

# Big Star Quilt – It's All About the Shoes

## 84" x 108" (after washing) – Block Size 24.5"



This quilt can be made by using layer cakes or yardage. It also can be made in miniature by using charm squares.

### Tools Required:

6" x 24" ruler

Tucker Trimmer for squaring up or your choice of square ruler.

Regular sewing tools: rotary cutter, pins, scissors, matching thread, sewing machine.

This quilt comes from a tutorial by Missouri Quilt Company. They say 30 block each, estimating that you can use the remaining squares for the snowballs, cobblestones and corners.

### If you use Layer cakes:

30 assorted light, 24 are for the blocks

30 assorted dark, 24 are for the blocks

24 Background, plus more for the corners and sashing's

### If you use yardage you can get twelve 10" squares from 1 yard:

2.5 yards assorted light fabric

2.5 yards assorted dark fabric

4.5 yards background fabric

7/8 yard fabric inner border

3 yards fabric for outer border & binding

48 five inch squares for the snowballs

--- yard for cobblestones



### Cutting Instructions:

From the **light fabric** cut eight 10" strips WOF. Sub cut the strips into 10" squares.

From the **dark fabric** cut eight 10" strips WOF. Sub cut the strips into 10" squares.

From the **background fabric** cut eight 10" strips WOF. Sub cut the strips into 10" squares.

From the **background fabric** cut eight 6.5" strips. Sub cut the strips into 6.5" squares.



Each completed block requires:

- 2 - 10" light squares
- 2 - 10" dark squares
- 2 - 10" background squares

Sew a:

- dark square to a background square
- light square to a background square
- light square to a dark square

**With right side together  
sew a ¼" seam around all 4  
sides of the blocks.**



Cut diagonally both ways until you have 4 half square triangles



Press seams to the dark fabric. Square up to 6.5".

At this point I went a head and sorted all my squares  
into groups for each block:

- 2 - 10" light squares
- 2 - 10" dark squares
- 2 - 10" background squares

Sewed a ¼" seam around all 4 sides:  
dark square to a background square  
light square to a background square  
light square to a dark square

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Start by laying out the middles of the block by creating a pinwheel of the light and dark half square triangles.



Add the points to the stars by adding the dark & background half square triangles and then the light & background half square triangles.



Add the 6.5" background squares to the corners to complete the block layout.



Using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew the block parts into rows as shown, then join the rows. I alternated pressing the seam up and then down in each row. I prefer to press the seams up or down so you can nest them easily.





Take the 5" squares and draw a line diagonally



Place on the corner of the block right sides together and sew on the line.



Using your ruler cut off the excess leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Repeat for all the corners



Cut sashing strips 2.5" by 24.5" (or the width of your blocks). Sew blocks into rows with sashing between each block. Press seams toward the sashing.



Cut 6 cobblestones 2.5" square. Begin with the sashing strip and alternate cobblestone then another sashing until you have 4 sashing's with 3 cobblestones in between. Do this again.



Nest your seams and join your rows with sashing in between the blocks.

Press seams toward the sashing's.

Decide what size inner border you want. I cut mine 2" wide. Measure the circumference of your quilt add 10", divide by 40, and that will tell you how strips you need to cut.

Sew on your inner border and measure again but this time add twice what your outer border is going to be plus 5 more inches. For instance I cut 6 inch borders, so to the circumference I added 12 inches plus 5", and divided that number 40" to determine the number of outer border strips needed.