Wonky Star

12" finished block
Inspired by the Maverick Stars at Quiltville
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Instructions re-created in a 12" block for the
Bushfire Quilt Project
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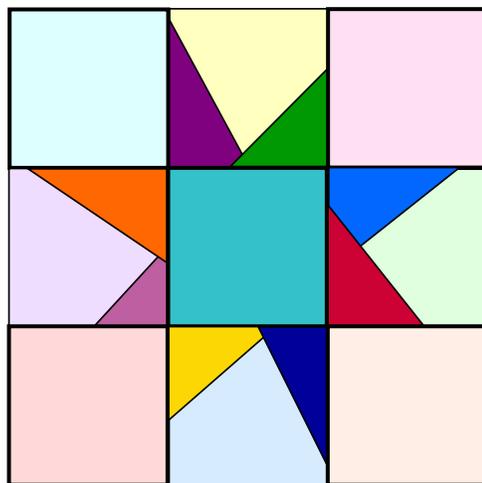
Cutting:

Background: Cut (8) 4 1/2" squares of light colored fabric. They can be
all the same or a variety of fabrics - it's your choice.
Star center: Cut (1) 4 1/2" square.
Star points: Assorted scraps in triangle-ish shapes, between 2" and 4".
Better to be too big than too small.

Sewing:

Place one star point scrap on the corner of one light colored square, right sides
together. Make sure that when you flip it back after sewing, it will cover the entire
corner of the background. Sew a straight line - 1/4" doesn't matter, as long as
it's straight. Flip the star point fabric back and press. Trim the excess star point
and background fabric so you have a 1/4" seam allowance.

Now add the second star point. Again, all you need to worry about is that it
covers the corner after it's sewn and flipped back, and it overlaps at least part
of the previous corner. It doesn't need to match the other point - in fact, it's better
if it doesn't match. Sew your straight line, flip back and press.Trim the excess star
point and background fabric so you have a 1/4" seam allowance.

Repeat with three more background squares. Trim the excess star point material
so they are 4 1/2" square.
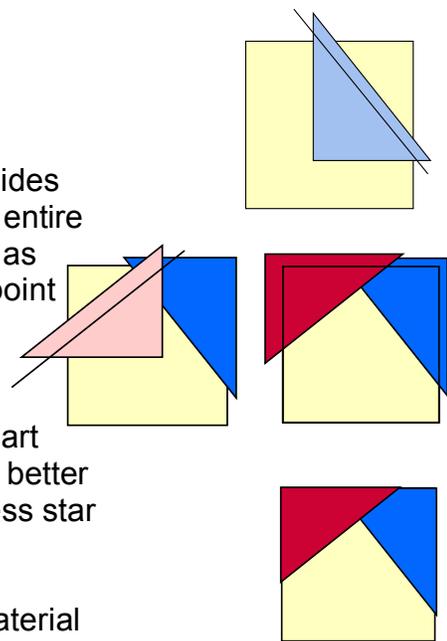
Block Assembly

Lay out your squares in a nine patch, turning the squares so it forms a star.
Sew each set of three blocks together to form the rows and press toward the
plain squares.

Place the first and second rows right sides together. Because you pressed
toward the plain squares, the seam allowances will nest together neatly and
you don't even need to pin. Sew the third row on using the same technique.
When you're finished, press the final seams.
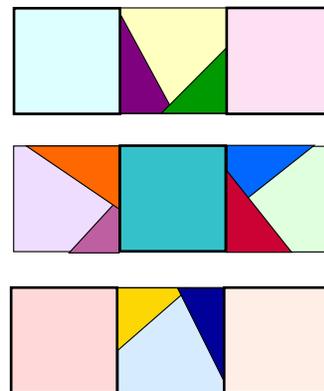
Play Time

Experiment with different center squares. Try making a four patch, or a log
cabin, or another little wonky star - whatever you want, just so it's 4 1/2".