

## MORNING STAR BABY QUILT

This Morning Star baby quilt variation finishes at 40" x 40". This is another great project for using pre-cut 10" squares (or Layer Cake squares), calling for at least 21 10" x 10" squares. It could be made very clean and simple or super scrappy – lots of room for variations on a classic quilt block. This quilt also shows a different scrappy border variation that would also work for the Lone Star variation.

<https://www.diaryofaquilter.com/easy-diy-star-baby-quilt-tutorials/>



### FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

- 6 light 10" x 10" squares
- 6 colored 10" x 10" squares
- 4 light 9 ½" x 9 ½" squares
- 16 strips 2 ½" x 9 ½" and 4 squares 2 ½" x 2 ½" for borders (cut these from yardage or from remaining pre-cut 10" squares)
- 1 ¼ yard backing
- ¾ yard binding (cut into 4 strips 2 ½" x width of fabric)



Draw a diagonal line on the back of the six 10" x 10" light squares. Match them up with a colored square and sew a ¼" seam down both sides of the drawn line.



Repeat with all six pairs.

Using a ruler and rotary cutter, cut all six pairs on the drawn line to create 2 half-square triangle blocks from each pair, for a total of 12 half-square triangle blocks. Press seams toward the dark fabric. Square up each block to 9 ½" x 9 ½". (Don't skip this step!)





With solid light  $9\frac{1}{2}'' \times 9\frac{1}{2}''$  blocks in the four corners, layout 12 half-square blocks in a star motif – 4 blocks across by 4 blocks down. You can use this layout or create one of your own. There are lots of options and variations.

Sew blocks into four rows Press seams alternating directions for each row. (For example press all seams to the right on odd rows – 1 & 3 and press all seams to the left on even rows 2 & 4.) Then sew four rows together, pressing seams all the same direction.

To add borders, sew two sets of four  $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 9\frac{1}{2}''$  strips end to end. Decide which side of the quilt you want to sew them to and press the seams in alternating directions from the seams on that side of the quilt. Sew these two borders to opposite sides of the quilt. Press seams toward the borders.

For final borders, sew two more sets of four  $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 9\frac{1}{2}''$  strips end to end and sew a  $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$  square to either end. Repeat the process of pressing seams alternating directions from the seams on the quilt side. Pin border at seams and sew final borders to quilt. Press seams toward the borders.