Touch the Stars
Block of the Month 2007-2008, Blue Mountain Quilters’ Guild

This year we are doing stars, stars and more stars. Instead of trying to design a 10 block quilt, I will offer you 12 stars and a number of suggested settings from small 9 block quilts to a large queen size one. If you want a small quilt, try choosing nine of the stars and adding sashing with built in friendship stars. The largest quilt is set on point, with an alternate block that ties the whole quilt together. Choose any setting, or one of your own and have fun this year with a very traditional quilt! Make the stars in four colours or totally scrappy, they vary from two to four fabrics in each star.

I used less than 1 ½ metres of backgrounds for the star themselves. You will need extra if you are going to use the background as sashing or setting triangles.

Polka Dots and stripes would make a striking quilt. Choose your favourite 9 blocks, scrappy or just a few choice fabrics for a quilt about 50 inches.

Another square quilt can be done by putting the blocks on point. Shown here with bold sashing which sets off the stars! This quilt is about 68 inches square. It features a floral print fussy cut in many stars and used for the setting triangles.

Use all 12 blocks and get a more casual look with some fun batik fabrics, and some carefree freeform stars. Enclose it with a small border of your boldest fabric.

This quilt ends up around 56 ½ by 72 ½ inches.
The BQ quilt pattern by Maple Island would give you a lovely quilt too - there are a couple of interesting settings for those blocks. The full block size is 18 inches and 12 star blocks will give you a large lap quilt of 54 by 72 inches.

If you want a large quilt, using the same blocks plus some simple alternate blocks, you could have an 85 by 102 inch quilt.

These blocks have been put on point, and surrounded by an Irish Chain for an inset border. The alternate blocks are themselves simple star and chain blocks, but you could use another simple star block, or even plain blocks to set off your stars.