

Foundation Piecing Fabulous Stars



Five new stars all 12" squares, to add to your library of foundation-pieced patterns! Make these in Christmas colors for a holiday sampler wall hanging or in jewel-tones like Pepper's original, *Starry Night Sampler*, the quilt that was the calendar for Oxmoor House Publishing in 1997. If you're a foundation-piecing novice, there's an easy star to start with, and then the remaining four stars build on your growing knowledge. *Starry Night Sampler* and other samples will be shown in class and photos are allowed. A kit for each student (consisting of the five star patterns plus an easy-to-piece alternating block and enough tear-away foundation paper to make all the stars) costs \$5, payable to the teacher at the time of class.

Students need to bring the following:

- Sewing machine ready to go.
- A bobbin of gray thread and the same thread used on top.
- Bring an extension cord and extra light (Ott light excellent-) if you want more illumination.
- A black Sharpie Fine-Point pen (available at office supply stores)
- Straight pins
- Fabric scissors
- A brown paper lunch bag
- Scotch tape
- Rotary cutter with new blade, rotary mat (not the huge ones-)
- Rotary ruler (the 4x13 inch Omnigrd is a good choice).
- Fabrics—at least 10 different prints in the color scheme of your choice. Cuts need to be at least a Fat Quarter to ½ yd. Bring 2 yds. of the fabric you envision as the "sky" background for all the stars.

Strategies for choosing fabrics—what are your favorite colors? Start with those. Remember some darks, mediums, and lights. Bring a variety of prints (geometric, floral, hand-dyes, stripes, checks—all welcome) and don't forget a zinger (a bright or very different fabric for accent color). Throw in a little bag of scraps if you have one. If you want a night sky, start with a dark background and choose your star fabrics against that.

Like a light background? Bring darks and mediums that will contrast nicely with the light. Prepare all fabrics as you usually do.

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