

Swirling Stars -Card Trick Table Topper



Press as you go and use spray starch. It makes piecing so much easier.



The finished topper measures approximately 34 inches x 34 inches

Fabric Requirements	Cutting Requirements
4 different fabrics	Cut 5 x 2 inch strips across the width of the fabric from each of the fabrics
Binding	120 X 2 ½ inches (3 x width of fabric)
Backing	37 inches x 37 inches
Batting	37 inches x 37 inches (I used a thin pella)

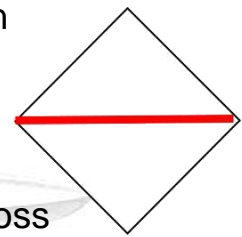
All seams ¼ inch unless otherwise stated

It is essential that you are accurate with your piecing. Stitch 4 x 2 inch scrap strips together, press and measure. They should measure 6 ½ inches in width. Adjust your seam allowance if necessary by moving your needle position.

One word of advice, the resulting blocks have edge sections that are cut on the bias, **they will stretch**, so if you have to unpick a block and take it out of your quilt it is best to discard it and replace it with a complete new one. If you wish you may **press**, **not iron** your pieces before assembling each block with a good ironing aid product .

When placing your strips to be pieced together be mindful of where they will finish up in the topper to give you the effect you want.

1. With right sides together stitch one (1) 2 inch strip to another 2 inch strip.
2. With right sides together stitch the remaining 2 inch strips to these two.
3. Set the seams and press the seams in one direction only.
4. You may have specialty ruler to cut the triangles out but a quilter's square that is 9 inch or larger square is fine so long as it has a 45 degree line across the centre.
5. Neaten up one end of your strip set if you wish and lay the square out on your fabric as shown.



6. Take your square and lay the 45 degree line on your lower strip edge as shown in the diagram and cut up the side of the ruler with the rotary cutter as shown in the picture below. Discard the piece you have cut off or retain for another project but we will not be using it.



7. Slide your ruler up to the opposite seam and again line up the 45 degree line with the seam and cut along the ruler line



8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 until you come to the end of your strip. You should have at least 4 pieces cut. You need to end up with eight (8) of each type of the large triangle.

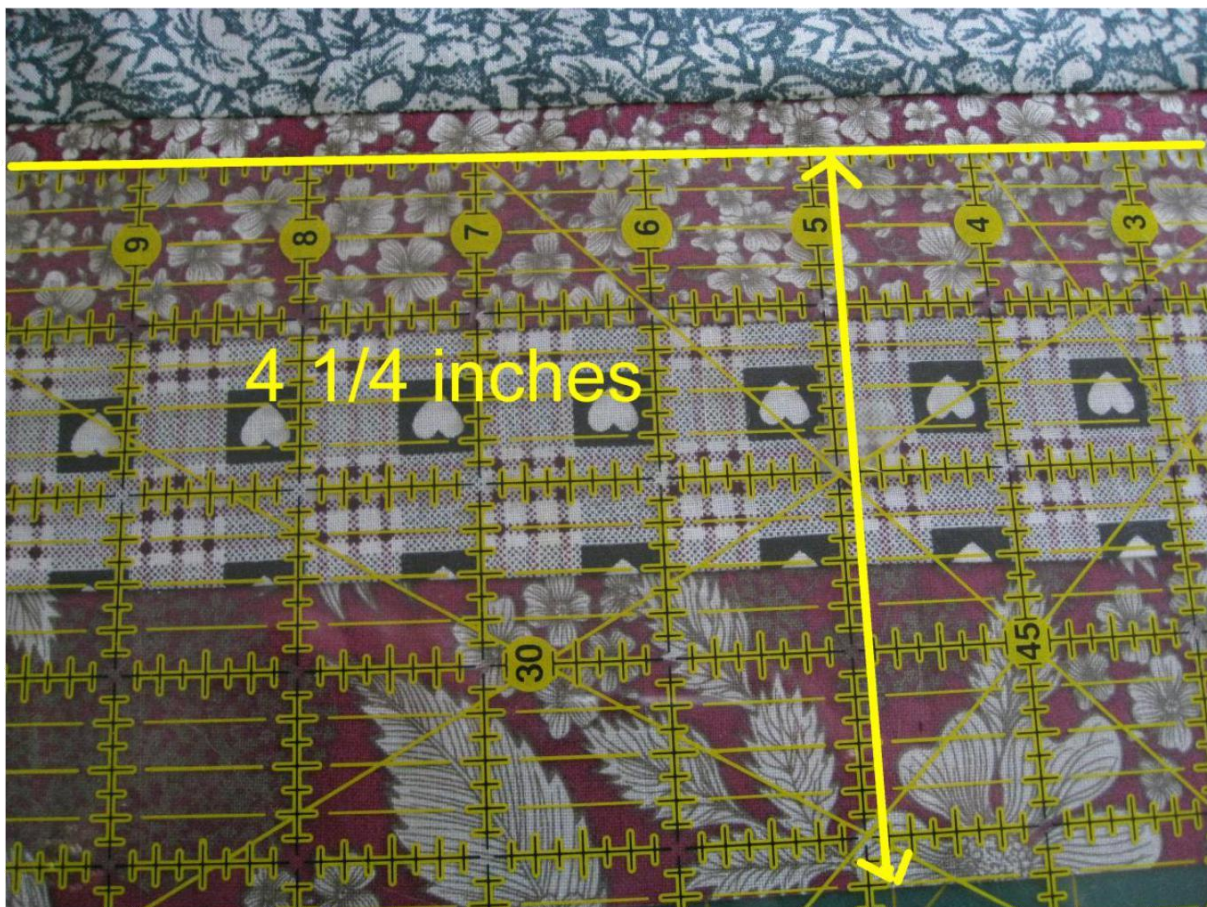


9. You should have one strip set left. We now need to cut the smaller triangles that go on the ends of the star in the same manner. **A word of caution only cut one triangle to make sure that it fits before you cut all of them from the**

strip. If not adjust the size of your triangle. If you do not have precise seams as you keep piecing the error could increase and it is crucial at this stage.

If you have a triangle ruler ,use it to cut eight (8) isosceles triangles such as the large ones we have previously cut that are $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches high.

10. If you do not have a ruler, take your last strip set and measure in $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches from both the long edges and rule line with a wash away marker or similar.



11. To cut the triangles, line up the 45 degree line on your ruler with the lower edge of the strip set as you did previously but the point of your ruler must be on the $4\frac{1}{4}$ inch line as shown.



12. Cut up the right hand side of the ruler just to the 4 ¼ inch mark, then with the ruler still in place along the bottom of the strip cut down the left hand side of the ruler as shown.



13. Slide your ruler over to the other side of the strip, line up your 45 degree mark and cut out the next triangle remembering that this side of the strip has a different 4 ¼ inch mark that you drew in previously.



14. Continue until you have 8 of the small squares in total, 4 of each type



Table Topper Construction

1. With right sides together stitch matching pairs of triangles together as shown with the 90 degree angle matching the 90 degree angle side. Repeat for all 8 sets of triangles.



2. Set the seams and press the seams to one side.
3. Stack your triangles with triangle types alternating with each other. This makes it very easy to lay the design out.
4. Take your first triangle set and place as shown, then going around in a clockwise direction place the remaining triangles out with corners meeting at the centre



5. Place the smaller triangles in positions so that they are continuing the swirling pattern already in place



6. To stitch the topper together treat as two halves. For each half follow the numbered steps as in the diagram. Eg stitch 1 to 2 then stitch this completed section to 3 and so on.



7. With right sides together stitch the two halves together.

8. Press all the seams so that they are going around in a clockwise or anticlockwise direction.

9. Unpick the few stitches holding the layers together at the centre and press out flat with your fingers. This means that you no longer have that "volcano effect" in the centre of you block.



Assembling and Quilting the Topper Press the table topper top well

1. Place the backing fabric right side down.
2. Place the batting on top of the backing.
3. Place the topper right side up on top of the batting.
4. Pin and baste the quilt sandwich. I spray baste my toppers/quilts/runners etc.
5. Quilt using your preferred method. I meander quilted all over (edge to edge) the table topper.

Bind your topper using your preferred method. However, the odd angles make this difficult if you are a novice. There are some great tutorials on the internet and You Tube.

This one by **Marci Baker of Alicia's Attic** is very good on mitred binding

- **Mitred Binding**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vci9-li3aYU>

This one is good for the inside angles on the topper

- **Binding inside angles**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4VGncDoI-R8>

whilst this one is very good on joining binding.

- **Joining binding**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ot7Trk6J2Vw>

Stitch your binding down either by hand or machine.

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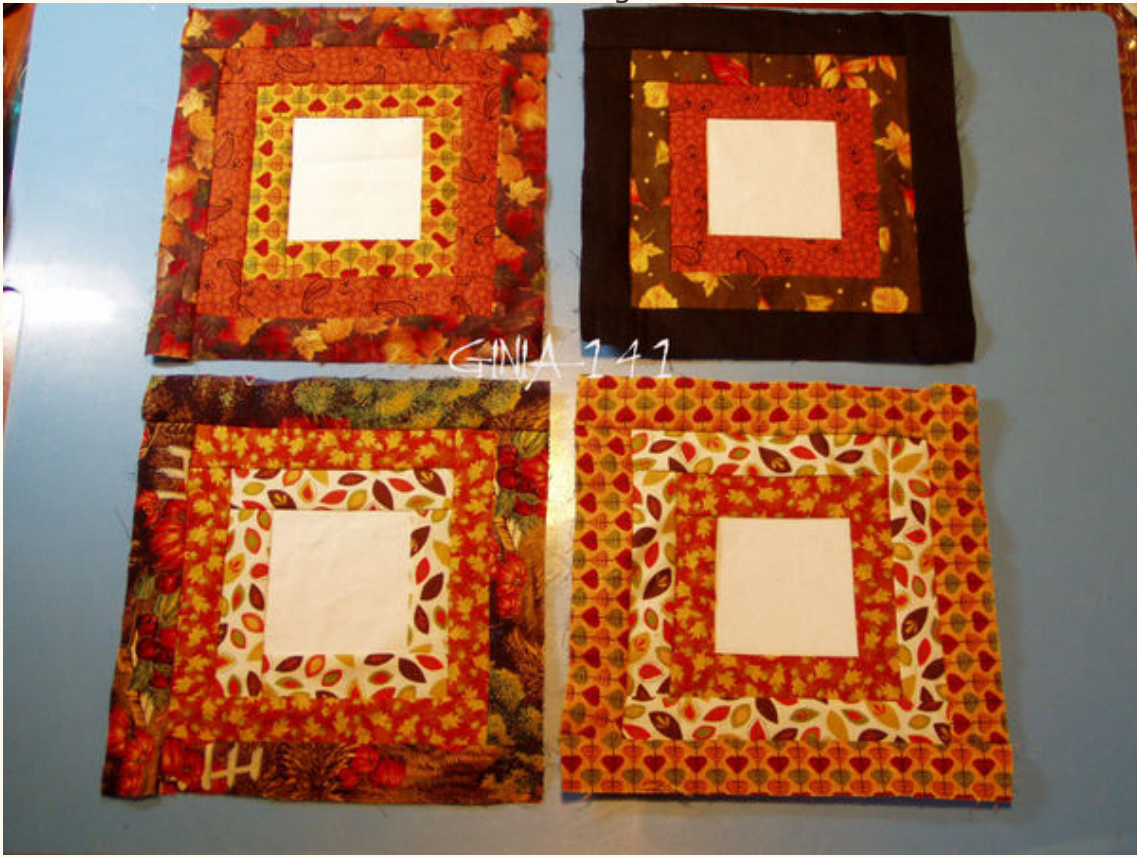
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Binding inside angles

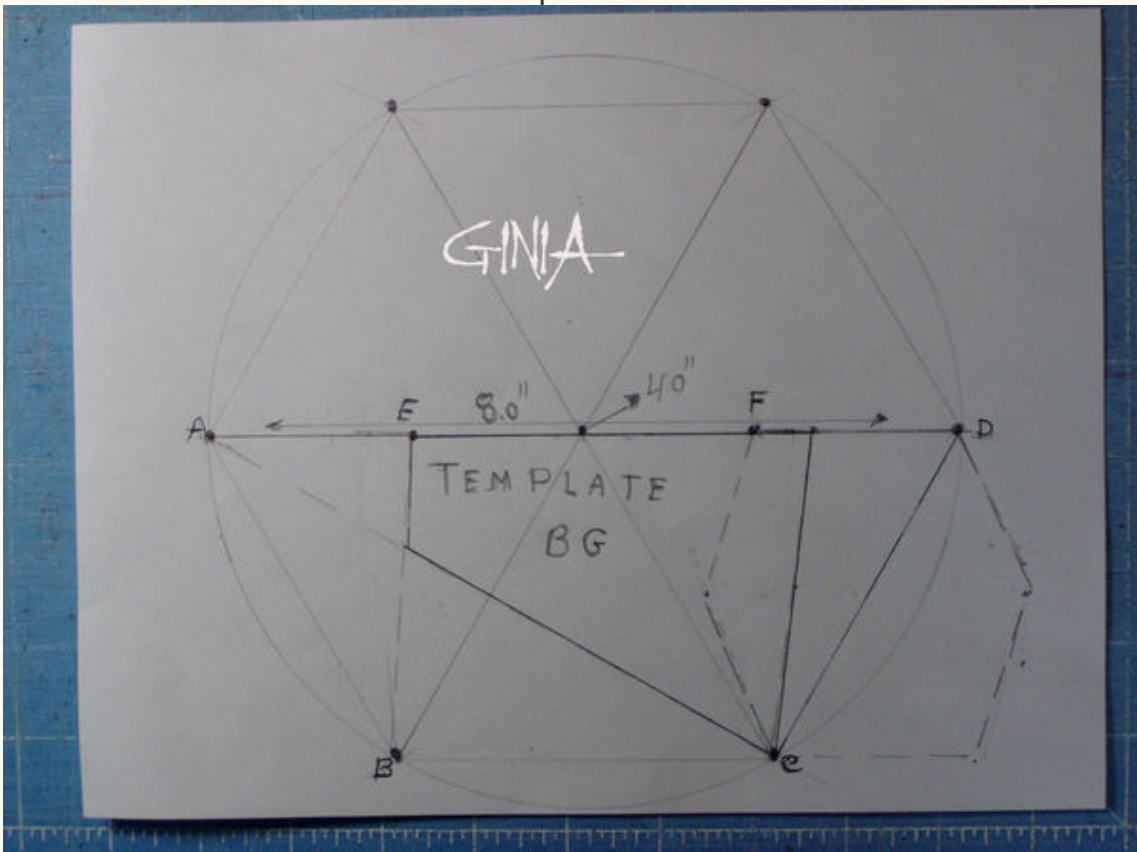
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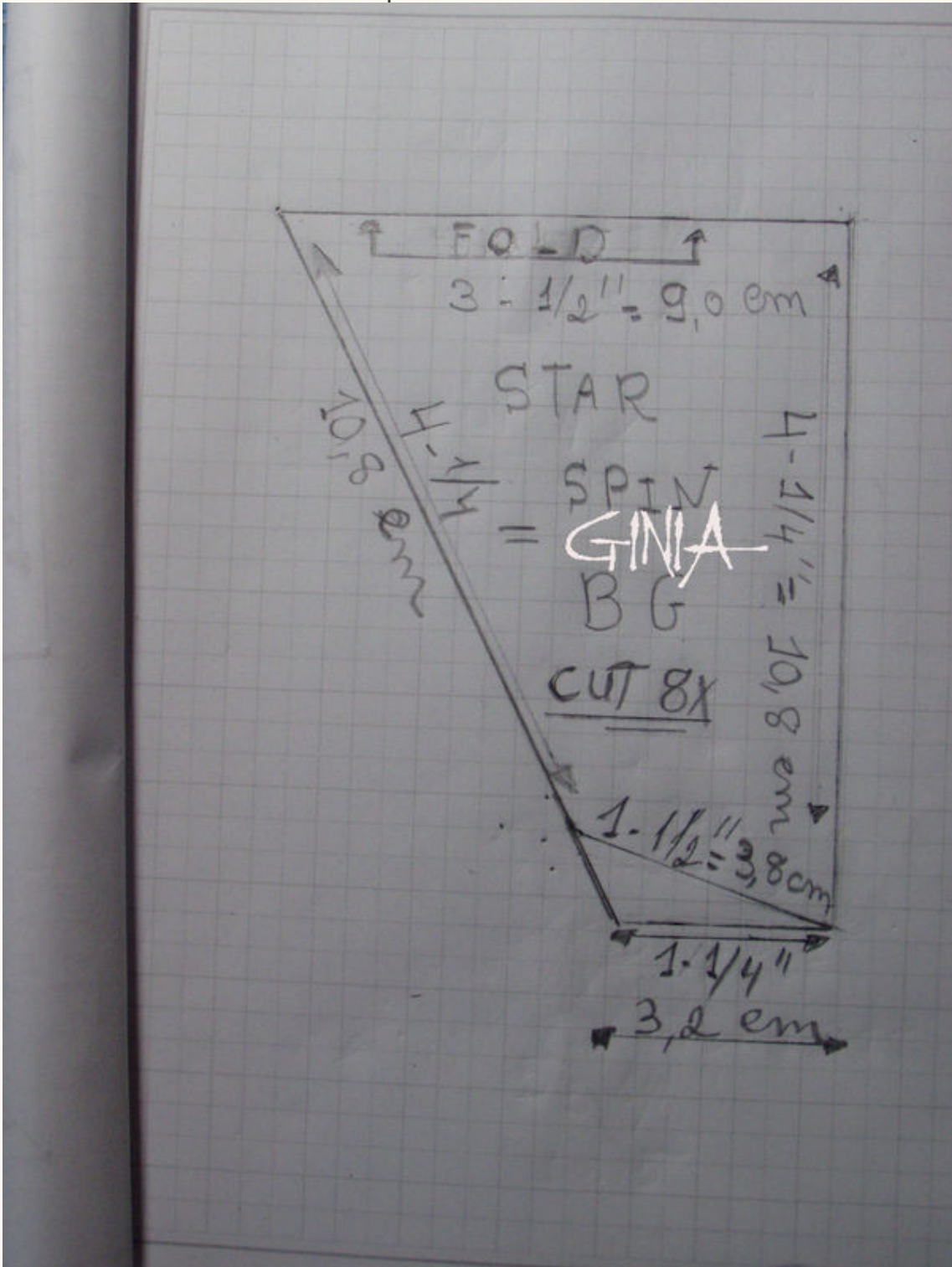
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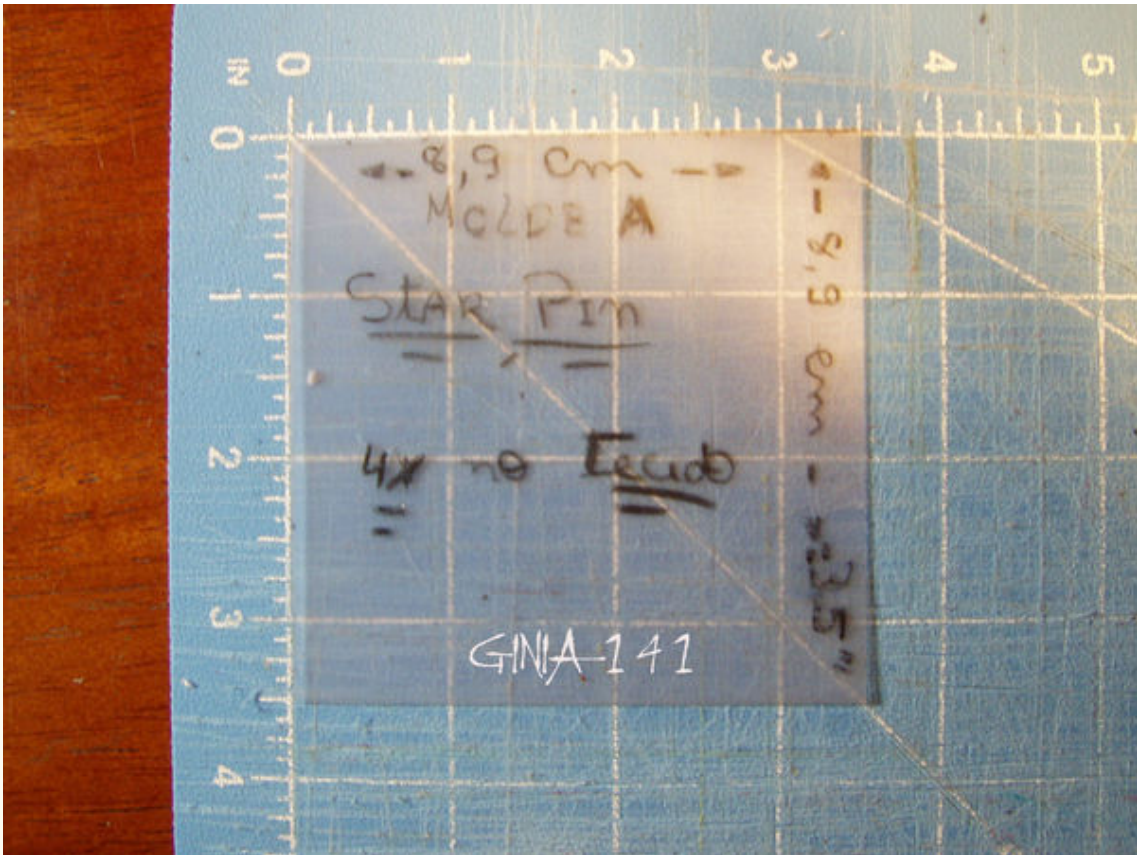
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cut 8 pieces on fold fabric



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