

TWINKLE TABLE TOPPER

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PROJECT

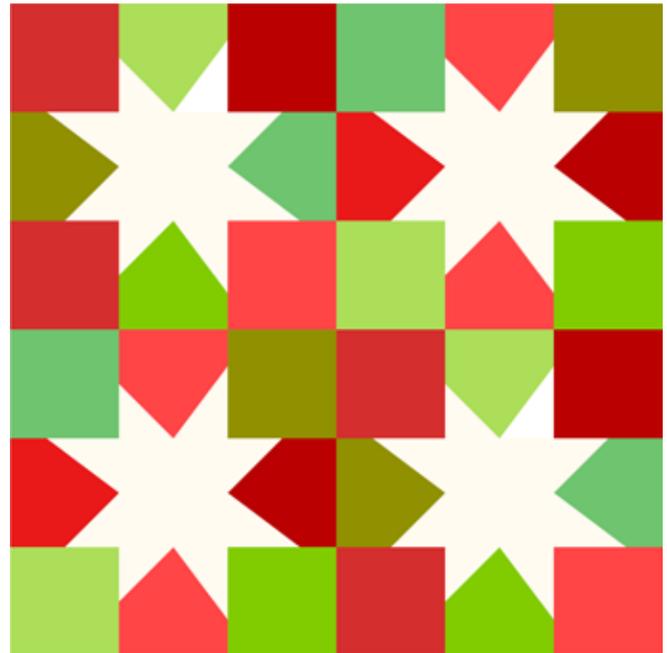
These *Wonky Stars* make for a fun and easy holiday project. Suitable for novice and experienced quilters alike, it comes together quickly. It makes a wonderful gift, too! These stars can be very addictive so we'd totally understand if you wanted to keep going and make our *Candy Cane* quilt shown on page 48.

Finished Size: 18" x 18"

Fabric Requirements

Scraps are an excellent choice for this project – the more, the merrier. Use a variety of holiday prints or create seasonal variations using batiks, Civil War prints or florals, etc. Choose fabrics with prints of differing scales and that have a high contrast with each other to ensure that the white stars stand out. If you prefer to use only reds and greens, adjust the quantities that you cut for the blocks.

- 2 to 3 fat quarters of green prints
- 2 to 3 fat quarters of red prints
- 1 to 2 fat quarters of yellow prints
- 2 fat quarters of white
- 20" x 20" piece for backing
- 20" x 20" piece of batting
- 1 fat quarter for binding



MAKE FOUR WONKY STAR BLOCKS (9" FINISHED)

Cut:

- (12) 3½" squares from assorted red fabrics
- (12) 3½" squares from assorted green fabrics
- (8) 3½" squares from assorted yellow fabrics

For white stars cut:

- (4) 3½" squares for star centres
- (17) 2" squares (for star tips)
- (15) 1½" squares (for star tips)

Note: This pattern uses two different sized small white squares for the star tips to create a wonky star effect. If you prefer to have all of your star points the same size, use 2" squares.



Construction

Use any combination of eight (8) red, green and yellow squares and one (1) white square to make each star.

You may wish to lay all of the squares out together to get the final colour placement that you like. You will have a total of 36 squares, 6 rows of 6 squares. Keep the squares laid out on your table as a reference as you sew.

Randomly place the small white squares at the four sides of each 3½" white square to check for contrast; adjust the location of your coloured squares, if necessary. >



1 On the wrong side of each 1½" and 2" square, draw a diagonal line from one corner to the other.

Make the 16 star point units first. You will need one coloured 3½" square, one 2" square and one 1½" square for each unit.



4 Place a 1½" square in the adjacent corner along the same side as the first white square, right sides together, with the diagonal line running up and to the left. Sew along the drawn line. Trim to a ¼" seam allowance. Press.



5 This is your first star points unit; make 16. Mix and match the position of the 1½" and 2" squares to suit, creating a twinkle effect.



2 Take one of the 3½" coloured squares that will have star points on it, place a 2" square in the bottom right corner, right sides together, with the diagonal line running up and to the right. Sew along the drawn line.



3 Trim to a ¼" seam allowance. Press.



Lay out your star block. Sew the squares into rows and sew the rows together. Repeat for all four blocks, returning each block back to your original layout. Sew the four blocks together.

TIP: Pin at each seam and ease the fabric to fit, if necessary. Sandwich your quilt with your batting and backing; pin. We used fusible batting for this project but regular batting works well, too.

Quilting

Hera markers come in two styles and are great for marking your quilting pattern. Simply score the line that you want to quilt, sew along the indentation, and there are no markings to erase after your quilting is finished. (See our *Favourite Finds* column on page 38 for more about hera markers.)

Using the hera marker and a ruler, mark your quilt with a pleasing design.

Quilt along the marked lines.

Trim and bind. ✨



FUN IDEAS

- Try sashing and borders.
- Add a 9-patch block between each star block.
- Embellish each star with a little bell or pompom at the tips.



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Finished Size: 54" x 72"

CANDY CANE QUILT

To make this cozy throw, make 24 star blocks using the instructions for the Table Topper and add in red and white candy cane blocks.

Fabric Requirements

- ½ metre each of 4 assorted green prints
- ½ metre each of 4 assorted red prints
- 1½ metres of red
- 2 metres of white
- ½ metre for binding

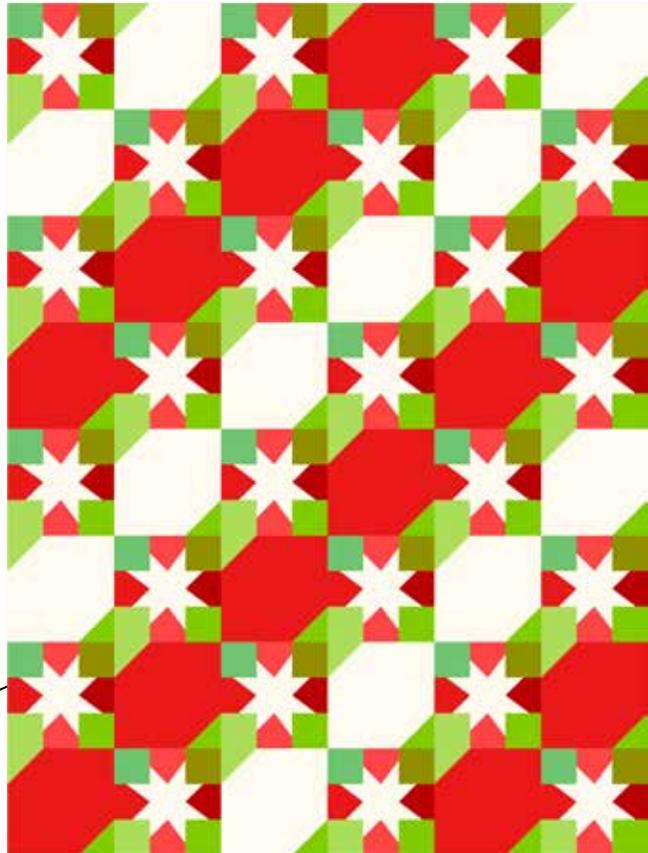
CANDY CANE BLOCKS

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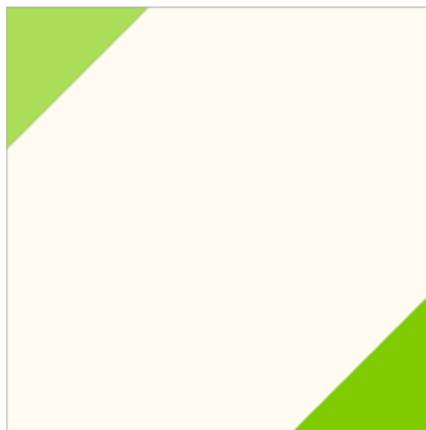
- (12) 9½" red squares
- (12) 9½" white squares
- (36) 3" assorted green squares

Construction

Draw a diagonal line on the back of all of the 3" green squares.

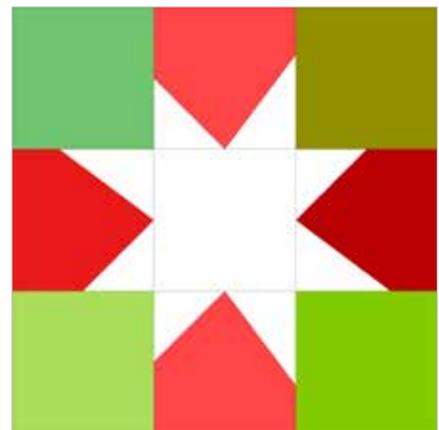


Place a green 3" square in the top left corner of a 9½" red square, right sides together, with the stitching line cutting across the corner. Sew along the drawn line. Trim to a ¼" seam allowance. Press. Repeat on the opposite corner.



Repeat with the white squares.

Make 24 star blocks as described on page 46, using four (4) red and (4) four green squares for each block.



Lay out your blocks as shown above. Sew the blocks into rows and sew the rows together. Quilt and bind as desired. ✨