



# Split Stars Quilt

By Colleen Tauke | Finished Size: 48-1/2" x 48-1/2"



### **Materials**

16 FQs  
1/2 yd binding (optional)  
3 yds backing

### **Supplies**

Rotary Cutter  
Cutting Mat  
8-1/2" x 24-1/2" ruler, 6-1/2" square or similar  
1" X 6" ruler or straight edge  
Best Press or spray starch (optional)  
Fabric marking pen/pencil  
Scissors  
Pins  
Seam ripper  
Thread for piecing  
Iron and pressing mat



### **Notes**

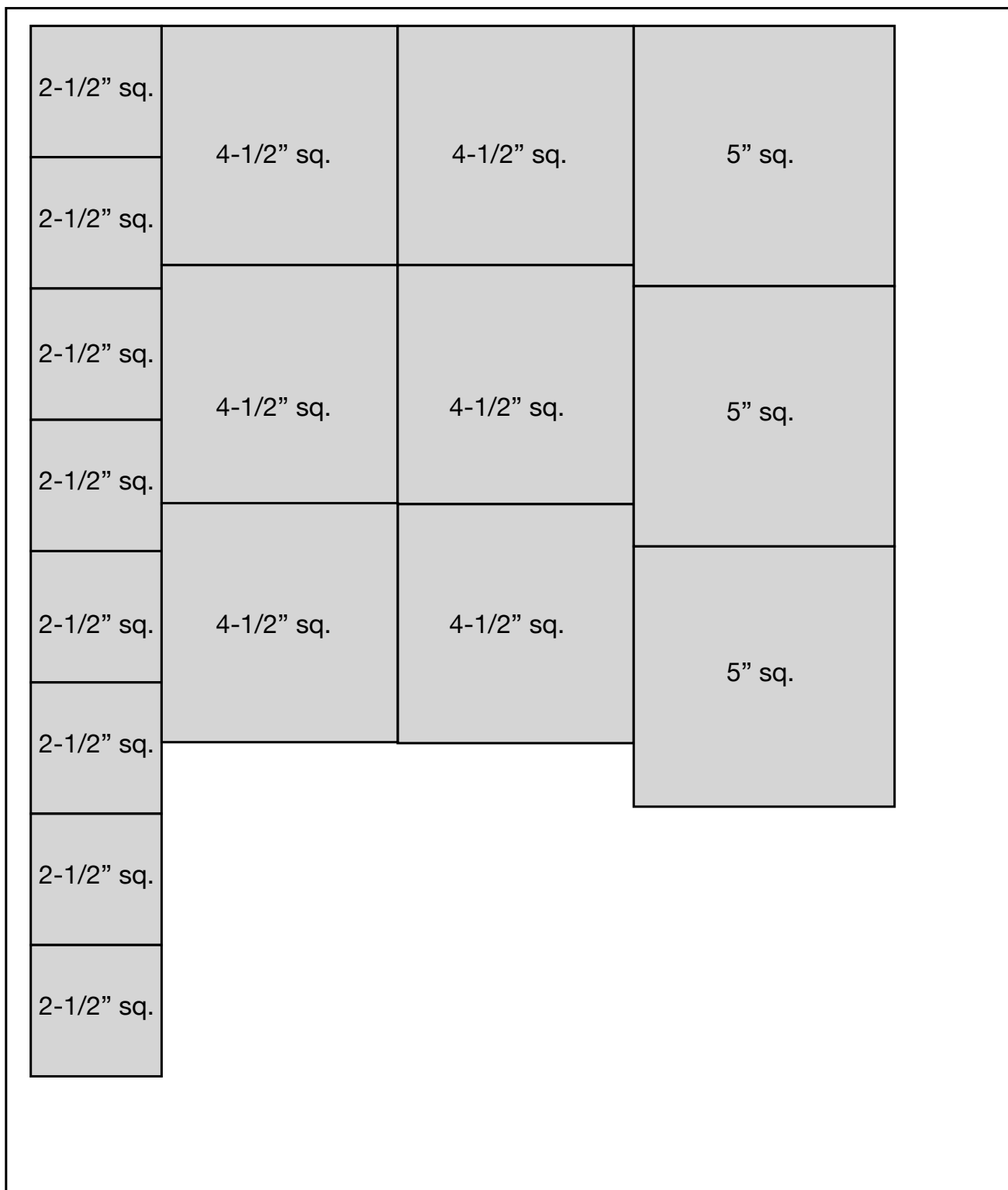
FQ = fat quarter - approximately 18" x 22"  
WOF = width of fabric  
RST = right sides together

### **Cutting**

Refer to cutting diagram to properly cut the needed pieces from each FQ. You will need the following:

- \* (8) 2-1/2" squares
- \* (6) 4-1/2" squares
- and
- (3) 5" squares - cut each 5" square in half diagonally to yield (6) triangles

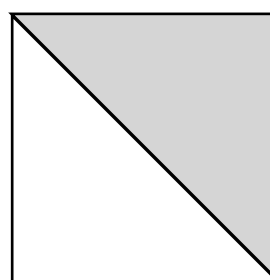
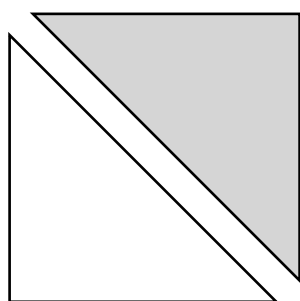
NOTE: As you cut each print, keep all matching fabrics together for ease in assembling the split star. Random combinations can be done, but you may want to plan ahead to ensure that, for example - 2 red prints aren't paired in a block if you desire a strong contrast within the patchwork.



Fat Quarter Cutting Diagram

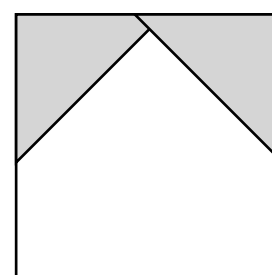
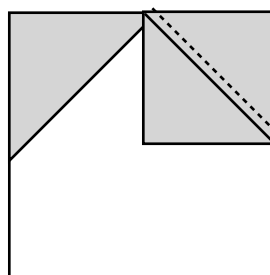
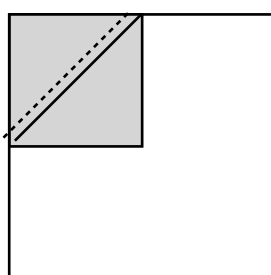
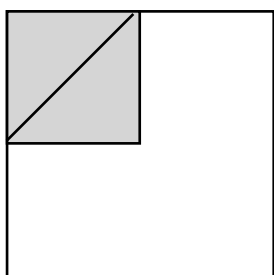
### **Block Units**

1. Select two prints for the first block
2. Collect the following pieces from **each** of the two prints
  - (4) 2-1/2" squares
  - (3) 4-1/2" squares
  - (3) triangles - cut from the 5" squares
3. Join a triangle from each print to make a triangle square. Make (3) matching units.
4. **Trim** units to 4-1/2"



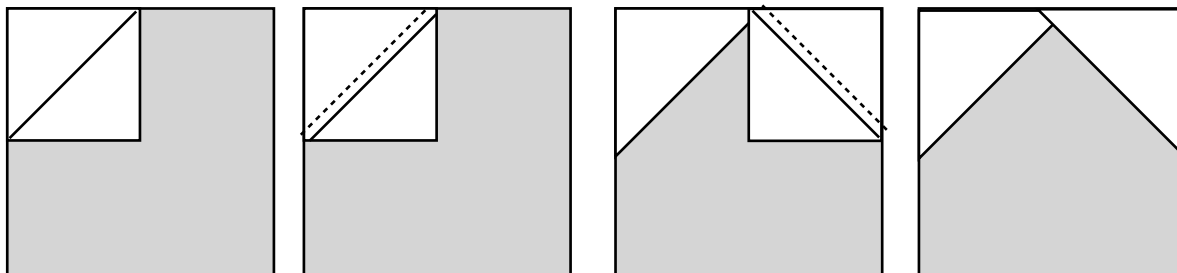
Make (3) - Unit A

5. Next use (4) matching 2-1/2" squares of one print, and (2) matching 4-1/2" squares of the second print.
6. Mark each 2-1/2" square diagonally corner-to-corner.
7. Place a 2-1/2" square RST and into one corner of a 4-1/2" square. See diagram below for correct placement of seam. Stitch on the marked line. Trim leaving 1/4" seam allowance, as shown by the broken line. Press triangle outward.



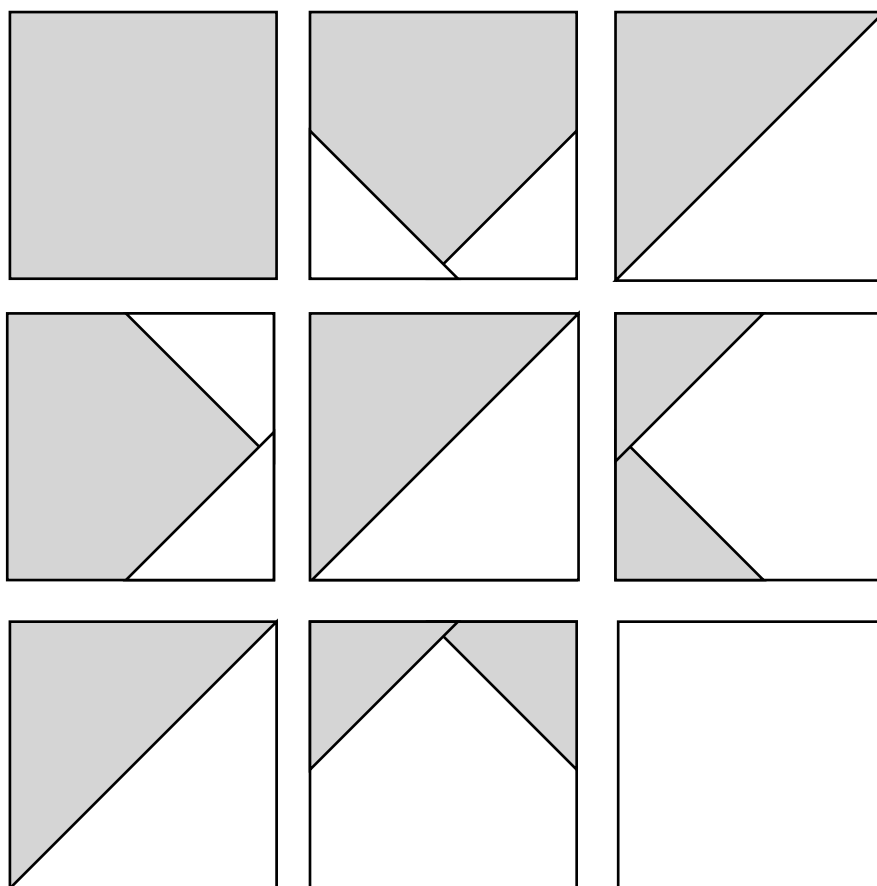
Make 2 - Unit B

8. Use the remaining (4) matching 2-1/2" squares from this color combination and make (2) more units in reverse color placement.



Make 2 - Unit C

9. Using Units A, B and C along with (1) 4-1/2" square of each of the prints chosen for this block. Arrange units according to the diagram below. Join units into rows. Then join rows.



10. Continue in this manner - pairing two prints until all 16 split star blocks are completed. Arrange blocks into four rows of four blocks. Join blocks into rows. Then join rows to complete the patchwork quilt top.
11. Layer patchwork top with batting and backing. Quilt as desired.
12. Finish outer edge with binding. NOTE: Binding strips totaling approximately 115" can be cut from remaining fabrics for a scrappy style binding if desired.





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