Liberty Star Banner
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MATERIALS

Yardages are based on a 42" width of useable fabric after prewashing and removing selvages.

\frac{1}{2} yard of cream sprigs and stars print for patchwork
(1585-44)

2 fat quarters (18" x 21") of assorted cream prints for patchwork
(1581-44; 1586-44)

1\(\frac{1}{2}\) yard of red stars and squiggles print for patchwork
and binding (1571-88)

8 fat eighths (9" x 21") of assorted red prints for patchwork
(1570-88; 1572-88; 1573-88; 1574-88; 1575-88; 1576-88; 1581-88; 1582-88)

8 fat eighths of assorted blue prints for patchwork
(1577-11; 1578-11; 1579-11; 1580-11; 1581-11; 1583-11; 1584-11; 1587-11)

1\(\frac{1}{2}\) yards of backing fabric (Kim suggests the aqua stars and seaweed blossoms print, 1583-11)

27" x 54" rectangle of batting

Standard sewing and quiltmaking supplies

CUTTING

Cut all pieces across the width of the fabric in the order given unless otherwise noted.

From the cream sprigs and stars print, cut:

1 strip, 9\(\frac{1}{2}\)" x 42". Crosscut this strip to make a 28\(\frac{1}{2}\)" length; from this resulting 9\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 28\(\frac{1}{2}\") rectangle, cut 4 strips, 2" x 28\(\frac{1}{2}\". From the remaining 9\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 13\(\frac{1}{2}\") rectangle cut from the original strip, cut 4 squares, 4\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 4\(\frac{1}{2}\").

2 strips, 1\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 42"; crosscut into 54 squares, 1\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 1\(\frac{1}{2}\")

1 strip, 2\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 42"; crosscut into 10 squares, 2\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 2\(\frac{1}{4}\".

From the remainder of this strip, cut 6 squares, 1\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 1\(\frac{1}{2}\") (total of 60 with the previously cut 1\(\frac{1}{2}\" squares).

From each of the 2 fat quarters of assorted cream prints, cut:

4 squares, 4\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 4\(\frac{1}{2}\") (combined total of 8)

60 squares, 1\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 1\(\frac{1}{2}\") (combined total of 120)

11 squares, 2\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 2\(\frac{1}{2}\") (combined total of 22)

From the fat eighth of teal blue stars and diamonds print (1577-11), cut:

1 square, 8\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 8\(\frac{1}{2}\". Reserve the remainder of the teal blue stars and diamonds print.

From the fat eighths of the remaining 7 assorted blue prints, and the reserved remainder of the teal blue stars and diamonds print, cut a combined total of:

67 squares, 2\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 2\(\frac{1}{2}\")

16 rectangles, 2\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 4\(\frac{1}{2}\")

From the red stars and squiggles print, cut:

4 binding strips, 2\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 42". Reserve the remainder of the red stars and diamonds print.

From the fat eighths of the remaining 8 assorted red prints, and the reserved remainder of the red stars and squiggles print, cut a combined total of:

60 rectangles, 1\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 2\(\frac{1}{2}\")

116 squares, 1\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 1\(\frac{1}{2}\")

12 rectangles, 2\(\frac{1}{2}\") x 4\(\frac{1}{2}\")

PIECING the Large Blue Star Unit

Sew all pieces with right sides together and a \(\frac{1}{4}\") seam allowance unless otherwise noted. Press the seam allowances as indicated by the arrows or otherwise specified.

1 Use a pencil and an acrylic ruler to lightly draw a diagonal sewing line on the wrong side of the 12 cream 4\(\frac{1}{2}\") squares.
Choosing the prints randomly, layer a prepared cream 4½” square onto two opposite corners of the teal blue stars and diamonds 8½” square. Stitch the smaller squares along the drawn lines. Fold the resulting inner triangles open, aligning the corners with the corners of the teal square. Press. Trim away the layers beneath the top triangles, leaving ⅛” seam allowances. In the same manner, add a cream triangle to the two remaining corners of the teal square. The pieced square-in-a-square unit should measure 8½” square, including the seam allowances. Reserve the remaining prepared cream 4½” squares for later use.

Join two four-patch units. Press. Repeat for a total of four pieced rectangles measuring 4½” x 8½”, including the seam allowances. Reserve the remaining four-patch units for later use.

Layer a reserved prepared cream 4½” square onto one end of a pieced rectangle. Referring to step 2, stitch, press, and trim the pair to form a cream triangle. In the same manner, add a mirror-image triangle to the remaining end of the pieced rectangle. Repeat for a total of four pieced star-point units measuring 4½” x 8½”, including the seam allowances.

Lay out the four star-point units, the four reserved four-patch units, and the step 2 square-in-a-square unit in three horizontal rows as shown. Join the pieces in each row. Press. Join the rows. Press. The pieced center section of the star unit should measure 16½” square, including the seam allowances.
1. Draw a diagonal sewing line on the wrong side of the 180 assorted cream 1½" squares as previously instructed.

2. Select 12 prepared assorted cream 1½" squares, four assorted red 1½" x 2½" rectangles, four assorted red 1½" squares, and one 2½" square cut from the assorted blue prints.

3. Using four prepared cream 1½" squares and the blue 2½" square, repeat step 2 of “Piecing the Large Blue Star Unit” on page 3 to piece a blue square-in-a-square unit measuring 2½" square, including the seam allowance.

4. Referring to step 5 of “Piecing the Large Blue Star Unit” on page 3, use four assorted red 1½" x 2½" rectangles and eight prepared cream 1½" squares to piece four red star-point units measuring 1½" x 2½", including the seam allowances.

5. Lay out the four red star-point units, the blue square-in-a-square unit from step 3, and four assorted red 1½" squares in three horizontal rows as shown. Join the pieces in each row. Press. Join the rows. Press. The pieced small red Star block should measure 4½" square, including the seam allowances.

6. Repeat steps 2–5 to piece 15 small red Star blocks. Reserve the remaining assorted red 1½" squares for later use.

**PIECING the Red Star Rows**

Lay out five small red Star blocks and four assorted red 2½" x 4½" rectangles in alternating positions. Join the pieces. Press the seam allowances toward the red rectangles. Repeat for a total of three pieced star rows measuring 4½" x 28½", including the seam allowances.
PIECING the Red Stripe Rows

Choosing the prints randomly, join 28 reserved assorted red 1½” squares end to end. Press the seam allowances to one side, all in the same direction. Repeat for a total of two pieced red strips measuring 1½” x 28½”, including the seam allowances. Join a cream sprigs and stars 2” x 28½” strip to each long side of the pieced red strips. Press the seam allowances toward the cream strips. The two pieced red stripe rows should measure 4½” x 28½”, including the seam allowances.

Make 2 red stripe rows, 4½” x 28½”.

ASSEMBLING the Banner

1 Referring to the pictured quilt, lay out the three red star rows and the two red stripe rows in alternating positions. Join the rows. Press the seam allowances toward the cream strips. The pieced red lower banner section should measure 20½” x 28½”, including the seam allowances.

2 Using the pictured quilt as a guide, join the large blue star unit to the red lower banner section. Press the seam allowances toward the blue star unit.

COMPLETING the Quilt

Layer and baste the quilt top, batting, and backing. Quilt the layers. Join the red binding strips to make one length and use it to bind the quilt.

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Liberty Star • Fabrics in the Collection

1570-88 Starburst - Deep Red
1571-88 Star Squiggles - Deep Red
1572-88 Star Paisley - Deep Red
1573-88 Sprinkled Stars - Deep Red
1574-88 Shirting Stars - Deep Red

1575-88 Tossed Stars and Cabbage Roses - Deep Red
1576-88 Gingham Stars - Medium Red
1577-11 Stars and Diamonds - Teal
1578-11 Star Blossoms - Teal
1579-11 Dashed Star Clusters - Aqua

1580-11 Dotted Star Hexies - Aqua
1581-11 Triangle Star Vines - Aqua
1581-44 Triangle Star Vines - Cream
1581-88 Triangle Star Vines - Deep Red
1582-88 Stars and Ticking Stripe - Medium Red

1583-11 Stars and Seaweed Blossoms - Aqua
1584-11 Feathered Stars - Aqua
1585-44 Sprigs and Stars - Cream
1586-44 Stars and Toile - Cream
1587-11 Stars and Ticking Plaid - Aqua