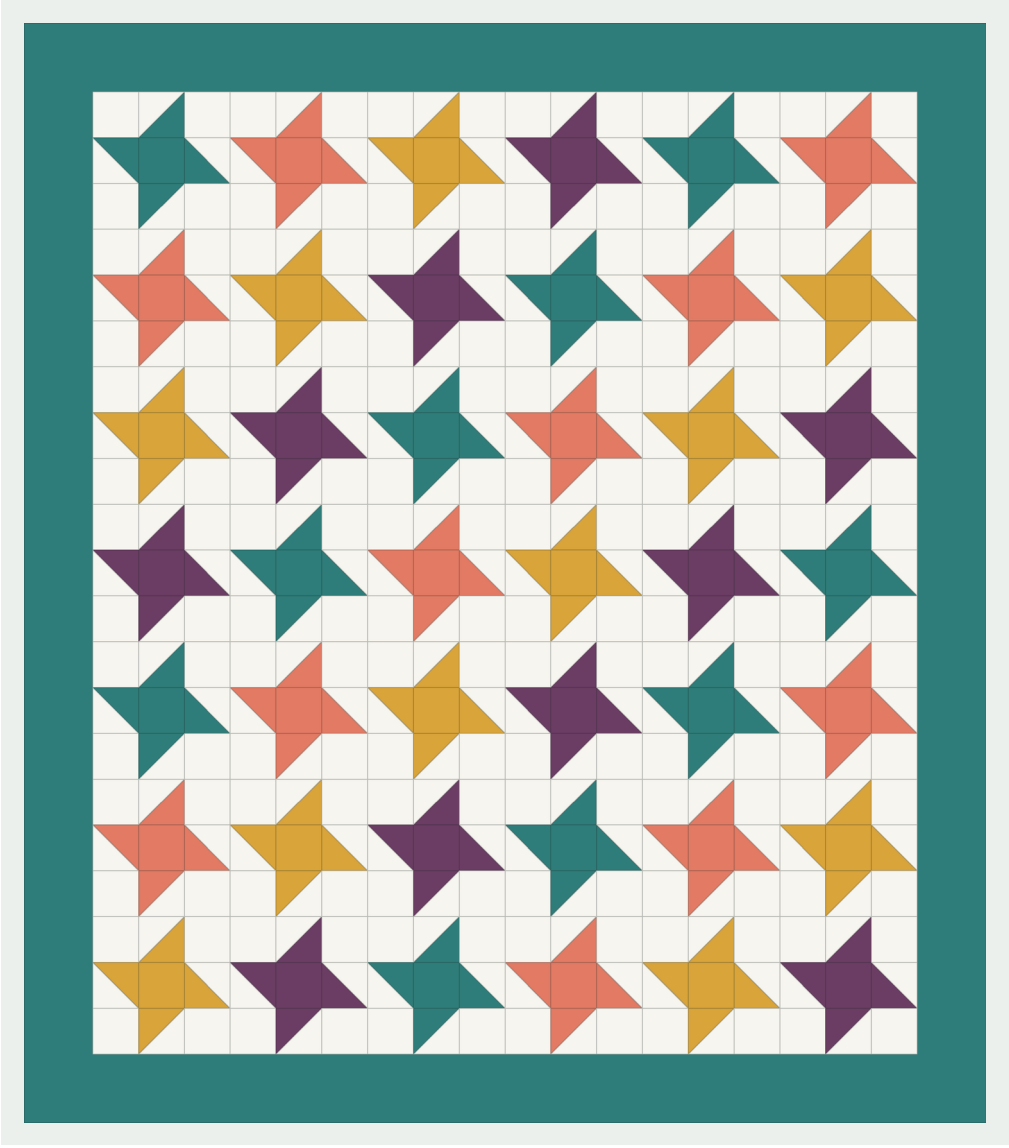
Friendship stars

Confident beginner · 42 × 48" finished · 42 blocks of 6" · 6 across × 7 down



Nine-patch grids with four half-square triangles each: quick to make, and the stars appear to spin.

Fabric requirements

A · Teal — **1¼ yd**
3 strips across the fabric = 8¼"; Border: 5 strips × 3½" = 17½"; Binding: 5 strips × 2½" = 12½"

B · Coral — **⅜ yd**
3 strips across the fabric = 8¼"; Total 8¼", plus ⅛ yd extra, rounded up to ⅜ yd

C · Mustard — **⅜ yd**
3 strips across the fabric = 8¼"; Total 8¼", plus ⅛ yd extra, rounded up to ⅜ yd

D · Plum — **⅜ yd**
3 strips across the fabric = 8¼"; Total 8¼", plus ⅛ yd extra, rounded up to ⅜ yd

E · White — **1⅜ yd**
17 strips across the fabric = 44¾"; Total 44¾", plus ⅛ yd extra, rounded up to 1⅜ yd

F · Backing — **3 yd**
Backing: 2 pieces × 50" = 100"; Total 100", plus ⅛ yd extra, rounded up to 3 yd

Total to buy (⅛ yd extra per fabric) — **6¾ yd**

Quilting cotton 42" usable width. All cut sizes include ¼" seam allowances. Batting at least 50 × 56" (Twin (72 × 90")). 83% of the fabric you cut ends up in the quilt.

Units to sew

- 44 half-square triangles (Coral + White), 2" finished, trim to 2½"
- 44 half-square triangles (Mustard + White), 2" finished, trim to 2½"
- 40 half-square triangles (Teal + White), 2" finished, trim to 2½"
- 40 half-square triangles (Plum + White), 2" finished, trim to 2½"

Cutting plan

Cut strips across the width of the fabric, selvage to selvage, then cut each strip into pieces. Letters and numbers (A1, B2 …) match the pieces in the blocks.

A · Teal (1¼ yd)

1. **Cut 5 strips 3½" × width of fabric for the border.**
   - Join end to end with straight seams, then cut 4 × 42½".
2. **Cut 5 strips 2½" × width of fabric for the binding.**
   - Join end to end with diagonal seams, press open, then fold in half lengthwise and press.
3. **Cut 1 strip 2⅞" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 14 squares 2⅞ × 2⅞" (A1).
4. **Cut 1 strip 2⅞" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 6 squares 2⅞ × 2⅞" (A1).

- From the rest of the strip, cut 9 squares 2½ × 2½" (A2), trimming the strip end to 2½" first.

5. **Cut 1 strip 2½" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 1 square 2½ × 2½" (A2).

Piece	Cut	Size	Shape	Then
A1	20	2⅞ × 2⅞"	squares	Pair each with a square of White (E1), draw a diagonal, sew ¼" either side, cut on the line. Makes 2 half-square triangles per pair; trim to 2½".
A2	10	2½ × 2½"	squares	

B · Coral (⅜ yd)

1. **Cut 1 strip 2⅞" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 14 squares 2⅞ × 2⅞" (B1).
2. **Cut 1 strip 2⅞" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 8 squares 2⅞ × 2⅞" (B1).
   - From the rest of the strip, cut 7 squares 2½ × 2½" (B2), trimming the strip end to 2½" first.
3. **Cut 1 strip 2½" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 4 squares 2½ × 2½" (B2).

Piece	Cut	Size	Shape	Then
B1	22	2⅞ × 2⅞"	squares	Pair each with a square of White (E2), draw a diagonal, sew ¼" either side, cut on the line. Makes 2 half-square triangles per pair; trim to 2½".
B2	11	2½ × 2½"	squares	

C · Mustard (⅜ yd)

1. **Cut 1 strip 2⅞" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 14 squares 2⅞ × 2⅞" (C1).
2. **Cut 1 strip 2⅞" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 8 squares 2⅞ × 2⅞" (C1).
   - From the rest of the strip, cut 7 squares 2½ × 2½" (C2), trimming the strip end to 2½" first.
3. **Cut 1 strip 2½" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 4 squares 2½ × 2½" (C2).

Piece	Cut	Size	Shape	Then
C1	22	2⅞ × 2⅞"	squares	Pair each with a square of White (E3), draw a diagonal, sew ¼" either side, cut on the line. Makes 2 half-square triangles per pair; trim to 2½".
C2	11	2½ × 2½"	squares	

D · Plum (⅜ yd)

1. **Cut 1 strip 2⅞" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 14 squares 2⅞ × 2⅞" (D1).
2. **Cut 1 strip 2⅞" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 6 squares 2⅞ × 2⅞" (D1).
   - From the rest of the strip, cut 9 squares 2½ × 2½" (D2), trimming the strip end to 2½" first.
3. **Cut 1 strip 2½" × width of fabric.**

- From the strip, cut 1 square 2½ × 2½" (D2).

Piece	Cut	Size	Shape	Then
D1	20	2⅞ × 2⅞"	squares	Pair each with a square of White (E4), draw a diagonal, sew ¼" either side, cut on the line. Makes 2 half-square triangles per pair; trim to 2½".
D2	10	2½ × 2½"	squares	

E · White (1⅜ yd)

1. **Cut 1 strip 2⅞" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 14 squares 2⅞ × 2⅞" (E1).
2. **Cut 1 strip 2⅞" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 6 squares 2⅞ × 2⅞" (E1).
   - From the rest of the strip, cut 8 squares 2⅞ × 2⅞" (E2).
3. **Cut 1 strip 2⅞" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 14 squares 2⅞ × 2⅞" (E2).
4. **Cut 1 strip 2⅞" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 14 squares 2⅞ × 2⅞" (E3).
5. **Cut 1 strip 2⅞" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 8 squares 2⅞ × 2⅞" (E3).
   - From the rest of the strip, cut 6 squares 2⅞ × 2⅞" (E4).
6. **Cut 1 strip 2⅞" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 14 squares 2⅞ × 2⅞" (E4).
7. **Cut 10 strips 2½" × width of fabric.**
   - From each strip, cut 16 squares 2½ × 2½" (E5).
8. **Cut 1 strip 2½" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 8 squares 2½ × 2½" (E5).

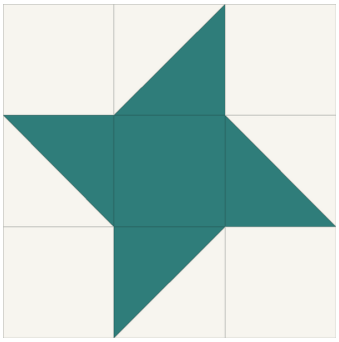
Piece	Cut	Size	Shape	Then
E1	20	2⅞ × 2⅞"	squares	Pair each with a square of Teal (A1), draw a diagonal, sew ¼" either side, cut on the line. Makes 2 half-square triangles per pair; trim to 2½".
E2	22	2⅞ × 2⅞"	squares	Pair each with a square of Coral (B1), draw a diagonal, sew ¼" either side, cut on the line. Makes 2 half-square triangles per pair; trim to 2½".
E3	22	2⅞ × 2⅞"	squares	Pair each with a square of Mustard (C1), draw a diagonal, sew ¼" either side, cut on the line. Makes 2 half-square triangles per pair; trim to 2½".
E4	20	2⅞ × 2⅞"	squares	Pair each with a square of Plum (D1), draw a diagonal, sew ¼" either side, cut on the line. Makes 2 half-square triangles per pair; trim to 2½".
E5	168	2½ × 2½"	squares	

F · Backing (3 yd)

1. **For the backing, cut 2 pieces 50" long.**
   - Trim the selvages and join along the long edges with ½" seams.

The blocks

Each block finishes at 6" (6½" unfinished, with seam allowances).



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Putting it together

1. Sew 42 blocks. Lay them out 6 across × 7 down, and sew them into rows, then sew the rows together. The quilt top measures 36 × 42" (finished) before borders.
2. Border 1: 3" finished, in Teal. Sew the side borders first, then the top and bottom.
3. Backing: 50 × 56" in 2 pieces, joined with ½" seams.
4. Layer backing, batting (50 × 56" or bigger) and top, and quilt.
5. Binding: join 5 strips 2½" wide with diagonal seams (about 200" long), fold in half lengthwise and sew around the edge.

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