



Seeing Stars!!! Elsie M. Campbell

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Piece perfect stars without belly-button centers or pin wheeling points. Elsie shares her secrets, from cutting and stitching the star points, to blocking the points, and setting in triangles and squares. Intermediate to Advanced skills.

Equipment and supplies:

- Sewing machine, clean and in good working order
- Several bobbins filled with neutral color thread
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Two rotary cutting rulers, preferably 6" x 12" or larger, at least one with a 45° line (Please, no rulers with 'lips' or grooves for cutting. My Star Ruler will be available for sale and can be used as the ruler with a 45° angle.)
- Seam ripper or ball-point awl
- Scissors

For optional blocking guide:

- Glass-head pins
- 18" square piece of freezer paper
- Pencil and/or Sharpie marker

Fabrics:

- Fat quarters of 5 different fabrics
- 1 1/2 yards light print, for the background and backing
- 3/4 yard dark print for the borders and binding (not needed for class)

Preparation and cutting:

Prewash and heavily starch or re-size fabrics before cutting strips. To re-size the fabric, Elsie suggests diluting a liquid starch such as Stay-flo one-to-one with water in a plant mister bottle and spray the solution on the fabric, then iron it until smooth and dry. Fabric should be stiff as paper. Before class, make a reference card by cutting a 1" square from each fabric and taping or stapling it to an index card. Label the samples with numbers as listed in the cutting directions below:

Cut:

- Two 2" x 22" strip, print #1
- Four 2"x 22" strips, print #2
- Six 2" x 22" strips, print #3
- Four 2" x 22" strips, print #4
- Two 2" x 22" strips, print #5