

Stars

It is estimated that there are a trillion stars in the Milky Way Galaxy. On a very dark night, from any given place on Earth, you can only see about 2,000 stars out of the 9,096 stars visible to the naked eye in the entire sky. With so many stars to inspire us, no wonder there are so many star patterns used by quilters.

Friendship stars make three blocks

Cut 6 squares $2\frac{3}{8} \times 2\frac{3}{8}$ from both the sky material and star material ...I prefer to cut my patches extra-large for HST and then trim to size. If you are like me, add a bit extra to the measurements ($2\frac{1}{2}$)

Cut 12 squares 2×2 from sky material

Cut 3 squares 2×2 for the star centers.

Draw a diagonal line on the backs of two of the sky $2\frac{3}{8}$ squares with your marking tool. With RST, layer a sky and a star square, aligning all the edges. Stitch a quarter of an inch away from each side of the diagonal line. Repeat for the second pair. Cut the unit in two on the drawn line. Square to 2×2 .

Construction of the Block

Rows 1 and three:

Stitch a 2×2 sky square to the half square triangle followed by another 2×2 sky square.

Centre Row:

Stitch a half square triangle square to each side of the star center.

Repeat for a total of three 5" unfinished blocks. Sew all three together to create a 5 x 14 inch block.

