

# LONE STAR BABY QUILT TUTORIAL

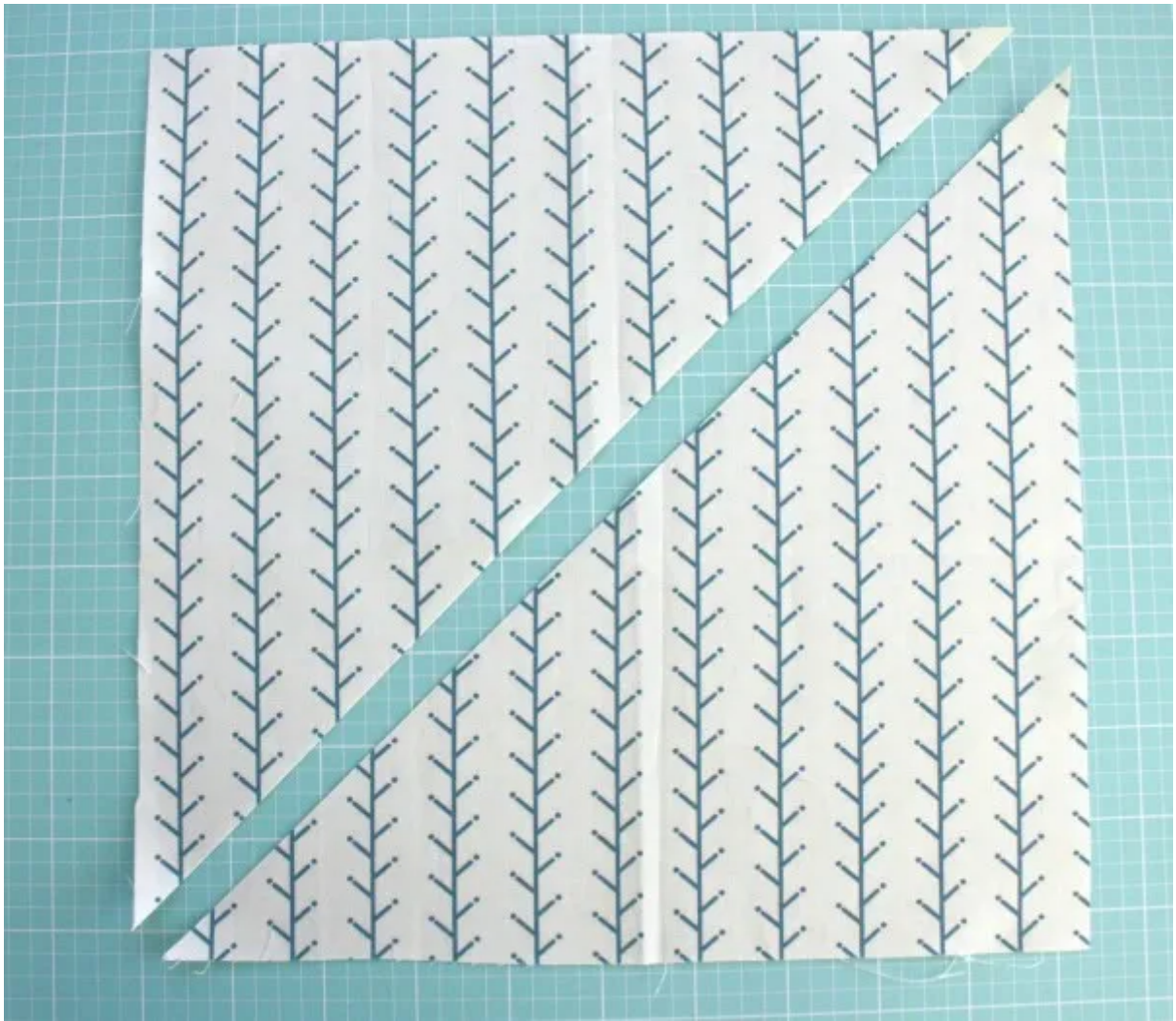


The first variation is the Lone Star (also called the 8 pointed LeMoyne Star) baby quilt. This quilt finishes at 39" x 39".



## **FABRIC REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR LONE STAR BABY QUILT:**

- 4 light squares 9½" x 9½"
- 4 light squares 10" x 10"
- 8 dark squares 10" x 10" (the quilt looks best if these are a variety of different prints)
- 4 strips 2" x 42" for borders
- 1 ¼ yard for backing
- ⅜ yard for binding (cut four strips 2 ½" x Width of Fabric)



Start this project by taking the twelve 10" x 10" squares (4 light and 8 dark) and cutting them in half once on the diagonal.



This will give you a total of 24 triangles – 8 light background triangles and 16 dark triangles to make the center star motif.



Before you start sewing, use the diagram above to lay out all of your pieces – 4 background  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, 8 background triangles, and 16 dark triangles. This gives you the opportunity to play with color and get your eight star points well balanced.

Sew the triangle pieces into twelve half-square triangle blocks. Match up the long diagonal edges and sew them together carefully using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. As you sew these bias edges, carefully guide the triangles through the machine without pulling on the fabric so that you don't stretch the bias (diagonal) edges.



Press seams to one side. Then square-up your blocks so that they are all an accurate  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " square. (This is an important step, or your quilt top could get misshapen.)



Then sew the blocks into four rows of four blocks. Press seams to the left on rows 1 and 3 and press seams to the right on rows 2 and 4.

Sew rows together to get pieced quilt top. Opposing seam allowances should match up and nest together, helping points to match up as well. Press row seams all the same direction.



### **ADD BORDERS TO YOUR LONE STAR BABY QUILT:**

Trim two of the 2" x 42" strips to 2" x 36 ½" and pin the strips to opposite sides of the quilt and sew in place using a ¼" seam allowance. Press seams toward the border strips.

Trim the remaining two strips to 2" x 39 ½" and sew them to remaining sides. Press seams toward the border strips.

### **FINISHING YOUR LONE STAR BABY QUILT:**

You can see the steps I used to baste, quilt, and bind – all of the [finishing process for this quilt here](#).

For my binding I cut four strips of fabric 2 ½" x the width of the fabric (42"). Sew them together end to end to create one long binding strip. This tutorial shows [how to bind – or finish – a quilt](#).