

Stringing Stars

68" x 68" A scrappy foundation throw by Lacey Colbert

A very basic how-to on String Quilts to use up scraps!



Requirements:

Assorted Light Scraps

Assorted Dark Scraps

String Along 9" Papers - *This throw uses 64 papers.*

Basting or Applique Glue Stick

Neutral Thread I used Aurifil Dove 2600

Basic quilting supplies: Ruler, Rotary Cutter, Mat, Iron, Ironing Board/Wool Pressing Mat, Pencil

Prepping the Foundation:

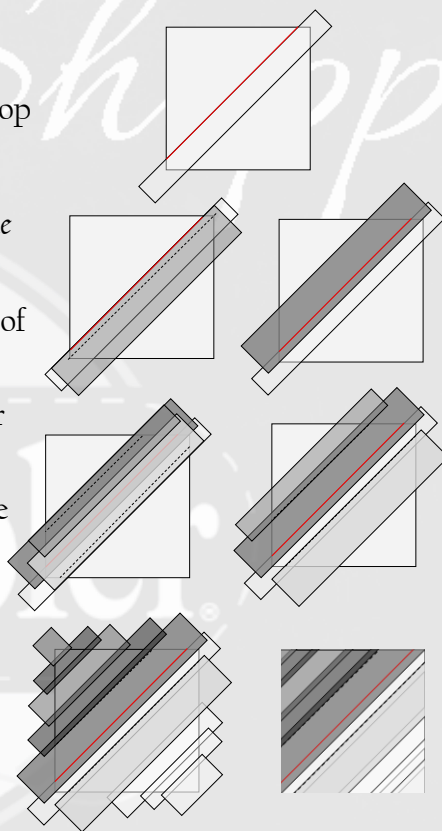
Start by marking your foundation blocks so you know where to place your starting strips. You want to mark a diagonal line 1/4" away from the center. That way you can line the edge of the strips up with the marked line and your sewing line will be exactly from corner to corner.



Sewing: You are making 64 Blocks. You need 16 all dark blocks, 16 all light blocks, and 32 half light/half dark blocks. All the blocks are made the same way. Refer to the picture when arranging your blocks.

1. Take 2 strips, these will be the center two strips on the block. (One light/one dark for the half and half blocks) You will want to lay them across the block diagonally and cut so they overlap the corners enough that when you open the top one, it covers the whole foundation paper. Use the glue stick and baste on one strip, right side up, lining up the edge with the line you marked. *Tip: when sewing blocks with both light and dark strips, always start with the light so your seam will go under the dark strip.*
2. Then take the second strip, place it face down, lining up the edge with the edge of the first strip on the marked line. Sew, using a 1/4" seam from the marked line.
3. Press the seam open. The seam between the two strips should be exactly corner to corner of the foundation paper.
4. Now you will continue to add strips to each side in the same manner, line up the strip with the edge and sew with a 1/4" seam, and press open. I normally sew a strip on both strips, then press both open at once.
5. Continue to add strips until the foundation block is completely covered. The strips will be hanging over the foundation block on all sides.
6. Then flip the block over, and trim the block to 9", using the foundation paper as the guide.
7. Make 32 half dark/half light blocks, make 16 all dark blocks, and 16 all light blocks.

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Assembly: Use the picture of the quilt to lay out your blocks and sew them together. I made 4 star blocks, then sewed the star blocks together to make my throw. When placing the blocks, the direction of the diagonal can effect the overall look. You can see how I placed mine in the diagram below.

Congrats! You are done!



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