

Tessellating star

measures 34" x 44" (approx) no borders

Background fabric(s) – a total of **48 rectangles cut to measure 2" x 5"** and **48 rectangles cut to measure 2" x 3 ½"**

From **each of 6 main fabrics** cut a total of **8 rectangles to measure 2" x 5"** (48 rectangles in total) and **8 rectangles to measure 2" x 3 ½"** (48 rectangles in total)

You might like to choose related or themed prints – 6 Christmas prints, 6 different blues, 6 striking batiks, 6 jazzy florals. Background fabric can be either one single choice or several – take care to keep value similar to each other and strongly contrasting with your main choices.

Step One

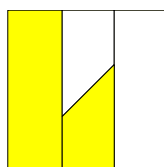
Pick up a 2" x 3 ½" strip of background and a 2" x 3 ½" strip of a main fabric. With RS together, background fabric uppermost and forming a right angle to your left, mark and stitch diagonally from bottom left to top right. Check the direction of this line before trimming away to leave ¼" seam allowance and pressing the pieced strip with seam allowance falling to the darker side. *If you cannot bear waste you might want to consider marking the stitching line as just described, plus a second stitching line ½" away so that you will be cutting away ready stitched pairs of very small triangles – wonder what you will do with them??*

Step Two

In the same manner, join all 3 ½" lengths of main fabrics to corresponding 3 ½" lengths of background fabric. Check, trim and press all strips.

Step Three

Arrange all strips and piece together into units with the following sequence – background strip, pieced strip, main strip. Check the direction of the angle on the middle pieced strip – it should point away from the main fabric on the left towards the background fabric on the right.



Step Four

Join units together into sets of four - you will have twelve blocks

Step Five

Join blocks together in a setting of your choice

