

CENTENARY
COLLECTION

Stars Over Tokyo

FREE PATTERN

Quilt Designed and Pieced by
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Machine Quilted by Diana Johnson

73" x 73"

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To View "Centenary Collection XVII" by Yoko Saito
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There is a lot of piecing in this quilt but the outcome is worth the time! This is a beautiful quilt and it will be stunning in your home. Pair up your fabrics (2 per block)...the scrappier the better! There are 36 star blocks with checkerboard sashing and simple borders. Have FUN!!!

Fabric For the Quilt

32 Fat Quarters (the scrappier the better!) for Stars and Star Backgrounds
2 1/2 yards for Checkerboard Sashing (1 1/4 yards light and 1 1/4 yards dark)

3/8 yard for Inner Border
2 1/8 yards for Outer Border (no piecing)
OR 1 yard for Outer Border (pieced)
1/2 yard Binding
4 1/2 yards Backing

To make ONE STAR, Cut:

- 1 - 4 1/2" square (Star Fabric) for *Snowball Center*
- 4 - 1 1/2" squares (Background) for *Hourglass Star points*
- 4 - 3 1/4" squares (2 of Star Fabric and 2 of Background fabric) for the *8 Star Points*
- 8 - 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" strips (Background Fabric)
- 8 - 1 1/2" squares (Star Fabric)
- 4 - 2 1/2" squares (Background) for the *4 Corners*

Star Construction

Snowball Center

Draw lines from corner to corner on the back of the 4 - 1 1/2" squares. Place a square face-to-face with the 4 1/2" square. Sew on the line; trim 1/4" from the seam; press open. Repeat on all other three corners of your 4 1/2" center square.



The Hourglass Star Points

Take two of your 3 1/4" squares (one Star fabric and one Background fabric). Place face-to-face and cut diagonally twice.

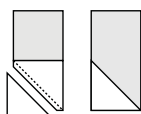


Repeat with the remaining two squares. Sew your 16 triangles together to make 8 units. Press towards the darker fabric. Sew these units together to create four Hourglass Star Point units.



The 8 Star Points

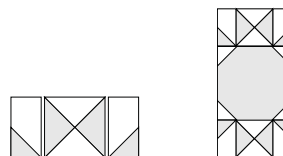
Draw pencil lines from corner to corner on the back of all 8 - 1 1/2" squares (Star fabric). Place a 1 1/2" square face-to-face on the end with a 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" strip of Background fabric. Sew on the line; trim 1/4" from the seam; and press open.



Repeat for the remaining 7 star points.

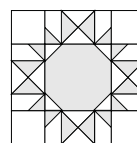
Block Assembly

Sew a Star Point unit to each side of your four Hourglass Star Point units.



Sew two of these units to your Center Snowball.

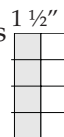
Sew a 2 1/2" square (Background fabric) to each side of your two remaining Star Point strips. Sew to the sides of your block.



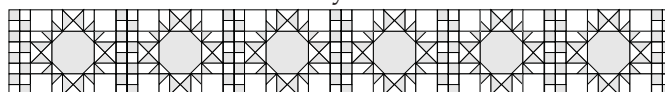
Make 35 more stars!

Checkerboard Sashing

I used all greys (lights and darks). Make all strip sets of your lights and darks, cut into 1 1/2" sections.



- Make 42 - Checkerboard strips (8 - two patch units per strip). These will be the *VERTICAL* sashing strips between all your blocks and the end sashing strip for each row.
- Make 7 - Checkerboard strips (62 - 2 patch units per strip). These will be the *HORIZONTAL* sashing strips between your rows and the top and bottom sashing strips of your quilt. Keep the checkerboard integrity (lights and dark).
- Lay out your star blocks into six rows of six stars. Sew your vertical checkerboard sashing strips between the stars and to both ends of your rows.



- Sew your horizontal checkerboard sashing strips between your rows and to the top and bottom of your quilt.

You are ready for borders!

Add the inner border - cut your strips 1 1/2" to finish at 1"

Add the outer border - cut your strips 4 1/2" to finish at 4"

You did it! You can now quilt, bind, and ENJOY!!!!!!!!!!!! ☺