# Make-It-Your-Own, Ohio Star Quilt Project 

With Rhonda Gianturco using Zoom and written instructions




#### Abstract

Welcome! We are going to make an Ohio Star Quilt that you will customize to your taste and skill level. I will provide you options and instructions for the star units, the corner units, and the center unit. You can choose how many blocks you want in your quilt and whether your blocks are all the same or a sampler with many different units. We will finish our quilt with sashing between the blocks (for ease of construction) and a border.


The star units are simply hourglass units. Corner and center units can be simple or difficult (see examples on the next page). I will provide instructions and tips. In most cases we will be oversizing the units and trimming them to a final size. I will show you how to do this with rulers you already have at home, but I do recommend Deb Tucker's Tucker Trimmer I (available from Studio 180 Design or Amazon for $\$ 23.50$ ) for making half square triangles and hourglass units. The Tucker Trimmer has diagonal lines that other rulers do not thus making trimming quick and easy. The more complicated units can be made with other rulers by Deb Tucker OR by paper piecing these units. I will provide you with the pattern and instructions for paper piecing. You will need to be able to print out these patterns. I recommend foundation paper for paper piecing. Joann Fabrics sells June Taylor Perfect Piecing Foundation Paper 50 sheets for $\$ 17.99$. Foundation paper is also available on Amazon and at local quilt shops. Many of the units can be made without specialty rulers or paper piecing by combining half square triangles and plain squares.

I recommend a dark color fabric, two medium color fabrics, and a light fabric. I used the dark fabric for the star units to make them pop. Because every quilt will be different, fabric needs will be different. Recommendations are in the table on the next page. If you want to audition different units or if you are making a sampler quilt, you may need more. The sashing and border fabrics can be the same fabrics used in the blocks or different fabrics. Sashing from your light fabric could make the blocks seem to float on the quilt. The quilt can also be made scrappy.

We will have Zoom meetings on the third Saturday of each month starting on March 20, 10:30 am to 4:00 pm. I will send you an email a week ahead of our meeting with cutting and printing instructions and a Zoom link. I hope to make at least three units during each meeting. Meetings will continue monthly until we have completed our projects. You do not have to attend every meeting, and you do not have to stay the whole time at a meeting.

Since this is our first Zoom-based project, and we haven't been together for almost a year, the Board has decided to offer the class for free. Participants are encouraged to make an extra block each month and donate it to be used in a charity quilt.

To register or for questions about the Ohio Star program, please contact Rhonda Gianturco, (757) 329-8878, rgianturco@gmail.com. For Zoom related questions, please email Barbara Linde, bmlquilt@gmail.com. We look forward to working with you!

Estimated fabric requirements

|  | $3 \times 3$ 9-blocks | $3 \times 412$ blocks | $4 \times 416$ blocks | $4 \times 520$ blocks |
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| Size | $37^{\prime \prime} \times 37^{\prime \prime}$ | $37^{\prime \prime} \times 47^{\prime \prime}$ | $47^{\prime \prime} \times 47^{\prime \prime}$ | $47^{\prime \prime} \times 57^{\prime \prime}$ |
| Light fabric | $3 / 4$ yard | 1 yard | $11 / 2$ yards | $11 / 4$ yards |
| Medium fabric* | $3 / 4$ yard | 1 yard | $11 / 2$ yards | $11 / 2$ yards |
| Dark fabric | $3 / 4$ yard | 1 yard | $11 / 2$ yards | 1 yard |
| Sashing fabric | $1 / 2$ yard | $1 / 2$ yard | $1 / 2$ yard | 1 yard |
| Border fabric | $1 / 2$ yard | $1 / 2$ yard | 1 yard | 1 yard |

*total yardage of 1 or 2 medium fabrics
Here are the units we will be making.
Star Units:


Center Units or Corner Units:


Paper pieced units:


Corner Units:


Just a few of the many block ideas:


