

Free Sampler Quilt Tutorial from Riley Blake and Amy Smart

Right before I left for England, I finished piecing my Meet the Maker sampler quilt and got it to my quilter. I'm so excited to share the finished quilt and share with you how to make your own sampler quilt!



This quilt is made up of 5 different star block designs and 1 repeating setting block. I have links to instructions for all six quilt blocks below. I love the way the red Irish Chain blocks create a repeat design that sets off all of the other pieced blocks!



This quilt was made using fabrics from my first two fabric collections, a combination of [Gingham Girls](#) and [Sunnyside Avenue](#). The two lines were always designed to play well together and I love the finished result!



This quilt finishes at 64" x 84"

Fabric requirements include:

- about 2 yards of white background fabric
- 1st border (red): 1/4 yard
- 2nd border (navy): 1 yard
- Binding (green): 1/2 yard
- Backing: 5 yards

This quilt pattern is a great one for using up favorite fabrics and scraps. All of the blocks in this quilt finish at 10" x 10", so it would also work for using up orphan 10" x 10" quilt blocks too!



Here are the links to the tutorials for each of the blocks:

Make 17 patchwork blocks using any combination of these 5 tutorials. (Or incorporate any 10" x 10" blocks that you like.) All of these blocks are part of the Riley Blake Meet the Makers series.



[Block 1 tutorial here](#)



[Block 2 Tutorial here](#)



[Block 3 Tutorial here](#)



[Block 4 Tutorial Here](#)



[Block 5 Tutorial Here](#)



Here is my variety of pieced blocks before I assembled them. I loved playing with scrappy color combinations. If you look at them now, you can see that I only used the color red as an accent color in these blocks. That's because I was planning to use red as my dominant color in my off-setting block. (heh heh! Aren't I clever?)

The off-setting block in this quilt is an Irish Chain Block. You'll need to make 18 of these blocks for this throw-size quilt.



[Irish Chain Block Tutorial Here](#)

Once all of the blocks are created, lay out the blocks 5 blocks across, 7 rows down. Start with an Irish Chain block and alternate with the star blocks.



Here is how the first two rows will appear. Sew blocks together by rows and press seams toward the Irish Chain blocks. This will help the seams nest together when you start sewing the rows together.



The borders I used for this quilt are as follows:

1st border: cut 6 white strips 2 1/2" x WOF (width of fabric). I also cut 4 navy 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares to use as cornerstones for this border

2nd border: cut 7 strips (red) 2" x WOF

3rd border: cut 7 strips (navy)

This is the method that I use for adding borders to a quilt. It's simple and always provides perfect results. The key is the pinning – don't skip that part! That's what will give you nice square quilt without waves in the borders.



Here is the method I use for basting a quilt and preparing it for quilting. You can quilt it on your own machine or by hand. Or, you can do what I did – have it done by [Melissa of Sew Shabby Quilting](#). 😊 I like that this quilt has a bit of a retro-vibe so I had her do a traditional Baptist Fan overall design.



Here's a peek at the back of my quilt. I did a pieced back using my [red apple fabric](#) and the [red hearts from Sunnyside Ave](#) and the woven red gingham from Riley Blake Designs.



There you go! I had fun taking this quilt to a local favorite spot for some beauty shots before all the autumn leaves are gone. Best time of the year!



Star Sampler Quilt

Free Quilt Pattern

featuring Riley Blake
Meet the Maker Blocks

Post Edit: A few people have asked if there is a printable version of this quilt. This time I'm afraid there is not. The reason this pattern is free is because all of the star blocks are provided by Riley Blake Designs. As such the videos/patterns are their intellectual property, not mine.

But their sharing is what makes this pattern free, so that is the trade off. Thanks for understanding. If you'd like to save this pattern for later use, pin the above image to help you find this post later!

Also, the idea of kits was mentioned in a comment. I'm considering putting a few together. Please leave a comment if you'd be interested in a kit (it would probably only be for the quilt blocks) and I'll contact you if/when they are available.

