This is a really easy project, but when you are finished you will impress all your friends, quilting and non-quilting, with the complicated look of this project.

For the main body of this project you will want two highly contrasting fabrics, such as black and white. (My diagrams are blue and gold.) You may want one of those fabrics for your borders, or you may wish to choose something else after your main body is finished.

Fabric Requirements:
The 30 inch square wall hanging (or a new baby quilt) requires:  
3/4 yard of each fabric plus 1/4 yard of one of them for the binding  
16 four patches  
24 diagonal half squares  
9 solid squares  
Borders if wanted and binding  
Finishes 30 inches square

The 36 by 52 inch lap quilt requires:  
One yard of each fabric plus 1 1/2 yards of fabric for borders and binding.  
24 four patches  
38 diagonal half squares  
15 solid squares  
4 inch borders (cut 4 1/2)  
Binding  
Finishes 36 by 52

The 46 by 70 inch twin quilt requires:  
1 5/8 of each fabric plus 1 1 1/2 yards of fabric for borders and binding  
40 four patches  
67 diagonal half squares  
28 solid squares  
5 inch borders (cut 5 1/2)  
Binding  
Finishes 46 by 70

The 54 by 70 inch double quilt requires:  
1 7/8 yards of each fabric plus 1 5/8 yards of fabric for binding and borders  
48 four patches  
82 diagonal half squares  
35 solid squares  
5 inch borders (cut 5 1/2)  
Binding  
Finishes 54 by 70

The 62 by 78 inch queen quilt requires:  
2 3/8 yards of each fabric plus 1 3/4 yards of fabric for binding and borders  
63 four patches  
110 diagonal half squares  
48 solid squares  
5 inch borders (cut 5 1/2)  
Binding  
Finishes 62 by 78

All quilts can be made larger by adding more borders. Try alternating borders of each color, or add a third color which complements the other two.
Precutting directions –
These are the requirements for the wall hanging.
From both colors cut two 2 1/2 inch by the width of your fabric strips, twelve five inch squares, and five 4 1/2 inch squares.
Each unit in a block will be 4 1/2. The diagonal half squares start out at 5 and we will trim them down to the proper 4 1/2

Sewing Directions –

Unit One – We’ll start off with the easy four patches. Place one of each color 2 1/2 strips right sides together and sew them with a 1/4 inch seam allowance. Press to the darker fabric. Place two sewn strips together with opposite colors touching, and then cut into 2 1/2 inch segments. Carefully take them to the sewing machine and sew a 1/4 inch seam allowance, then open and press. Your four patch units should measure 4 1/2 inches. For the wall hanging you will need 16 four patch units.

Unit Two – diagonal half squares. Take one of each color 5 inch squares, and place them right sides together. Mark a line diagonally through the center of the lighter block, your cutting line. Sew 1/4 inch on either side of your line, and then cut on the cutting line. Now trim both sections back to 4 1/2 inch diagonal half squares. Repeat with the remaining 5 inch squares. For the wall hanging you will need 24 diagonal half squares.

Unit Three is the easiest part of this project, 4 1/2 inch squares. For the wall hanging you will need five of one color, and four of the other color.

Now let’s put together our wall hanging –
The most important thing to remember when putting this project together is where your colors meet. If you turn a block wrong, you will not get the flow of the colors needed to make this project so striking.

Row one:

Row two:

Make one

Make two
Row three:

Lay them out in the following order: row three, row two, row three, row one, row three, row two and row three. Some of row three will need to be turned to make them fit in place properly.

Your finished center should measure about 28 1/2 inches. You may add borders onto it to make it bigger if you wish, or add more blocks and make a much bigger quilt.

These diagrams are for layout purpose only, and do not show the proper size of each quilt. Above is the wall hanging or new baby size. And below show a nice lap quilt.
This is a king size Tessellated Friendship Star made by a friend in a class I taught.