# **Choosing Your Fabric**

TIME TO DIVE INTO YOUR STASH, OR VISIT THE LOCAL QUILT SHOP.

| OVERVIEW  |                  | Metric         | Imperial                   |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| The quilt uses THREE fabric colours:  | MAIN COLOUR      | Yardage<br>3 m | <b>Yardage</b><br>3¼ yards |
| MAIN (dark blue)  | Daik             | 5111           | 374 yarus                  |
| HIGHLIGHT (red)   |                  |                |                            |
| BACKGROUND (white and cream)  | Dark Mediur      | m 1.6 m        | 1¾ yards                   |
| BORDER* (white and lightest blue)   |                  |                |                            |
| The colours shown are the key to colours in the patterns.   | Medium           | 1.4 m          | 1½ yards                   |
|   | HIGHLIGHT COLOUR |                |                            |
| ONE OR MANY   | Dark Mediur      | m 1.4 m        | 1½ yards                   |
| <i>Star of Wonder</i> is an excellent candidate for a scrap quilt.  | Medium           | 1 m            | 1¼ yards                   |
| A metre of specified yardage does<br>not have to be made up of a single<br>piece of fabric.                         | Light            |                |                            |
| Instead, to add variety to your   | Medium           | 1.2 m          | 1¼ yards                   |
| quilt, make up the metre with:<br>four fat-quarters or eight fat-   | BACKGROUND       |                |                            |
| eigths, packets of charm squares<br>or 10" squares, jelly rolls, or just<br>odd bits and pieces from your<br>stash. | Light            | 2.5 m          | 2¾ yards                   |
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| Yardages are based on standard 44"<br>(112cm) wide quilting fabric and are quite<br>generous.                       | White            | 3.7 m          | 4 yards                    |

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#### \*The border is **OPTIONAL**.

I have chosen to break up the background with the palest of blue; however you can choose to keep your background plain.

All the instructions take this into account.

If you choose NOT to make the border, please increase your BACKGROUND yardage by these amounts.

White is common to both background and border.

#### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

This quilt suits:

\* tone on tone fabrics, rather than big prints, as the pieces will be very small;

\* batiks can be a good choice, as they are often 'reversible', in case of mistakes

\* although a scrappy quilt looks great, you will spend less time every day if you limit your fabrics.

\* starching your fabric helps when using small pieces.

\* Choose fine needles and thread.

Your quilt will look equally fabulous if it is monotone or multi-coloured! It's all about **tone**.

Many quilters find it easier to determine the tone of their fabrics if they 'scrunch' their eyes, or look through their eyelashes. Alternatively, you could use a door peep-hole (available from hardware shops).

If you are really struggling, take a photograph and change it to 'greyscale'. With the colour removed altogether, it is much easier to see the tone.

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### AUDITION YOUR COLOUR SCHEME



