

Twisted Triangles or Spinning Stars Quilt

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This quilt is made up of blocks that are 60-degree triangles paper pieced to create a spinning effect of the fabrics and colors you choose. **Feel free to take a picture of the sample quilts.**

Yardage is given for two size quilts – small or large. A sample of each is provided. Marked paper foundation for both is included in the class. The large size has 19 spinning stars that form a hexagonal shape (54 triangle blocks). The small size has 6 spinning stars (24 triangle blocks) that form a hexagonal “wreath” around a center of background fabric – or you can add a fourth color for a middle spinning star but do not use any of the other three colors selected. If you want a larger quilt, you can make a lot more triangles – I will give you a master that you can make additional copies of the paper pieced foundation as needed.

You will need four fabrics each of three different colors plus a background fabric and border fabric. The fabrics can be solids or prints (mostly of the desired color) or a mix of solids and prints. The four fabrics of each color can be close in value or can gradate from light to dark. I have designated the four fabrics separately with the **number of 2-1/2” strips to cut in parentheses ()**. If you want to make each spinning star a different color – or of differing fabrics, you will need 1/8 yard of four fabrics per star.

A good way to pick colors for the spinning stars is to choose a multi-color border fabric and then select three colors that are in the border fabric. The background fabric must contrast strongly to the color fabrics you choose or you will not be able to see the spinning stars clearly.

I have included optional corner fabric yardage to make the hexagonal shape of the assembled triangles into a rectangle. You may add them to the quilt top before the borders or after as in the sample quilt. The optional corner and border yardage is adequate for either way. I used the background fabric for the corners.

You may want to precut strips to be closer to ready to sew at the class. **Call me with any questions. Dot**

Pre-class cutting instructions:

- (1) All color fabrics should be cut into 2-1/2” wide strips selvage to selvage. You will have a total of 12 color fabrics to cut. Cut the number shown in () for the size you are making.
- (2) Background – Small - cut twenty-six 2-1/2” wide strips and two 3” strips; Large – cut thirty-three 2-1/2” strips and three 3” strips. All strips are cut selvage to selvage, about 42” long.
- (3) Bring all other fabrics to class.

NOTE:

FOR THE NBAQG WORKSHOP, YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE ALL THE CUTTING BEFORE THE CLASS BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING:

1. ONE 2 ½ INCH STRIP OF EACH OF THE FOUR FABRICS FOR EACH OF THEIR THREE COLORS FAMILIES (12 STRIPS TOTAL)
2. TWO OR THREE 2 ½ INCH AND ONE 3 INCH BACKGROUND STRIPS.

Number in parentheses () below is number of 2-1/2” strips to cut.

Quilt size	Approx. size	Three Color families – 4 fabrics of each color	Background	Optional corners	Border fabric
Small	40” x 44”	1 or L – 1/4 yd (2) 2 or ML – 1/4 yd (2) 3 or MD – 1/4 yd (3) 4 or D – 1/4 yd (3)	2 yd	3/4 yd	7/8 yd
Large	58” x 64”	1 or L – 3/8 yd (4) 2 or ML – 1/2 yd (6) 3 or MD – 3/4 yd (9) 4 or D – 1 yd (11)	3 yd	1-1/4 yd	1-1/8 yd

L = light, ML = medium light, MD = medium dark, D = dark

Additional supplies need for class:

Sewing machine, neutral thread, two filled bobbins, 1/4” foot for your machine, if available.

Size 90 sewing machine needle.

Regular sewing notions - pins, scissors, ripper, scissors for paper cutting, etc.

Add-a quarter ruler, if you have one (12" size works best)

Rotary Cutter and Rotary ruler(s) - 6"x 24" and a shorter one, if you have them

60-degree triangle ruler, if you have one

Rotary cutting mat, large enough to accommodate 24" ruler