

Our Starlight Express quilt from our first book *Jelly Roll Quilts* has been a firm favourite with everyone. We love playing around with the lone star design and, using the stunning fabrics from Alison Glass, we have created our Exploding Stars quilt. You only need one jelly roll to create this large quilt. However, you do need lots of background fabric so make sure you use one you love.

Requirements:

- One jelly roll OR forty 2½in strips cut across the width of the fabric
- 6 yards (5.5m) background fabric
- ¾ yard (65cms) binding fabric

Sorting the Jelly Roll Strips:

You do need to divide your jelly roll into four colourways. Artistic licence can of course be used here. Our jelly roll had two of each strip which worked well. Note that Colour 3 uses background fabric.

- Colour 1 (black) - six strips
- Colour 2 (reds) – twelve strips
- Colour 3 (background fabric) – eighteen strips. See cutting instructions below.
- Colour 4 (blues/greens) - twelve strips
- Colour 5 (yellow) - six strips

Background Fabric:

- Cut eighteen 2½in strips across the width of the fabric for use as Colour 3 in the diamonds.
- Cut seven strips 9⅝in wide across the width of the fabric and subcut each strip into four 9⅝in squares to make twenty-eight in total. Cut these in half diagonally to form 56 large triangles A.
- Cut five strips 7in wide across the width of the fabric and subcut each strip into six 7in squares to make twenty-eight in total (two are excess). Cut these in half diagonally to form 56 small triangles B.
- Cut four 15¼in strips across the width of the fabric. These need to be cut into four 15¼in x 29½ rectangles for the outer border but we would suggest cutting these rectangles when ready to use just in case your seam allowance is slightly different and you may need to cut them slightly larger or smaller.

Binding Fabric:

- Cut nine 2½in strips across the width of the fabric.