

Block of the Month

Layout Ideas



If you have been sewing each month you will now have all nine star blocks and be ready to set them into a quilt top. As this will be an individual decision there are no instructions, however nine different ideas are illustrated above, which may provide you with some inspiration.

The first decision will be how to set the blocks – on-point (1) or square (2).

The second decision will be sashing and borders: As all the blocks are different in style it will be better to have some sort of sashing to separate the blocks and an outer border to give the quilt top definition and order. The finished block size is 12 inches, so sashing sizes of:

1", 2", 3" or 4" would work, with an outer border of 6". A quilt top with 3" sashings and a 6" outer border would end up being 54" square (9). Alternatively the separate star blocks can be set square with plain blocks or a consistent alternative block (5). The sashing could be continuous or with corner stones (7).

If an on-point setting is chosen you can either set with plain blocks (5) or a consistent alternative block (4) again any sashing can be all the same or with corner stones (5).

Whichever way you decide to finish the star top do bring it to the Christmas Party in December for us to see – it does not have to be quilted!

I hope you have enjoyed sewing the Block of the Month, if you have any suggestions for another one please let me know, either at the meetings or via email.

Happy sewing,

Hazel