



North Pittsburgh Stay-at-Home Row Quilt Part 8: Ribbon Stars

Hello Everyone! Welcome to the eighth installment of this row quilt. I hope it's fun. (And not too frustrating. No one needs extra frustration just now!)

I have repeated the housekeeping notes from the first four installments below, in case you want a refresher or are starting new. (The repeated part is now in italics.) If you don't need them, go ahead and skip to page 2 to begin the blocks.

First, some housekeeping:

1. I have done my best to write correct and clear instructions, but if you find a mistake or have any questions, please let me know at skoequilt@aol.com.

2. Fabric requirements: This quilt is meant to be scrappy. Very scrappy. Every block in it can be different. For example: there are 6 flower blocks in there and every one of them can be made with different fabrics. This is a make-do quilt.

For that reason, there are no overall yardage requirements given except for the sashing (5/8 yard), border (1 yard) and binding (3/8 yard). And if you want to scrap them up too, that's OK!

3. I have included two sets of instructions. You can choose what you want to go with.

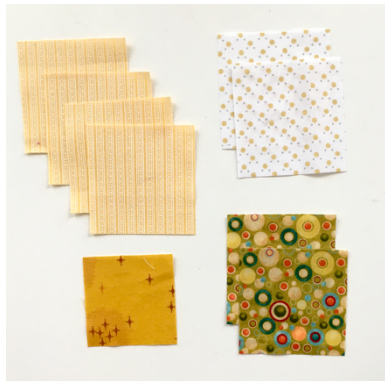
*The **first** set is how I would make the blocks. If you have another way that you are comfortable with, by all means use that. Personally, I struggle with accuracy with any block that has a diagonal seam in it, which, face it, is just about every block in this quilt. No matter how careful I try to be, I end up distorting that diagonal seam and my block is never ever square. My solution to this situation is to make all my units a little bit bigger than they need to be and trim them down to size after I've sewn that diagonal seam. So that is the way I have written the first (main) set of instructions. I hope you find them helpful.*

*The **second** set is the Alternate Instructions. Generally, they are a little wonkier, maybe a little more free-form, than the first, more traditional, instructions. If you think you may be interested in the second set, read the whole thing before you begin as they will often have different cutting directions and fabric requirements.*

4. The overall quilt size is 46 inches by 63 inches, including the 5-inch border. All the blocks are 3-inch, 6-inch or 9-inch. If you want the finished quilt to be a different size, you can add or subtract blocks or leave out or repeat rows or make the sashing and borders different sizes.

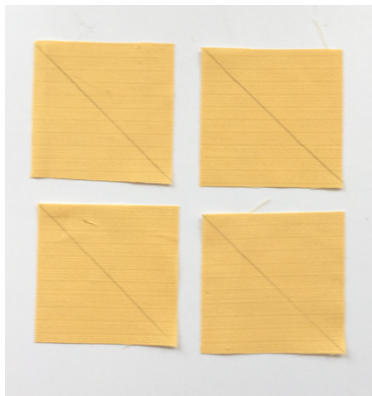
Row 8: Ribbon Stars (First Cousin Once Removed from Friendship Stars)

There will be six ribbon star blocks that will be 6 ½-inches square (finish to 6-inches square.)



1. For one block you will need:

- One 2 ½-inch square of center fabric (my dark yellow.)
- Two 3-inch squares of star point fabric (my green print.)
- Four 3-inch squares of ribbon fabric (my yellow.)
- Two 3-inch squares of background fabric (my yellow/white print.)

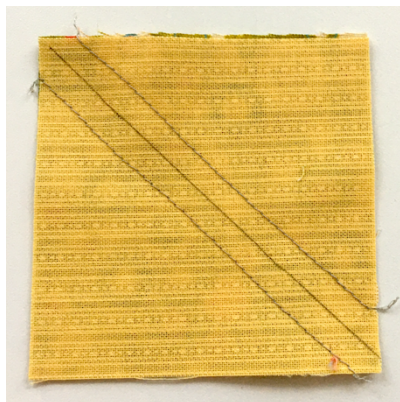


2. Draw diagonal lines on the wrong side of the four squares of ribbon fabric. You can also press them in half diagonally to mark a line. If you use the press method, it's easier if you press them with the right side of the fabric on the outside; then you can stitch in a valley instead of on a peak.



3. Pair the marked ribbon squares up with the star point and background squares.

NOTE: The photo just shows the paired up sets of squares, with all fabric facing up. This is just for illustration purposes. When you sew them you have to turn them so right sides face each other, like normal.s



4. With right sides facing, stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch on either side of the drawn line.

Do this for both the ribbon and star points combos and the ribbon and background combos.

5. Cut on the drawn line.



6. Press half square triangle open (not shown.) Trim down to $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inches square.



7. Lay out half square triangles around center square as shown and stitch it together. Voila! One ribbon star block.

Repeat 5 times and stitch them all together.

