

DEBBY KRATOVIL'S

# Black & White Twinklers

Using the **Black & White Fabrications** strip set by **Blank Quilting**



These black and white strips are perfect for making this tessellating stars pattern. Each star is constructed of two strips, one black and one white/black print. Absolutely no waste and so much fun to sew. A set of 40 strips will make a lap size quilt using 12 blocks and a companion table runner of 12 blocks. The key is to get good contrast between the darks and the lights. Sew your blocks, arrange in rows and add borders for two fabulous projects!

*(The following pattern works well with any set of forty 2½" strips.)*

## PATTERN DETAILS

**Block Size:** 12"

**Quilt Size:** 50" x 62"

**Table Runner Size:** 32" x 44"

### Materials for Lap Quilt & Runner

- One pack of 40 strips (2½") from the Black & White Collection
- 1-5/8 yard Dark/Black fabric for quilt borders & binding; 7/8 yard border & binding for runner
- 2-1/2 yd backing fabric for quilt; 1-1/2 yd backing for table runner



Black & White Twinkling Stars Quilt by Debby Kratovil

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Table Runner Size: 32" x 44"

#### Fabric Requirements

One pack of Black & White Fabrications 2-1/2" strips (40 strips)

1-5/8 yard Dark/Black fabric for borders & binding quilt; 7/8 yard border & binding for runner

2-1/2 yd backing fabric for quilt; 1-1/2 yd backing for table runner

NOTE: This quilt only uses 24 strips from the pack. Using all 40 strips will give you a larger quilt of 20 blocks, for a quilt center of 48" x 60". I selected the darkest blacks and the mixed white/black lights for this smaller quilt. A table runner can be made using the rest of the strips (see the end of this document for assembly of the runner.)

This pattern will work well with any set of twenty-four to forty 2-1/2" strips with good contrast, excellent for other Fabrications Collections!

#### Cutting Directions:

Separate the strips into piles of the lights and the blacks. There are two strips of each print, both light and dark. Pair a light and a dark 2-1/2" strip for a total of 12 pairs. (Diagram 1) Set aside the remaining 16 strips for the runner. Work with one pair of strips at a time when cutting.

1. Press strips and stack the light and dark strips together, right sides BOTH up. Trim away selvages and cut four 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles from the strips. (Diagram 2)
2. Transfer markings of template to template material and cut out (freezer paper is good as you can iron it to the right side of the fabric without having to pin in place).
3. Using the template, cut out four Template A shapes for each of the two fabrics. It is important that both the light and dark fabric are cut with the same angle (this is why both fabrics are placed RIGHT SIDE UP. (Diagram 3)
4. Using Diagram 4 as your guide, sew one light and one dark fabric cut from Template A (right sides together), using a 1/4" seam. Repeat for remaining 3 sets of pairs. Press seams toward the dark fabric.
5. Place a light 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangle at the top of the Template A units and the dark 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangle at the bottom of the Template A units as shown in Diagram 5 and sew together. Press seams toward the rectangles. Repeat for remaining 3 sets. Each of these is one quarter of the Star Block (see Diagram 6). Arrange the four quarter blocks as shown in Diagram 7, turning each 90 degrees in relation to its neighbor.
6. Sew two units together as shown for the Star top and two units together for the Star bottom (Diagram 8). Press seams toward the rectangle (away from the seams).
7. Sew the Star block together, joining the two halves and press this last center seam OPEN .
7. Repeat steps 3-6 for remaining sets of strips to make a total of 12 blocks.

#### Quilt Top Assembly

8. Arrange the 12 blocks into the quilt center, taking care to balance the lights and darks as you please. Sew four horizontal rows of three blocks. Press seams open.
9. Sew the four horizontal rows together to form the quilt center, which should measure 36-1/2" x 48-1/2". Measure your quilt center and work with those numbers for the next steps.
10. From the border print, cut two 7-1/2" x 48-1/2" strips from the LENGTH of the fabric (parallel to the selvages). (Adjust the strip to match your own measurement.) Sew to quilt sides and press seam toward borders.

11. Measure quilt through the center from side to side and cut two 7-1/2" border strips to this length (again, cutting from the LENGTH of the fabric). Sew to quilt top and bottom. Press seams toward the borders. Quilt now measures 50-1/2" x 62-1/2".
12. Layer and quilt as desired.
13. From the remaining border print cut enough 2-1/4" strips for binding to equal a length of 235". Piece together and use to bind quilt.

#### **Additional Table Runner Assembly**

1. Select and sew six pairs of dark and light strips to make six more Star Blocks as described above.
2. Sew into three horizontal rows of two blocks each. Runner center now measures 24-1/2" x 36-1/2".
3. Cut two border strips 4-1/2" x 36-1/2" and sew to quilt sides. Cut two borders 4-1/2" x wof; trim to fit the top and bottom and sew to quilt center. Runner now measures 32" x 44".
4. Layer runner top, batting and backing and quilt as desired.
5. Cut 4 strips 2-1/4" x wof for binding. Sew into long row, fold and join to quilt for binding.



Diagram 1

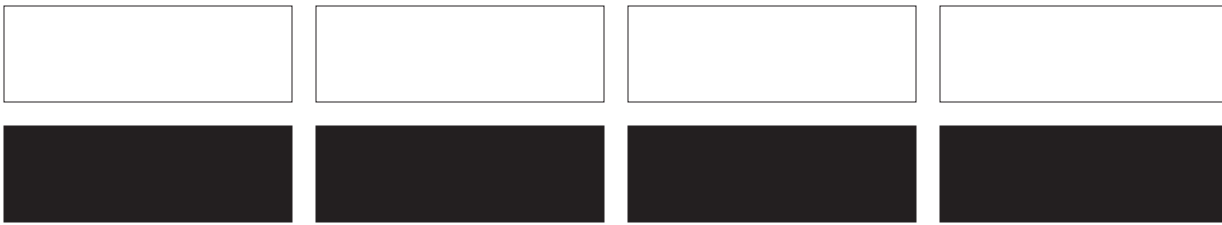


Diagram 2

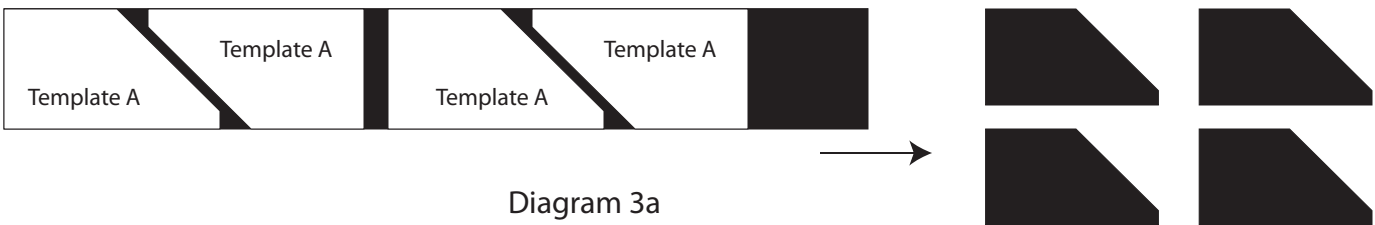


Diagram 3a

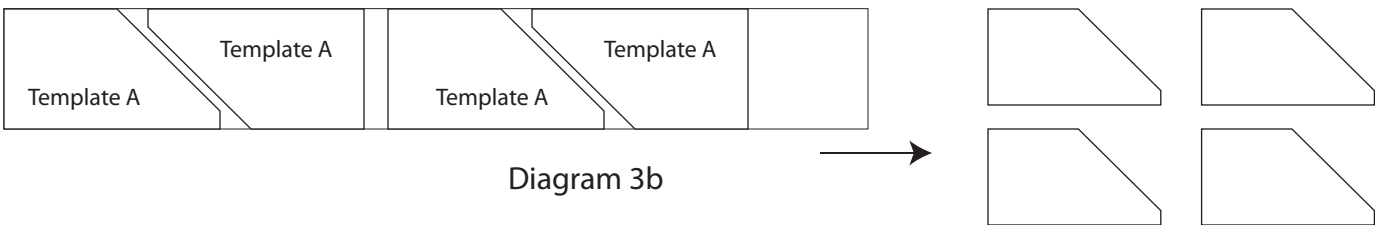


Diagram 3b



Diagram 4

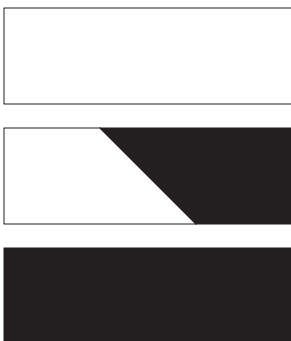


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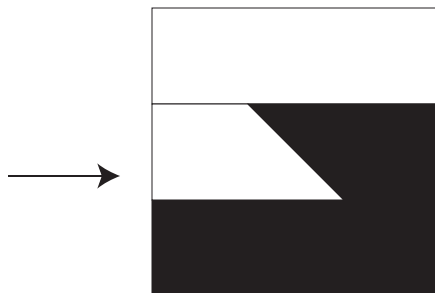


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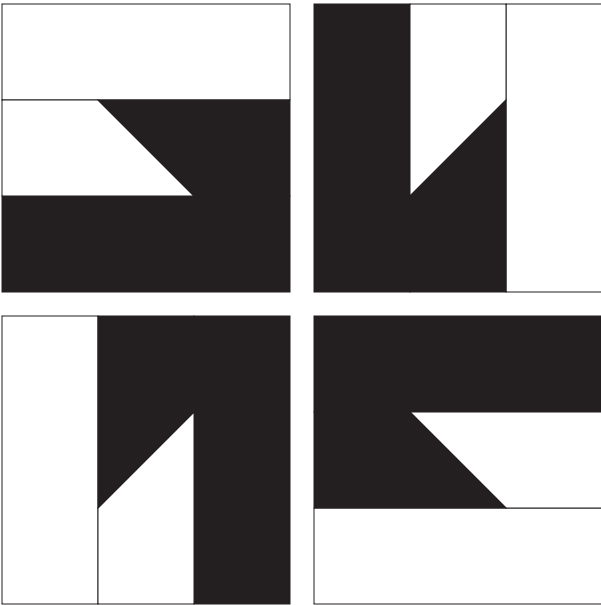


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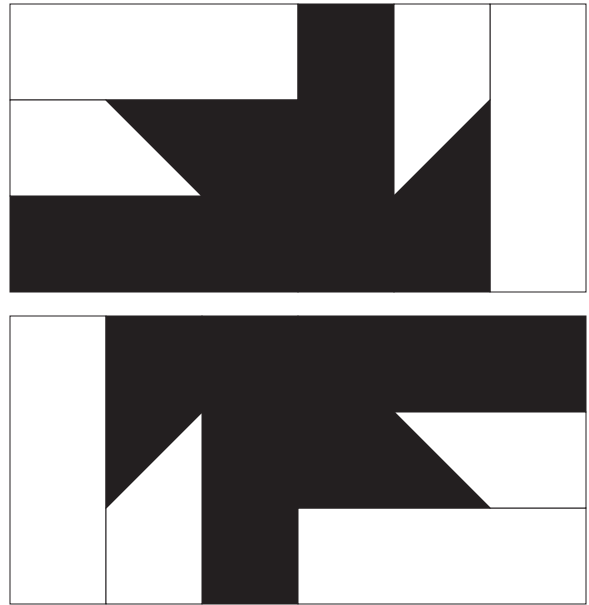
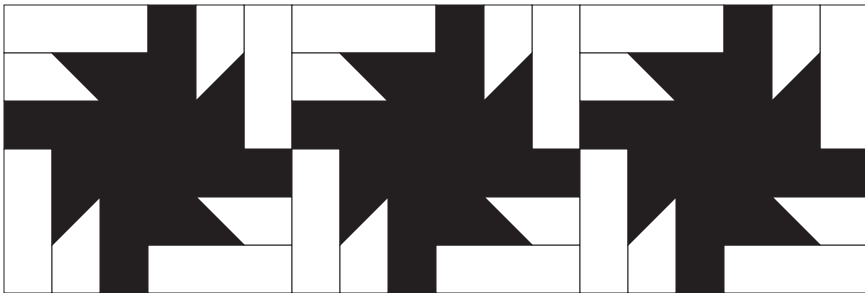
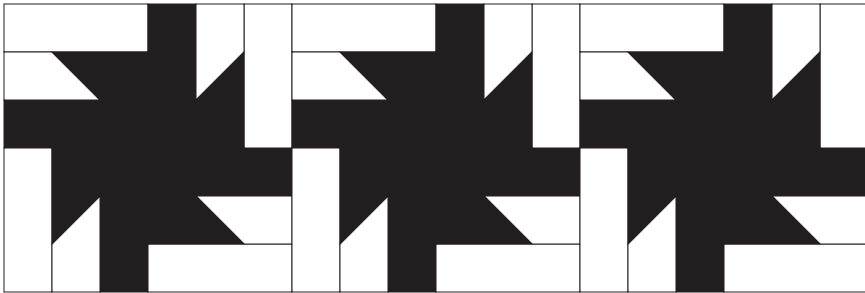


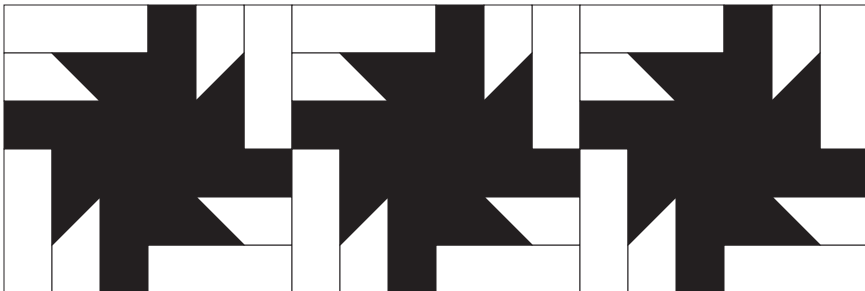
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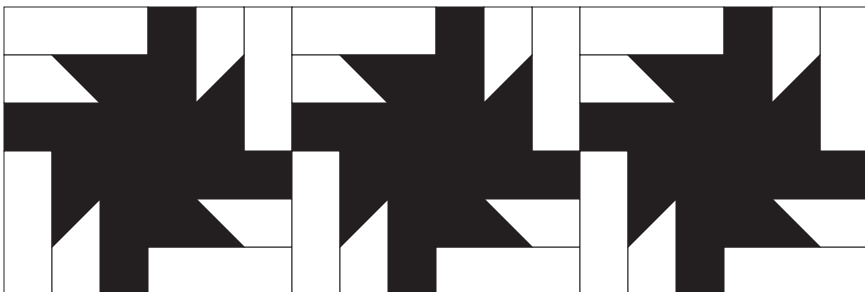
Row 1



Row 2



Row 3



Row 4

Quilt Assembly Diagram

