

Spinning Stars

Your basic spinning star can be made into a very neat border, or a whole quilt.

For each star you will need four squares for the body, and four for the points. The finished points are one quarter the size of the finished body squares.

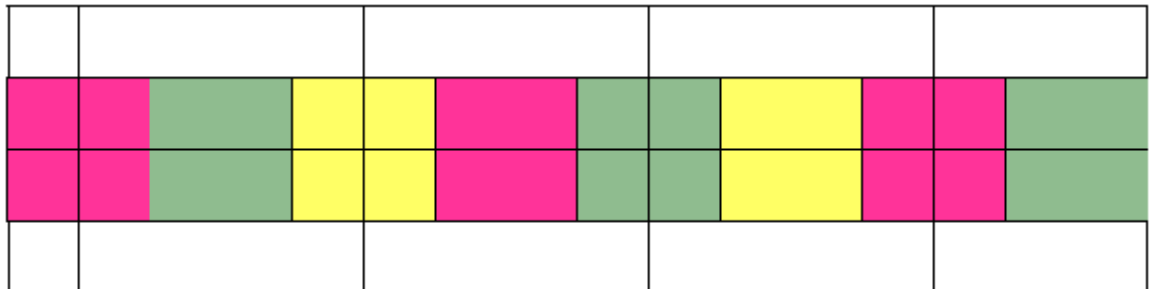
To be most effective as a border, you need to have the border twice the size of the main body of the star.

On our 8 inch border, we used 2½ inch squares for the body, and 1½ inch squares for the points. The star is made with connector corners!

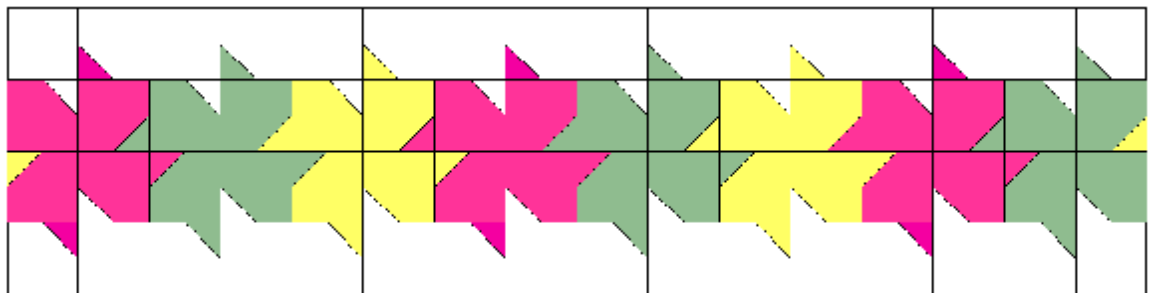


The side borders along the outside of the stars are 2 ½ by 4 ½ inch rectangles.

The first thing to do is lay out your star bodies, and side pieces. Note that the seams of the side pieces will be at the centre seam of the stars:

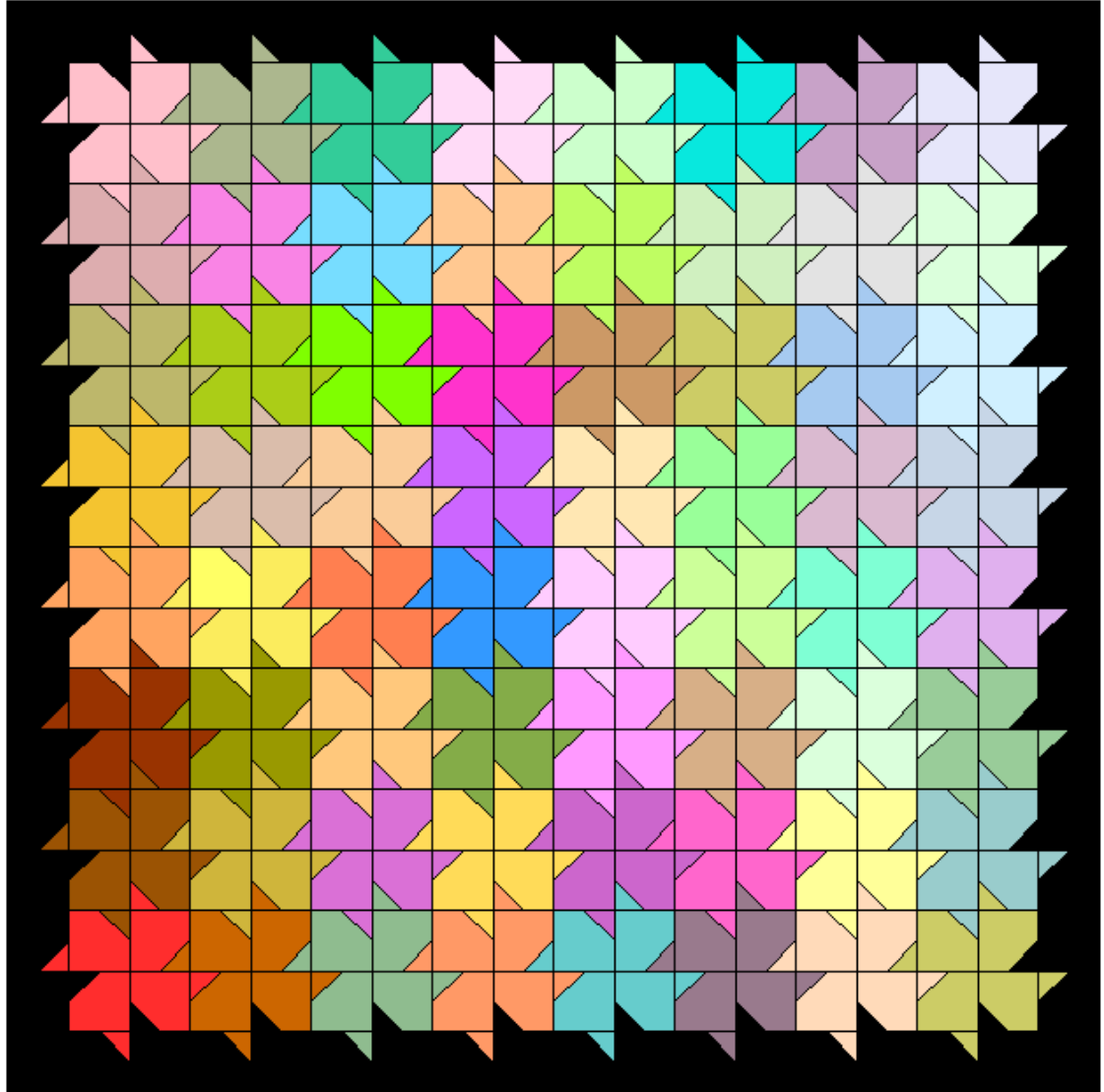


Now all you do is place the connector corners onto the adjoining blocks to make the stars:



Very easy isn't it!

Try doing a tessellation with these stars - or flowers. You will need at least four colours, or you can have a lot of fun trying to make sure no two stars are the same.



As long as your squares are in the right proportion, they will work out fine.

For a really large quilt, try $4\frac{1}{2}$ and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares, with $4\frac{1}{2}$ by $8\frac{1}{2}$ border rectangles

Or $3\frac{1}{2}$ and 2 inch squares, with $3\frac{1}{2}$ by $6\frac{1}{2}$ border rectangles

$2\frac{1}{2}$ and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares, with $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $4\frac{1}{2}$ border rectangles

Or for a real challenge - try $1\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 inch squares, with $1\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ border rectangles.

Choose any number of stars for your quilt - you can even put some border stars in to look like bare spots in the sky!