

## 5 Patch Star Quilt Pattern from [SewCanShe.com](https://sewcanshe.com)



<https://sewcanshe.com/five-patch-star-quilt-pattern-free-quilt-pattern-with-half-square-triangles/>

Use half square triangles (HST's) and simple squares to sew a gorgeous throw quilt! My 5 Patch Star Quilt Pattern is perfect for using up scraps or just a few fat quarters, put together with a white or cream background fabric. I'll show you some fun variations too so you can make it your own!

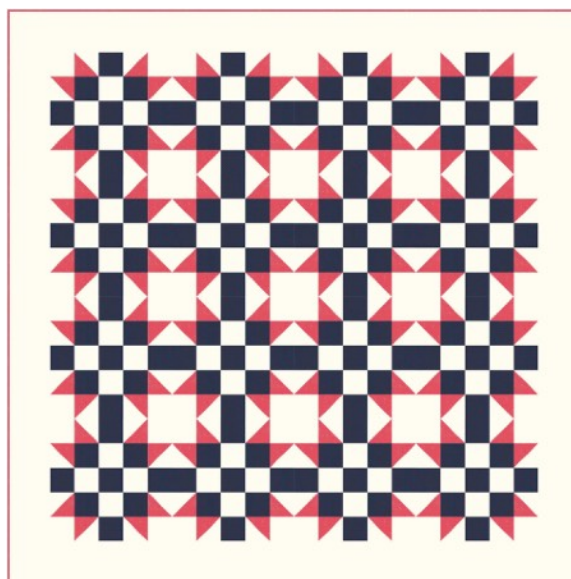
Everyone loves a star quilt, and this star quilt block is classic and beautiful.

This quilt pattern is for a square quilt with 16 star blocks.

Finished quilt size: 70" x 70".

Finished block size 15" x 15".

The image at right shows what this quilt would look like if you used a contrasting color for all the half square triangle pieces!



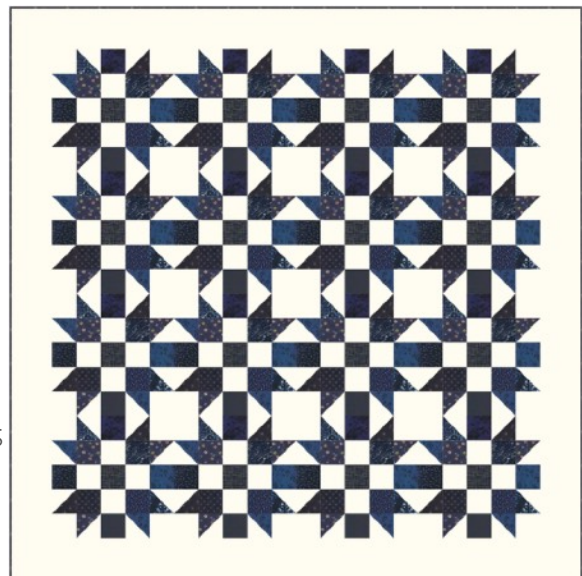
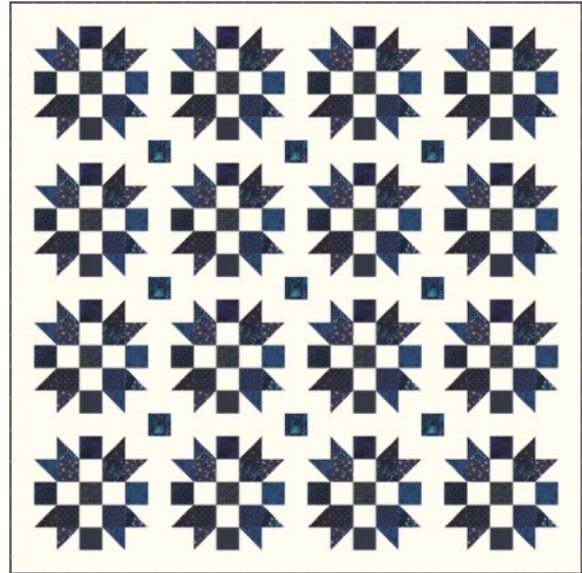
Here it is with all navy again, but I added 3" sashing and a 3" border. The star block really shines!

I settled on the scrappy navy version with no sashing and 5" borders (below right). This quilt pattern shows how to make that quilt.

## HOW TO CHOOSE FABRICS FOR YOUR 5 PATCH STAR QUILT

As you can see my finished quilt, this is a great pattern for using up all your scraps of the same color, or even scraps in two different colors. You could also use 10 FQ or 2 1/2 yards of fabric for the main color.

The only other fabric you need for this quilt is a solid or blender fabric for the background (I chose Kona Snow). If you choose to use scraps and a solid background fabric, this quilt is so budget friendly!



## YOU WILL NEED:

- 2 yards total for the main color. This can be scraps, 9 fat quarters, or any combination of yardage, scraps, and other pieces.
- 3 1/4 yards background fabric (suggested: cream or white)
- 1/2 yard binding fabric
- 4 1/4 yards backing fabric, or enough to piece together a 75" x 75" square
- a 75" x 75" piece of quilt batting

Tip: If you want to make your half square triangles a different color (as shown in the Variation on page 1), you'll need:

- 1 1/4 yard total for the main color. This can be scraps, 5 fat quarters, or any combination of yardage, scraps, and other pieces.
- 3/4 yard of pink or another color for the half square triangles (or 4 FQ).

## CUTTING:

From the navy fabrics (or other main fabric), cut:

- 144 squares 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" (for the square pieces in the 5 patch square block)
- 64 squares 4" x 4" (for the half square triangles)

From the cream colored fabric (or other background fabric), cut:

- 128 squares 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" (for the block background squares)
- 64 squares 4" x 4" (for the half square triangles)
- 2 border strips 5 1/2" x 60 1/2"\*
- 2 border strips 5 1/2" x 70 1/2"\*

\* Border tips:

- You will need to piece strips together to make the border.
- I highly recommend that you do not cut your border strips now. Instead, wait until the center of the quilt top is finished so you can measure it and sew accurate borders. [See how to measure and cut accurate quilt borders.](#)

Binding fabric:

- cut 7 strips 2 1/2" x width of fabric (40-42")

## HOW TO SEW THE FIVE PATCH SQUARE QUILT BLOCK:

Use a scant 1/4" seam allowance and a medium stitch length such as 2-2.5.

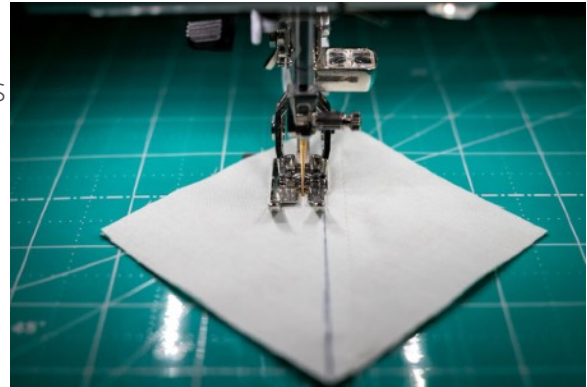
### MAKE 128 HALF SQUARE TRIANGLE UNITS

Note: The fabric pieces shown in these photos are not the exact same as the HSTs that I used in my quilt, but the technique for making them is the same.

1. Use a pencil, pen, or fabric pen to draw a diagonal line across the back of all of the background colored 4" squares. This is a cutting line – not a sewing line.

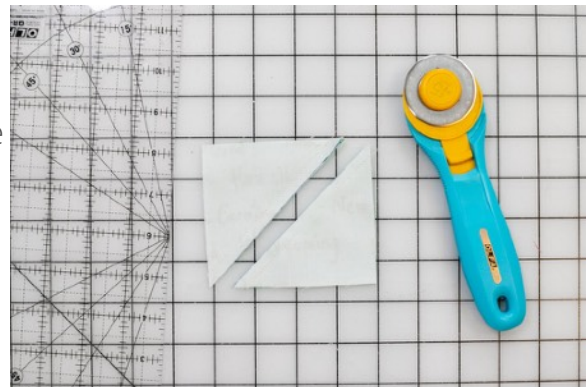


2. Place a background fabric square right sides together with a blue square. Sew in a straight line a scant 1/4" away from either side of the drawn line.



If you have an even feed or walking foot, you might like it for this step – I do!

3. Cut the half square triangles apart along the drawn line.



Press each one open and trim to 3 1/2" square. Repeat to make 128 blue and white half square triangles.

Tip: [BlocLoc HST Rulers](#) are fun to use and make trimming HSTs a breeze.

#### ASSEMBLE THE 5 PATCH STAR BLOCKS

1. Lay out 25 pieces for each a star quilt block as shown.

You'll need:

- 8 blue and white HSTs
- 9 blue squares
- 8 white or cream colored squares



2. Sew the pieces together in five rows. Press.

3. Sew the five rows together to make one block. Press.

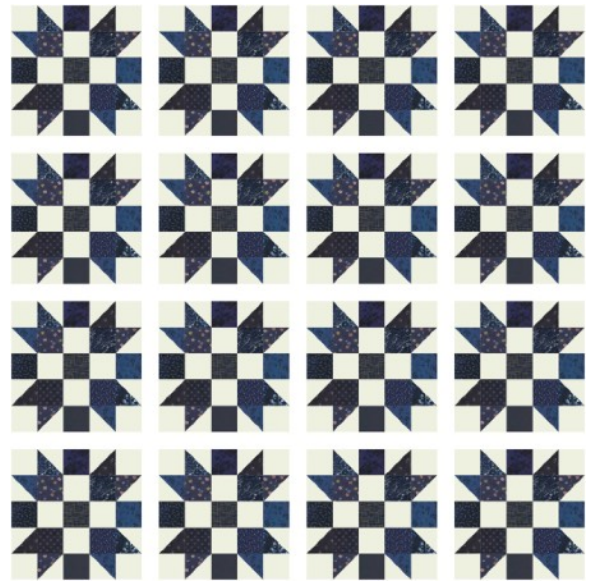


Repeat to make 18 star blocks.

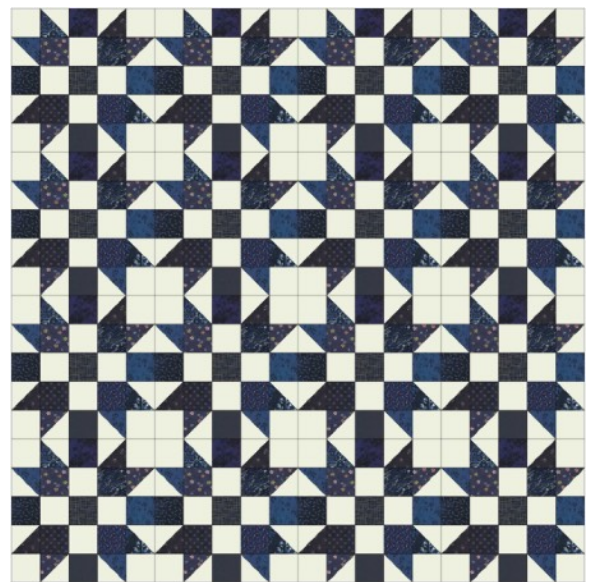
Trim and square your blocks to 15 1/2", if desired.

## ASSEMBLE THE QUILT TOP

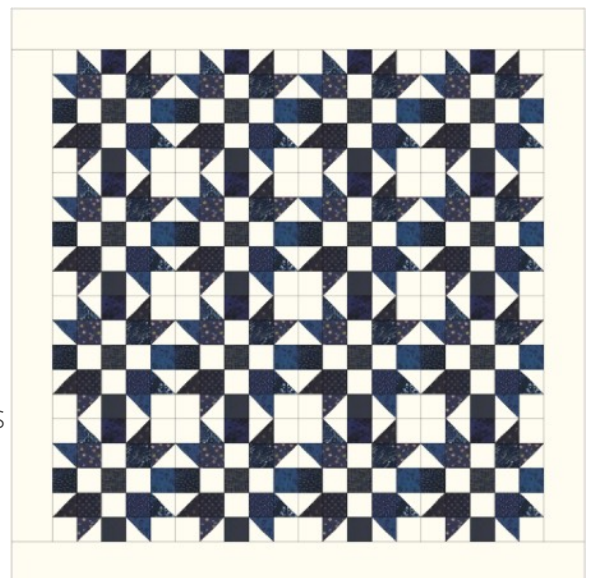
1. Lay out your quilt blocks on using a quilt design wall, on a bed, or on the floor.



2. Sew the blocks together in four rows. Press.



3. Sew the four rows together. Press.



4. Attach the borders. Sew the 5 1/2" x 60 1/2" border strips to the sides of the quilt. Sew the 5 1/2" x 70 1/2" border strips to the top and bottom edges of the quilt.

Tip: Instead of using the specified lengths for the border strips, I recommend measuring your quilt and using the actual measurements [as I show in this blog post](#). This helps to prevent wavy quilt borders or puckering where the borders are attached.

## FINISHING YOUR FIVE PATCH STAR QUILT

1. Cut or piece together a 75" x 75" piece of backing fabric and make a quilt sandwich with the backing, batting, and top.
2. Baste together with fusible batting, pins or basting spray.
3. Quilt as desired. Straight line quilting with your walking foot would be fast and easy.
4. Cut 7 binding strips and bind using your favorite method. This is my favorite quilt binding method.

Happy quilting!

