

Modern Quilt Group

Tutor Box 13 Wonky Stars



Teaching Notes

As with all patchwork, good quality fabrics and good tools are essential. These are difficult-to-impossible to make in anything apart from good cotton fabrics, until you have made a good few.

If you are teaching these, please make a few samples before you start, and show these as well as the finished sample (if you have borrowed it) as it is useful for the students to see the backs of the blocks

The biggest problem for students with this block is keeping things the Right Way Round - if you find they are struggling, it may help to begin with a star made onto a regular ground - perhaps nine 3-1/2 inch squares... See below

As the blocks are trimmed at the end and before putting them together, seam allowances are not terribly crucial, and as long as seams are fairly straight, and the pressing is efficient the blocks will work every time.. Press firmly at each stage, seams to one side for preference.

Of course, these are suitable for "multi-maker" quilts (for raffles, Linus etc.) as the trimming removes an element of inaccuracy before assembling the blocks

If you find the blocks are coming out much too small, cut a bigger square to start with, if considerably large, check the seams are not too small

Make sure each student has a small mat next to the machine, with their own cutter and ruler if possible.

