

# “Swirlygig” Mystery Quilt

Finished size of quilt will be 64” x 84”.

This is an easy quilt made from two blocks that together create an unexpected design.\* It is composed entirely from half square triangles and squares. Once you finish making all the half square triangles, it’s pure fun putting everything together. Select fabrics that have good contrast with each other. Solid-looking fabrics or ones with small prints are ideal.

## Fabric Requirements:

<b>Dark</b> fabric	4 yards
<b>Medium</b> fabric	1½ yards
<b>Light</b> background fabric	2 yards
Binding fabric	
Backing fabric	

Wash and iron all fabric prior to cutting.

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\* Pattern is from [CuteQuiltPatterns.com](http://CuteQuiltPatterns.com) . Don’t cheat by going there!

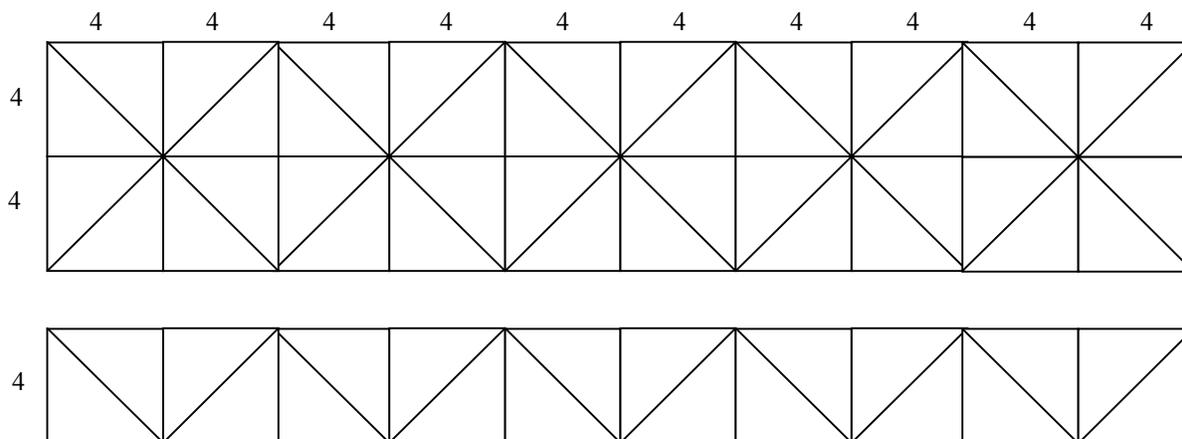
## Unit 1 – Half Square Triangles

This is a tedious step, but once you finish these half square triangles, the rest is fun. Think of it as prep work!! Directions for one way of making half square triangles are given below. If you have your own method or prefer to use Thangles, be my guest! The size of your blocks should be 3" x 3". (They will finish to 2½" x 2½".)

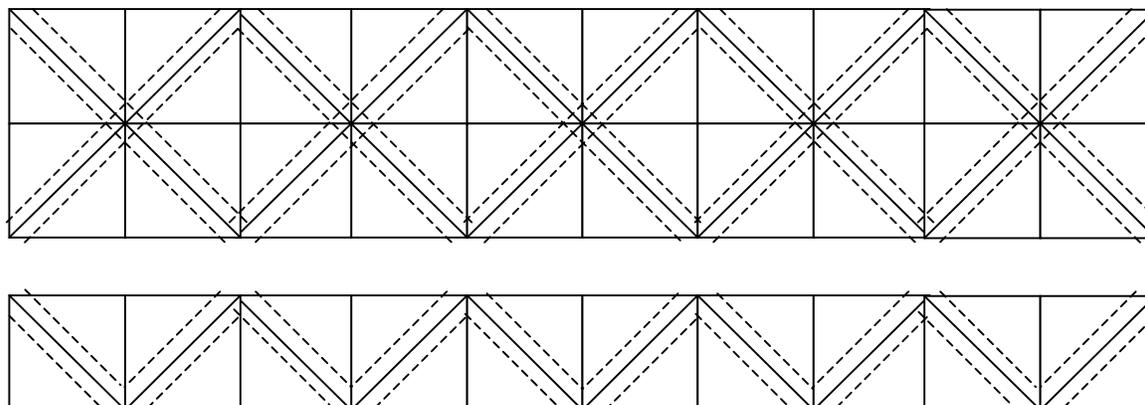
### Unit 1A - Dark/Light Half Square Triangles (140)



1. Cut (3) 8" strips and (1) 4" strip from both the **dark** and **light** fabrics.
2. On the wrong side of the light fabric, mark lines every 4", then draw diagonal lines like the drawing below. (Note. This is slightly larger than necessary to provide a little "wiggle room". We'll trim them to their proper size at the end.)



3. Place right sides together. Sew ¼" on both sides of the *diagonal* lines.



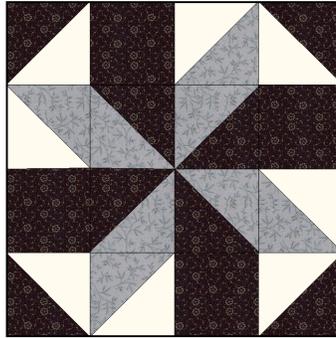
4. Cut on *all* the solid lines. Press toward the **dark** fabric. Square up to 3" x 3".

***Unit 1B - Medium/Light Half Square Triangles (72)***

1. Cut (2) 8” strips from both the **medium** and **light** fabrics.
2. Draw your lines, sew on the diagonals, cut, press, and square up as you did for Unit 1A.

***Unit 1C – Dark/Medium Half Square Triangles (72)***

3. Cut (2) 8” strips from both the **dark** and **medium** fabrics.
4. Draw your lines, sew on the diagonals, cut, press, and square up as you did for Unit 1A.

***Unit 2 – Spinning Star (18)***

1. Cut (6) 3” strips from the **dark** fabric. Cut (78) 3” squares. You will use 72 of these now. Save the extra 6 for use in Part 3.

2. For each Spinning Star block use:

(4) Unit 1A: Dark/Light Half Square Triangles

(4) Unit 1B: Medium/Light Half Square Triangles

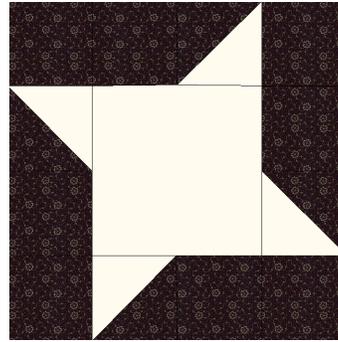
(4) Unit 1C: Dark/Medium Half Square Triangles

(4) 3” Dark squares from above



3. Refer to the diagram to position and orient the smaller units. Sew units into rows, then rows into blocks. Make 18 blocks.

4. Press. Square up to 10½” x 10½”.

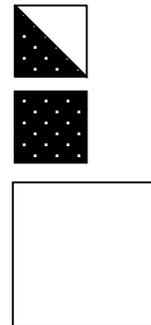
***Unit 3 – Friendship Star Variation (17)***

1. Cut (10) 3” strips from the **dark** fabric. Cut (130) 3” squares from the strips. You will also need the extra 6 squares from Part 2 for a total of 136 squares.
2. Cut (3) 5½” strips from the **light** fabric. Cut (17) 5½” squares from the strips.
3. For each block use:

(4) Unit 1A: Dark/Light Half Square Triangles

(8) 3” Dark squares from above

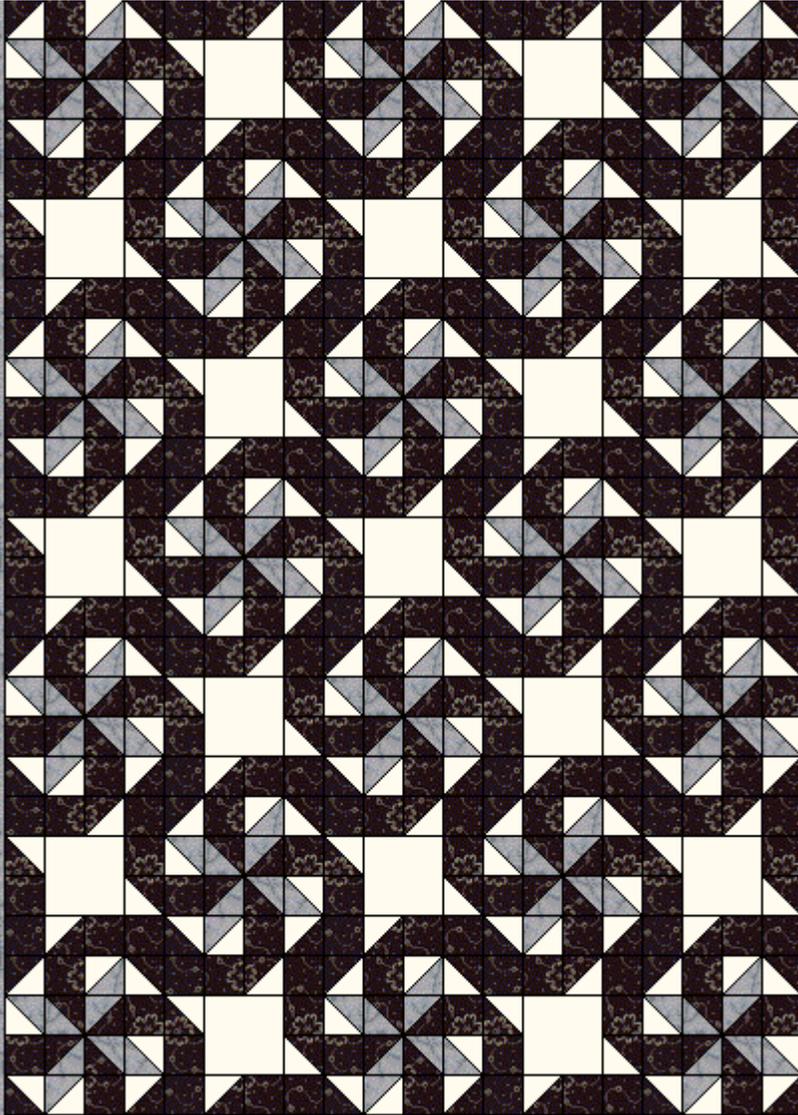
(1) 5½” Light square from above



4. Refer to the diagram for positioning and orientation. Sew units into rows, then rows into blocks. Make 17 blocks.
5. Press. Square up to 10½” x 10½”.

*Assemble the Quilt Top*

Assemble the quilt top row by row according to the picture below alternating *Spinning Star* and *Friendship Star* blocks.



## ***Borders***

Step 1: “Square up” the quilt so that width and height are uniform, and corners have right angles.

Step 2: Cut 7 strips from the **medium** fabric measuring 2½” wide. Sew the strips end to end making one continuous strip.

Step 3: Cut 8 strips from the **dark** fabric measuring 5½” wide. Sew the strips end to end making one continuous strip.

Step 4: Sew **medium** strips to the top and bottom of the quilt. Press and trim. Sew **medium** strips to both sides. Press and trim.

Step 5: Sew **dark** strips to the top and bottom of the quilt. Press and trim. Sew **dark** strips to both sides. Press and trim.



