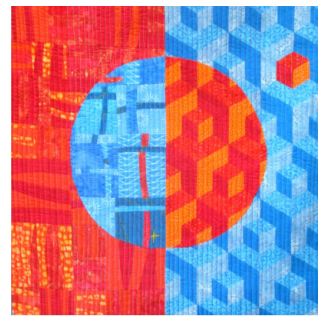


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Tutor Box Number 13

WONKY STARS



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Cut a biggish square of background fabric - the ones in the sample started at 8-1/2 inches, but any size you like will be fine.

Lay the square Right Side Up on your mat and cut into nine pieces as shown..

Now, the whole idea of this block is to make the stars Wonky, so the 9-patch you cut should be less-than-regular.

The smaller the centre, the spikier the star.. At least for the first few stars, use one-sided fabrics for ease..

Keep everything on the mat, and replace each piece as you go, so that you don't get in a pickle...



Take piece 2 and add a star point - this can be quite deliberately cut or from a handy scrap. Cut a rough triangle a bit bigger than you need, and pin it Right Sides Together with the background piece as shown.

It should be tall enough to be interesting, not so tall that it sticks over the outer edge of the square.

Pin on the sewing line, turn the piece back and make sure it entirely covers the background and sticks over a bit. Sew it down.

Press, turn the piece over and trim the new part to exactly match the edge of the square. Then trim away the excess of star point and background leaving a 1/4 inch seam (or thereabouts).

I tend to use scissors for this, but have shown this with a ruler and cutter, which is more accurate.

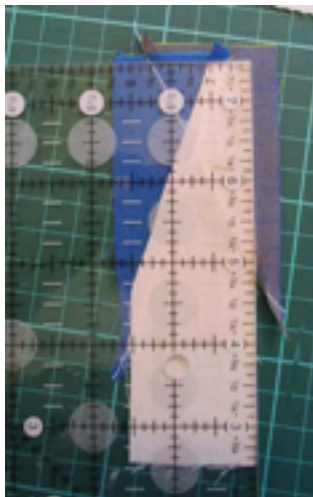
Make another point on the same side of piece 2, a bit different in size..



Repeat this process on pieces 4, 6, and 8, each time, sew, press, check, trim, until you have four pieces with a total of eight points.

At this point, if you wish, you can replace the centre piece - either to make a "solid" star or to add another colour.

Use the centre piece you are discarding as a pattern and cut another just like it.



Now re-assemble your 9-patch, sewing the three pieces in each row together.

Press to the outer squares on the top and bottom row, and towards the central square, so that the pieces “nest” nicely. Press the final seams outwards as shown

Trim the block - the sample ones are trimmed to 6-1/2 inches and finish at 6 inches square..

For an 8-inch finished block, start with a 10-1/2 inch square

For a 12-inch finished block, start with 14-1/2 inches..

You can, of course, start with a rectangle if you wish. And when you get good, you can cut on a more diagonal sort of line..

These can be set with sashings and cornerstones, too



This pattern devised and this worksheet was written by Helen Howes

These instructions can be copied as much as you like and passed along; but please do not alter them in any way when doing this.

Modern Art Quilters are keen on passing on the skills we all have to the next generations of sewists, in the knowledge that this is both satisfying and compulsive to a degree..

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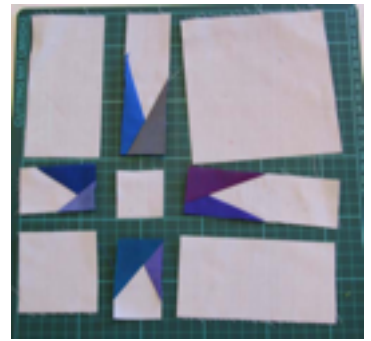
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Some more examples - note the hollow and filled stars - these are fatter

In blues...



Here's some we made in class...

