



CONFIDENT BEGINNER | 1 DAY CLASS

SHINING BRIGHT

Finished Quilt: 68" x 70"

Quilt design by Linda Ambrosini, featuring one Jingle Pop and an Indah Hand-dye solid.

Be the star of any show with this brilliant strip pattern.



JP5 28-Silver



100 621-Arctic Blue



R7663 210S-Christmas Red Silver

FABRICS	1 KIT
JP5 28-Silver	1 Pop*
100 621-Arctic Blue	3 Yards
R7663 210S-Christmas Red Silver	1/4 Yard**

* includes binding

** binding

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Finished Size 71 x 71 inches

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Create this “wonky” and fantastic Christmas star using our assortment of metallic Christmas fabrics and a background. The “wonkier the better!” Oversized blocks will be created and then squared to size. Everyone will think you are so artistic! Enjoy!

Note: This quilt was designed using a ¼ inch seam allowance unless otherwise noted.

Fabric Requirements:

1 Pop	JP5	Silver
3 yd	100	Artic Blue
½ yd	R7663	Christmas Red Silver – Binding (partial)

Cutting Instructions Background Fabric:

Cut 2 strips 18 inches by WOF (Width of Fabric) and sub-cut into 4 - 18 inch squares. These will be to form the star points. From the remaining fabric, from these strips, cut into 2 inch by 18 inch strips, these will be used to create “space” within our block. Yes, the Christmas strips are cut at 2 ½ inches, but I want the size variation to help us be “wonky.”

Cut 2 strips 17 inches by WOF and sub-cut into 4 – 17 inch squares. These will be the background pieces for the four corners, the corner stones.

Cut 7 strips 3 inches by WOF. These are for the outer border.

Cut 3 strips 2 inches by WOF. These will be used in the large center Log Cabin square near the edges where more length is needed.

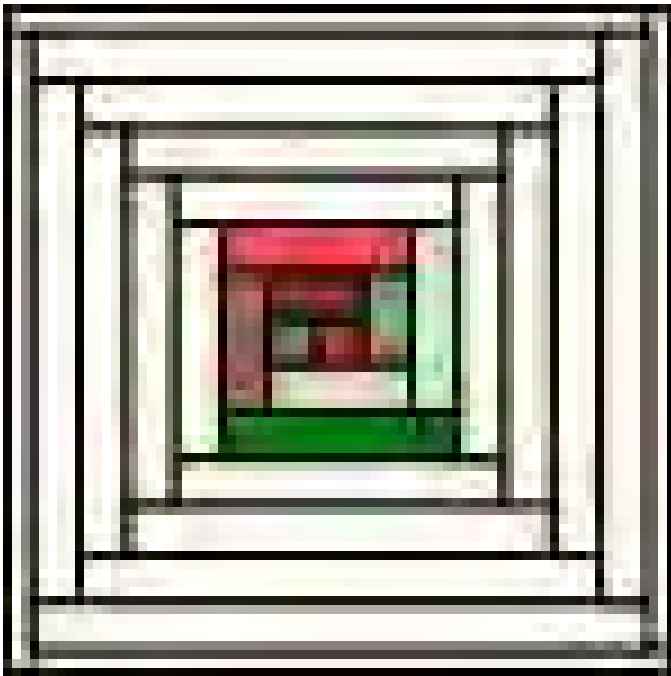
Block Construction:

Let’s start with the large center Log Cabin block. Use a variety of the Christmas 2 ½ inch strips to vary color and texture. Every once and awhile

add in a strip of the background fabric. This gives us an open area or space within the block.

Start by cutting and sewing together 2 – 2 ½ inch squares of different Christmas fabrics. Press the seam to the outside. Cut and sew a 2 ½ by 4 ½ strip to the top of these sewn squares. Press the seam towards the piece just added. Continue sewing around the center, making the block larger and larger. See the diagram below.

Once you have encircled the center square once, let's start to make things "wonky". There are two ways of doing this; 1) by adding a piece of the 2" background fabric or 2) by creating an uneven edge to sew to. To make this uneven edge I cut the side to be sewn to at a slight angle. Not much, only a ¼ to ½ inch variation. I found using a spray starch product when pressing my seam allowances kept the block nice and flat. When creating your center block it will not be perfectly square. Make a block large enough to square up to 33 ½ inches. Square to this size.

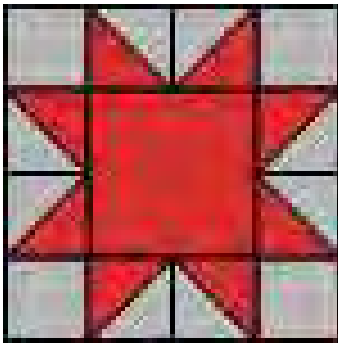


To make the star points, create 4 additional blocks in the same manner as the center, but they only need to be squared to 18 inches. On the 18 inch background blocks, draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the fabric. Place an 18 inch Log Cabin block right sides together with an 18 inch background block. Sew a ¼ inch away from either side of this drawn line. Cut along the drawn line and press the new blocks open, creating two large Half-Square Triangle blocks from each set, eight in total. These blocks are oversized and need to be squared to the proper size of 17

inches. I like to make my Half-Square Triangles oversized because they tend to distort due the bias sewing.

Quilt Construction:

Lay out your pieces to make a large star. See the diagram below. Sew the Half-Square Triangle together to create the star points. Then sew into 3 rows. The top and bottom rows have 2 -17 inch background (cornerstone) pieces and a set of star points. The center row has star points on the left and right sides of the large Log Cabin center block. Sew the rows of the star together.



To make the star float, sew the 7 -3 inch background strips together by joining them on their short ends and press. Next, measure the length (through the middle) of the large star and cut 2 strips of background fabric to this measurement, sew to the left and right sides. Finally measure the width of the quilt, including the borders just added. Cut and sew a 3 inch strip to the top and bottom.

Quilt and Bind. There will be a few Christmas print strips leftover, to be used for the binding.