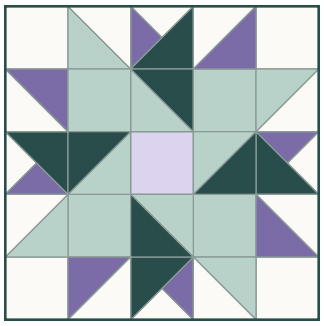
A QUILTPLAN BLOCK PATTERN

DOUBLE ASTER

A spinning star, square by square.



45 pieces, 5 fabrics

A spinning star in five fabrics on a five by five grid, every piece a square, a half-square triangle or a split quarter-square triangle, so every seam lands on a ruler line. A quilt can arrange the five fabrics differently in every block, so they are numbered, not named: pin a scrap marked 1 to 5 to each before you cut.

SKILL Confident beginner

SEAMS ¼″ throughout

SIZES 7½″, 10″, 12½″ and 15″ finished



Cutting

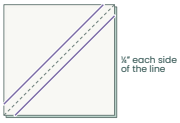
Cut, for one block	7½″	10″	12½″	15″
1 Fabric 1: cut 4 squares	2″ sq	2½″ sq	3″ sq	3½″ sq
2 Fabric 1: cut 2 squares, for triangles	2½″ sq	3″ sq	3½″ sq	4″ sq
3 Fabric 1: cut 2 squares, for triangles	2½″ sq	3″ sq	3½″ sq	4″ sq
4 Fabric 1: cut 1 square, for triangles	3″ sq	3½″ sq	4″ sq	4½″ sq
5 Fabric 2: cut 1 square	2″ sq	2½″ sq	3″ sq	3½″ sq
6 Fabric 3: cut 2 squares, for triangles	2½″ sq	3″ sq	3½″ sq	4″ sq
7 Fabric 3: cut 1 square, for triangles	3″ sq	3½″ sq	4″ sq	4½″ sq
8 Fabric 4: cut 2 squares, for triangles	2½″ sq	3″ sq	3½″ sq	4″ sq
9 Fabric 4: cut 2 squares, for triangles	3″ sq	3½″ sq	4″ sq	4½″ sq
10 Fabric 5: cut 4 squares	2″ sq	2½″ sq	3″ sq	3½″ sq
11 Fabric 5: cut 2 squares, for triangles	2½″ sq	3″ sq	3½″ sq	4″ sq
12 Fabric 5: cut 2 squares, for triangles	2½″ sq	3″ sq	3½″ sq	4″ sq

Fabric, for one block

Buy at least	7½″	10″	12½″	15″
Fabric 1	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd
Fabric 2	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd
Fabric 3	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd
Fabric 4	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd
Fabric 5	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd

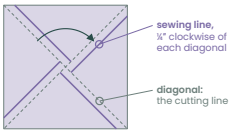
Worked out the way QuiltPlan's shopping list does it: 42″ of usable width, 15% for waste, rounded up to the quarter yard. For a whole quilt, place the block in the app and it totals every block for you.

Sewing it



1 · Make 12 half-square triangles

Pair each (2) square with a 11, each (3) with a 6, and each 12 with a 8. Draw a line corner to corner on the back of the lighter one, sew a quarter inch either side, cut on the line and press toward the darker: 4 of each kind. See the Half-Square Triangles guide.



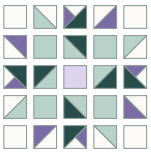
3 · Mark the split-triangle squares

Lay 7 on (4), right sides together, 7 on top. On its back draw both diagonals, then in each triangle a sewing line a quarter inch from the diagonal you meet first going clockwise: a pinwheel. See the Split Quarter-Square Triangles guide.



5 · Add the big triangles

Cut each 9 square once, corner to corner, for 4 triangles. Sew one to the long edge of each piece, right sides together, with a little hanging past each end. Press toward the big triangle.

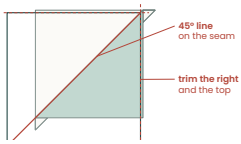


7 · Lay out the block

Lay out the 25 units five by five: a (1) in each corner, the 5 in the center, the four 10 around it and a split unit mid-side. Turn every triangle to match the picture.

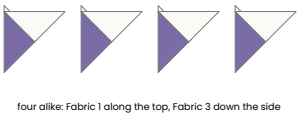
9 · Join the rows

Join the rows, pinning where the seams meet. Press. The block measures 8" for a 7½" block, 10½" for 10", 13" for 12½" and 15½" for 15" before it is sewn into a quilt.



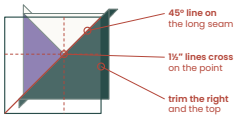
2 · Trim them

Lay a square ruler's 45 degree line on the seam, trim two sides, turn the unit, line the cut edges up and trim the other two. Each measures 2" for a 7½" block, 2½" for 10", 3" for 12½" and 3½" for 15", the seam running exactly into two opposite corners.



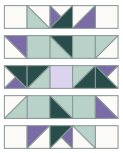
4 · Sew, cut and press

Sew along one diagonal's sewing lines, crossing over at the center, then along the other's. Cut corner to corner on both diagonals, open the four pieces and press toward the darker. All four match.



6 · Trim them

Lay the ruler's half-size lines crossing on the point where the small triangles meet and its 45 degree line on the long seam. Trim two sides, turn, and trim the other two. Each measures 2" for a 7½" block, 2½" for 10", 3" for 12½" and 3½" for 15".



8 · Sew the rows

Sew the five units of each row together. Press the seams of rows 1, 3 and 5 one way and rows 2 and 4 the other, so they nest when the rows are joined.

Good to know

- Fabric 3 goes on top for the split triangles. With Fabric 1 on top they come out mirrored.
- **Why these sizes?** At 7½", 10", 12½" and 15" every piece of this block lands on a ruler line. At other sizes the app still works out the cutting for you.
- **Want a different size or a whole quilt?** Double Aster is in QuiltPlan's block library. Place it on a quilt and the app gives you the cut list, the yardage and the shopping list for every block at once.

Fabric 1 · Fabric 2 · Fabric 3 · Fabric 4 · Fabric 5