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8-POINT STAR RAG QUILT



Make this colorful rag quilt with a twist! Instead of just piecing layered squares, add smart-looking 8-point stars to the rag quilt design and enjoy the surprise results.

SUPPLIES

Fabric yardage are for a twin-size quilt. Buy new fabric or take the challenge and use scraps for a truly unique rag quilt. **DO NOT PREWASH** your fabric before cutting and sewing.

2 yards of 5 to 6 different flannel prints
2 1/2 yards of solid color flannel (Optional—
filler)
Coats Machine Quilting Thread (variegated)
or Star® Multi-color Machine Quilting & Craft
Thread
Sharp embroidery scissors

Rotary cutter, mat and ruler
8-Point Star Printed Interfacing from Quiltsmart™
1 yard lightweight fusible interfacing
1/4" Quilting or Piecing Foot
Dual Feed or Walking Foot
Steam iron

DIRECTIONS:

NOTE: Cutting and sewing lines are clearly marked on the Quiltsmart printed interfacing. The directions given here make one star.

1. Cut one 3 1/4" x 18" strips from two different colored fabrics. Fuse lightweight interfacing to the wrong side of each strip. With right sides together, sew the two strips together along one long edge using a 1/4" seam. Press seam open.
2. Place the right side of the fabric strip to the right side of the Quiltsmart printed interfacing, positioning the dotted line in the center of each peak on the printed interfacing, precisely on the seam. Pin in place. Stitch on the indicated line using a stitch length equaling 12 to 14 stitches per inch. (NOTE: The right side of the Quiltsmart printed interfacing is smooth.)
3. Cut the sections apart on the indicated lines. Turn right side out and finger press making 2-unit diamonds. **DO NOT IRON.**
4. Cut four 7 1/2" squares from one print fabric for the background. Place the point of a 2-unit diamonds in one corner of each square and press well with a steam iron from both the right and wrong sides fusing the diamonds to the backing. Arrange the squares so the points of the diamonds meet forming the 8-point star. With right sides together, stitch the 7 1/2" squares together using a 1/4" seam. The quilt will be washed many times so the stars were topstitched in place to the background.



5. Square up the 8-point star unit to a 15" square. Repeat steps 1 through 5 to create as many 8-point stars as desired. With right sides together, stitch two 8-point star blocks together.

Plan the rest of your quilt keeping in mind that all dimensions should be based on finished 14" blocks. (NOTE: Your "raggy" seam allowances can be anywhere from 1/2" to 1" wide—we used 1" seams. The wider the seam allowance the floppier the look. Narrower seam allowances will be denser and firmer.)

Adding the filler is optional. We used filler only behind the 8-point star areas. The filler will add weight and warmth.

6. For the 4-square blocks, cut 9" squares from the various prints. Piece using a 1" seam allowance, wrong sides together, to make a 16" block.

7. Cut 16" squares for the backing for all blocks.

8. Mix the 4-square blocks with solid squares. Cut 16" squares from the prints. With wrong sides together, pin two large squares together and stitch a large "X" from corner to corner using your Dual Feed Foot to keep layers from shifting during washing and use.

9. With right sides together, stitch two backing squares together for each 8-point star unit. With wrong sides together, pin the backing units to 8-point star units.

10.. To put the quilt together, pin the backing sides of units together and stitch with 1" seams using your Dual Feed Foot and a stitch length of 12 to 14 stitches per inch. Piece in rows to the width desired. (NOTE: When you attach the rows to the 8-point star units, use a 1/4" seam allowance as the 8-point star blocks are only 15" square and a 1" from the backing side.) Stitch the 1/4" seam twice.



11. Piece your quilt until the desired size is achieved.

12. Add a fun, “raggy” binding for another interesting twist. Measure around the four sides of your quilt. Cut enough 4 1/4”-wide strips to equal this measurement piecing as necessary. Press the strip in half lengthwise.

13. Wrap the raw edge of the quilt with the binding and pin. Stitch allowing a 1” seam allowance.

14. With sharp scissors, make clips in the seam allowances, up to the stitching but not through, 1/2” to 3/4” apart.

15. Now it’s time to wash your quilt to fray the edges. Using a “heavy” soil setting, wash, remove the quilt, trim the threads and shake well. Place the quilt in the dryer and dry for approximately one half the time you would think necessary. Remove and shake the quilt again. Determine if the quilt is “frayed” enough. If not wash and dry again on a normal setting. (NOTE: Be sure to clean your washer and dryer of stray threads to avoid any machine or plumbing damage.)



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