

★ *Schoolgirl Sampler Small Quilt Sew Along - Quilt # 1* ★

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Welcome to the Schoolgirl Sampler Small Quilt Sew Along! Each month, from June 2021 through December 2021, we'll be making one of the six small quilts from the Schoolgirl Sampler book. I'll also give you a "theme" to follow each month. You can choose to make the quilt of the month or design one of your own while sort of following the theme. Please don't make one of the other small quilts in the book. Remember, it's a sew along, and I think it'll be more fun if we follow a schedule to sew together and make the same quilt (or variations of the same quilt). We'll include all the other quilts in upcoming months. If you absolutely have to make one of the other ones this month, please wait until we announce that one before you post your pictures.



Patriotic Stars Sampler quilt made by Sue Bennett

For the first quilt, we'll be making the Patriotic Stars Sampler quilt on page 26 of the Schoolgirl Sampler book. The theme for this month is - **make a quilt with patriotic blocks or fabrics or make a row quilt using different blocks in red, white and blue fabrics.** For those in the U.S., I thought this would be a great quilt to start with so it could be ready to display for the Fourth of July. For those outside the U.S., why not make the quilt in your own country's colors? Follow the directions in the book beginning on page 27.

Sue made her wonderful little quilt with Blocks 12, 34, 52 and 57. Use these same blocks or substitute your own favorites. Make three rows instead of four if you prefer, and simply adjust the borders.

If patriotic quilts are not your favorite thing, choose different colors, make a different row quilt choosing different blocks OR make a different quilt using the red, white and blue star blocks. Play around. Lots of choices.

Remember to read the file I uploaded to the group Files ("Tips for Making One Small Quilt Per Month") and try to make and stick to a plan to sew a little bit each week. Sticking to a weekly sewing routine like we did with the sampler quilt may make it easier to finish one of the small quilts every month.



Have fun!

Also note that some of the quilt shops listed in the group Files may have kits available for the smaller quilts in the book.