

# Braided Star Quilt

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## Materials

SIZE	DIMENSIONS	QUILT TOP & BINDING	BACKING
Throw	69" x 69"	1 Jelly Roll OR (28) 2½" strips of fabric 4 yards for Background and Binding 1 yard for Center Star	5 yards

### Recommended Tools & Notions

- Rotary cutter
- Quilting rulers
- Cutting mat
- 50wt cotton thread
- 2½" x 8 ½" TQM Binding Tool or template included in this pattern

### General Guidelines

Please read the entire pattern once through before starting. Use a ¼" seam allowance unless otherwise directed.

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# Cutting Instructions

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Pair matching strips from the jelly roll, making 17 sets. From each of 17 jelly roll strip sets, and using the TQM binding tool OR included template, from the back of the pattern, cut the following:

6- 1/8"	8- 5/8"	8- 5/8"	6- 1/8"	8- 5/8"
8- 5/8"	6- 1/8"	6- 1/8"	8- 5/8"	6- 1/8"
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8- 5/8"	6- 1/8"	6- 1/8"	8- 5/8"	8- 5/8"

From Background and Binding fabric, cut:

- (5) 2½" x WOF strips. Subcut into:
  - (68) 2 ½" squares
- (3) 8 ½" x WOF strips. Subcut as follows:
  - (2) strips into:
    - (2) 8½" squares
    - (1) 8½ x 16½" rectangle
  - (1) strip into:
    - (4) 8½" squares
- (1) 9 ½" x WOF strip. Subcut as follows:
  - (2) 9½" squares, cross cut once diagonally
- (1) 17" x WOF strip. Subcut into:
  - (1) 17" square and (2) 11" squares
  - Cross cut 17" square diagonally twice
  - Cross cut each 11" square diagonally once
- (1) 11" x WOF strip. Subcut into:
  - (2) 11" squares
  - Cross cut each diagonally once
- (8) 2½" x WOF strips for binding

From Center Star fabric, cut:

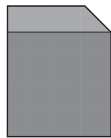
- (1) 9½" x WOF strip. Subcut into:
  - (3) 9 ½" squares
  - Cross cut (2) 9½" squares twice diagonally for a total of (8) triangles

# Pattern Instructions

## Braid Section Assembly

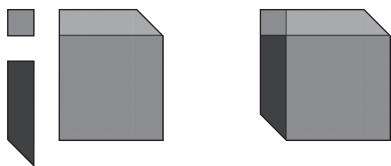
### STEP 1

Take one 8½" square background fabric and one cut jelly roll section. Sew jelly roll strip to top of background square. Press toward background.



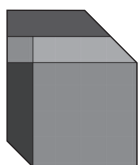
### STEP 2

Take one 2½" background square and one jelly roll section. Sew square to straight end of strip as shown in diagram, and press toward background square. Sew completed strip to side of background square, nesting seams. Press toward large background square.



### STEP 3

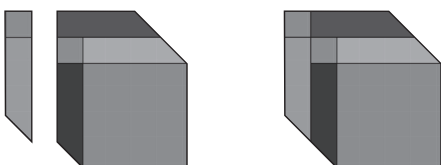
Take another cut jelly roll strip and sew to top of unit, aligning the straight edge with the edge of the unit. Press away from new strip.



Make 4 units.

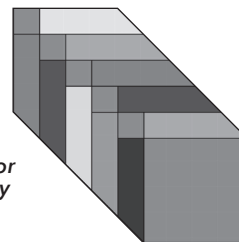
### STEP 4

Take one 2 ½" background square and one cut jelly roll strip. Sew square to straight end of strip, pressing toward background square. Sew completed strip to side of braid unit, nesting seams. Press toward braid unit.



### STEP 5

Repeat these steps until you have five strips on each side of the background square. Make a total of 12 units. Set 8 units aside for quilt top assembly.

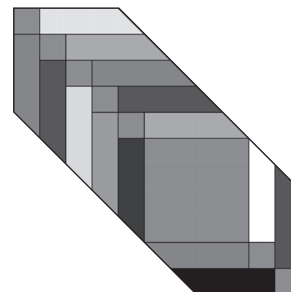


Make 12 units  
Set aside 8 units for  
Quilt Top Assembly

## Expanding to the Large Braid

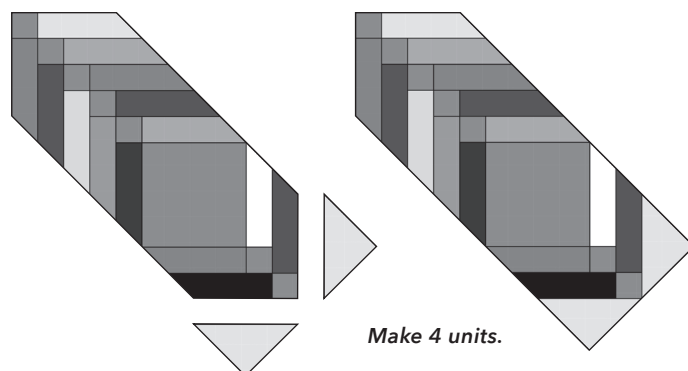
### STEP 1

With the remaining four units from the Braid Section Assembly, repeat the steps above to sew two more strip sets on the final two sides of the background square, as indicated in the diagram.



### STEP 2

Sew two center star fabric triangles to each unit, as shown in the diagram. Press toward triangles.



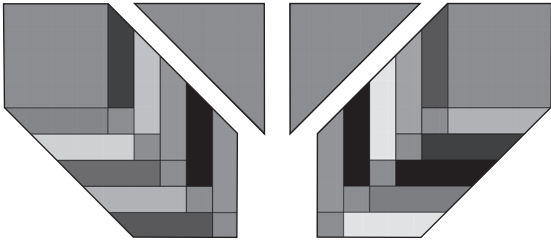
Make 4 units.

# Pattern Instructions

## Side Unit Assembly

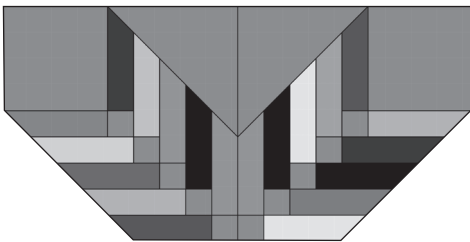
### STEP 1

Take two small braid units, and sew one background triangle (from 11" square) to each unit, as shown in the diagram.



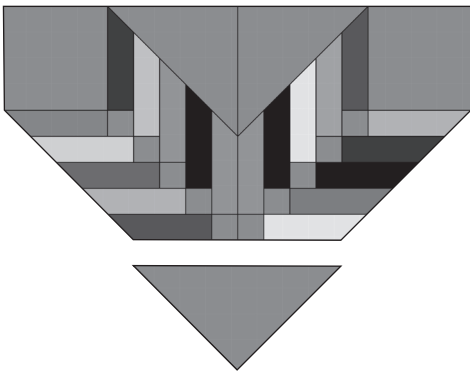
### STEP 2

Sew the two units together, pressing seams open.



### STEP 3

Sew a background triangle (from 17" square) to bottom edge of unit, as shown in diagram. Press toward background triangle.



### STEP 4

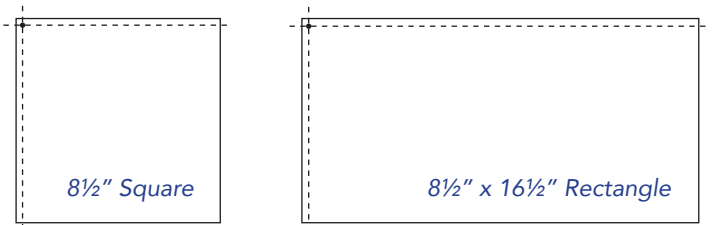
Repeat to make 3 more units. These units will be referred to as "corner star units" hereafter.

## Adding Corner Squares Using Y-Seams

### STEP 1

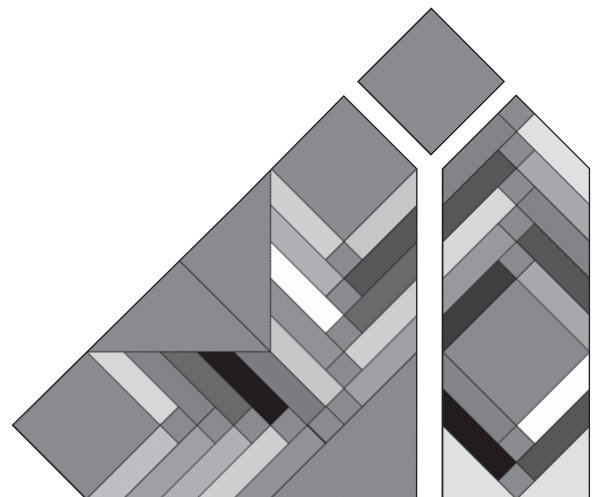
Take your ruler and with a pencil, mark  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance intersections at each corner of  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " background squares and  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $16\frac{1}{2}$ " background rectangles.

*NOTE: When inserting squares and rectangles, you will sew only to the dot. You will be working with bias edges, so take it slow and be careful not to stretch the fabric.*



### STEP 2

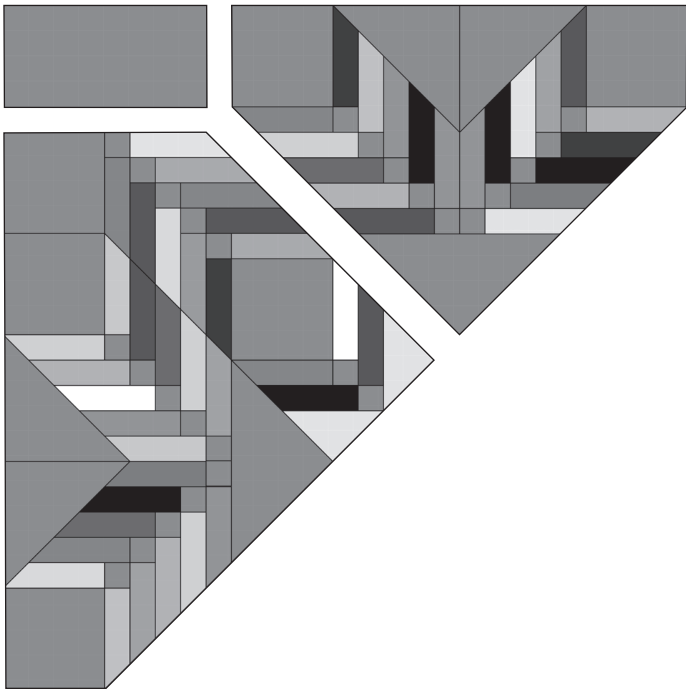
Take one corner star unit and one large braid unit and using a Y-Seam at the outer corner, stitch together. Do not press until corner square is added. Insert an  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " background corner square and stitch to both the corner star unit and the large braid unit, again using a Y-Seam. Refer to diagram for placement. Press seams toward background square and large braid unit.



# Pattern Instructions

## STEP 3

As shown in the diagram, sew another corner star unit to the other side of the large braid unit, using a Y-Seam at the outer corner. Insert an 8½" x 16½" background rectangle and stitch to both units. Refer to diagram for placement. Press seams toward background square and large braid unit.



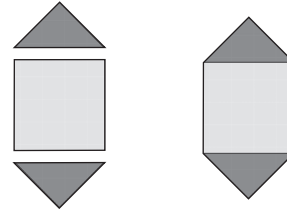
## STEP 4

Repeat these steps to make 2 identical units. These units will now be called "half star units" hereafter.

## Center Block Assembly

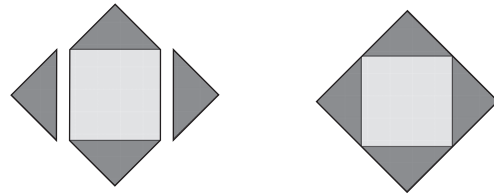
### STEP 1

Take one 9½" center star square and two background triangles (cut from an 9½" square). Sew triangles to top and bottom of square. Press seams toward background triangles.



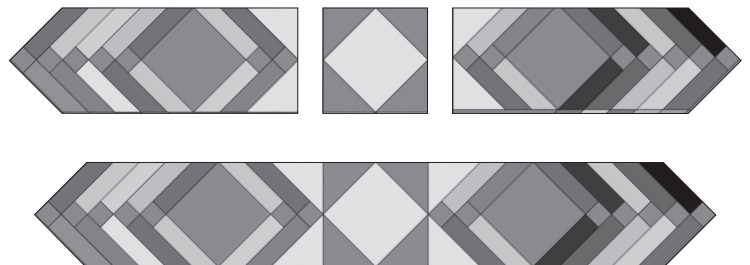
### STEP 2

Take two more background triangles and sew to sides of center square. Press seams toward background triangles again. Trim to 8½" square.



### STEP 3

Sew last two large braid units to opposite sides of center square. Press seams open. This unit will be referred to as the center braided unit hereafter.



# Pattern Instructions

## Quilt Top Assembly

### STEP 1

Attach one half star unit to one side of center braided unit, using Y-Seams at both corners. Insert an 8½" background square to lower left corner and stitch to both units. Press toward background square and center braided unit.

### STEP 2

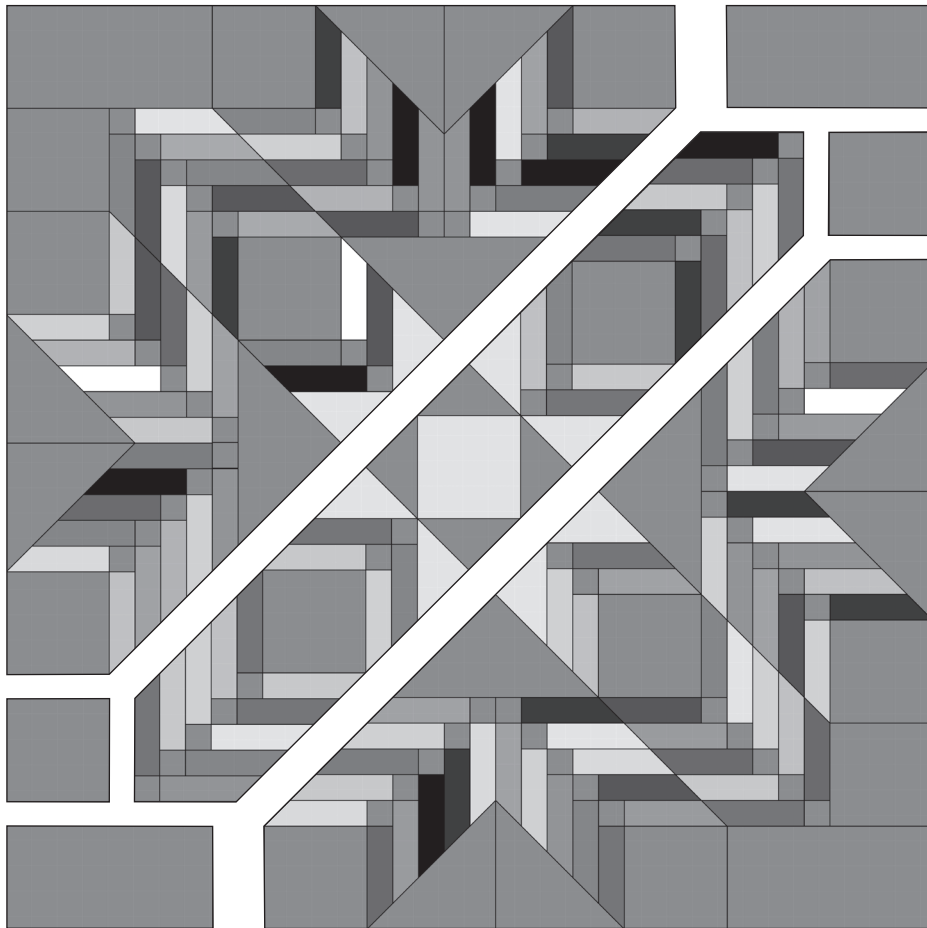
Attach second half star unit to other side of center braided unit, using Y-Seams at both corners. Insert an 8½" background square to upper right corner and stitch to both units. Press toward background square and center braided unit.

### STEP 3

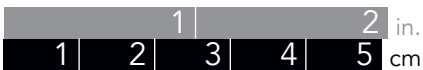
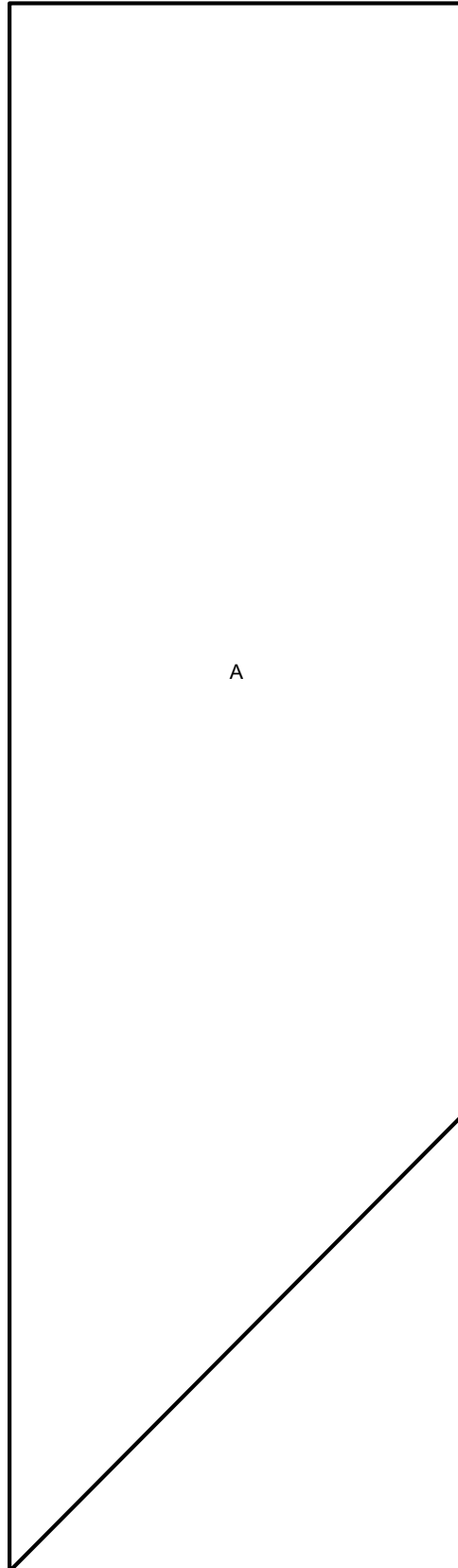
Insert background rectangle to upper right corner and stitch to quilt. Press toward background rectangle. Repeat with last background rectangle in lower left corner.

## Finishing the Quilt

Baste, bind, and quilt as desired.



# Pattern Template



*Note: To ensure accuracy,  
print at "Actual size."*