

# Scrap Busting String Quilts

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With a focus on quilting the last 30 years, Stephanie has been sewing all of her life. She has taught for quilt show and quilt guilds throughout the southeast.

Learn how to tame your scraps and turn your ugly fabrics into the most beautiful quilts ever. If this is your 1st or your 50th quilt, you will learn how to transform an ever growing chaos into a quilt. Once you learn the basics, you will be flipping and turning, creating dozens of different layouts from one basic design. Be forewarned scrap quilts are addictive. This quilt is 72' x 84'.



3 day class

## Necessary Class Supplies:

- 7 1/2" square ruler or any size that will allow you to square to 7 1/2"
- 24" ruler if you need to cut yardage
- 4 x 12 ruler will be helpful, but not mandatory
- rotary cutter with **new sharp** blade for fabric and trimming, 45mm or 60mm
- cutting mat 18 x 24 or larger, rotary cutting mat will make squaring up easier
- Sheer Delite stabilizer - available from the instructor \$20 for 7 yds, this is **MANDATORY**, no other foundations are allowed. this is a 30" wide no-show mesh stabilizer, you need 7 1/2" sq blocks for this quilt

pins, scissors, template plastic, pen and paper, basic sewing supplies to include your machine in good working order and the power cord, cord reel or extension cord

Teacher will provide the template for the star points. Recommend you re-cut this with template plastic.

## Fabric:

2 1/2 yds of fabric for star points (you can make scrap fabric stars as long as your fabric is the same value - light or dark)

Scraps, scraps and more scraps, in varied widths. Light, medium or dark, large or small prints, geometric, floral, stripes, everything goes. You do not need to cut your strips prior to class. If you have some already in your scrap bin, bring them. The great thing about string quilts is that your strips do not need to be accurate. They might be 1" on one end and taper down to 1/2" at the other end. You can also use fat quarters and other pre-cuts for this class.

5 yards for backing. The backing is not needed for class.

7/8 yd for binding. For added interest, use excess binding from other quilts and stitch them together for an even scrappier finish. Not needed for class.

Thread:

A great opportunity to use ugly thread. Anything goes because you will be sewing so many different colors. Now is the chance to use up all those half-filled bobbins.

Another version also requires 2 1/2 yds for the star points and border. Note that this version is smaller (66" x 66").

The diamonds, blue in this quilt, require 1/2 yd of fabric. If you want to increase the size, you will need additional yardage.

This version is made with a specific color of scraps, creams and pinks. Students have the flexibility to use specific colors or make it scrappy like the other version.

Instructions for both layouts will be provided during this class.

