

Liberty Star Banner

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MATERIALS

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

½ 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)

½ 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)

1½ yards of backing fabric (Kim suggests the aqua stars and seaweed blossoms print, 1583-11)

27" x 54" rectangle of batting

Standard sewing and quilting 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, 9½" x 42". Crosscut this strip to make a 28½" length; from this resulting 9½" x 28½" rectangle, cut 4 strips, 2" x 28½". From the remaining 9½" x 13½" rectangle cut from the original strip, cut 4 squares, 4½" x 4½".

2 strips, 1½" x 42"; crosscut into 54 squares, 1½" x 1½"

1 strip, 2½" x 42"; crosscut into 10 squares, 2½" x 2½".

From the remainder of this strip, cut 6 squares, 1½" x 1½" (total of 60 with the previously cut 1½" squares).

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

4 squares, 4½" x 4½" (combined total of 8)

60 squares, 1½" x 1½" (combined total of 120)

11 squares, 2½" x 2½" (combined total of 22)

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

1 square, 8½" x 8½". 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, 2½" x 2½"

16 rectangles, 2½" x 4½"

From the red stars and squiggles print, cut:

4 binding strips, 2½" 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, 1½" x 2½"

116 squares, 1½" x 1½"

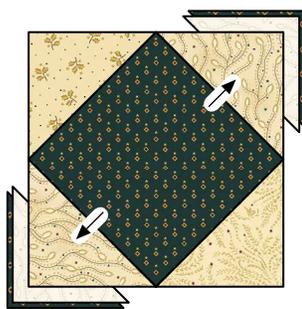
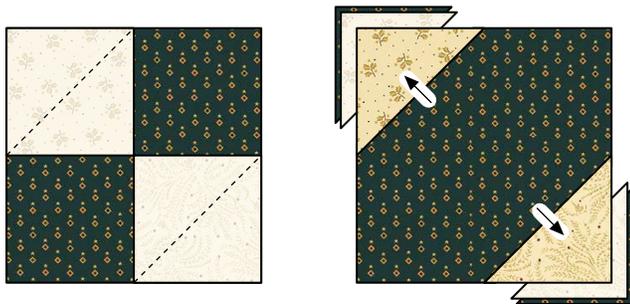
12 rectangles, 2½" x 4½"

PIECING the Large Blue Star Unit

Sew all pieces with right sides together and a ¼" seam allowance unless otherwise noted. Press the seam allowances as indicated by the arrows or otherwise specified.

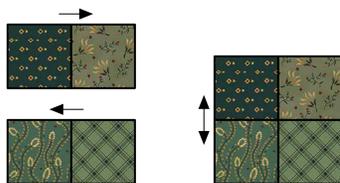
- 1 Use a pencil and an acrylic ruler to lightly draw a diagonal sewing line on the wrong side of the 12 cream 4½" squares.

- 2 Choosing the prints randomly, layer a prepared cream $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square onto two opposite corners of the teal blue stars and diamonds $8\frac{1}{2}$ " 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ " 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 $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square, including the seam allowances. Reserve the remaining prepared cream $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for later use.



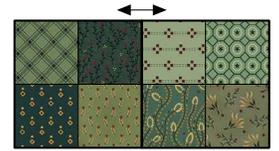
Square-in-a-square unit,
 $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ "

- 3 Choosing the prints randomly, select four assorted blue $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Lay out the squares in two horizontal rows as shown. Join the squares in each row. Press. Join the rows. Press. Repeat for a total of 12 pieced four-patch units measuring $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square, including the seam allowances. Reserve the remaining assorted blue $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for later use.



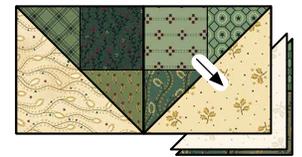
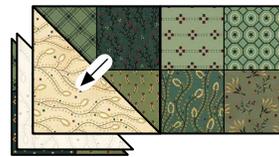
Make 12 units,
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".

- 4 Join two four-patch units. Press. Repeat for a total of four pieced rectangles measuring $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ", including the seam allowances. Reserve the remaining four-patch units for later use.



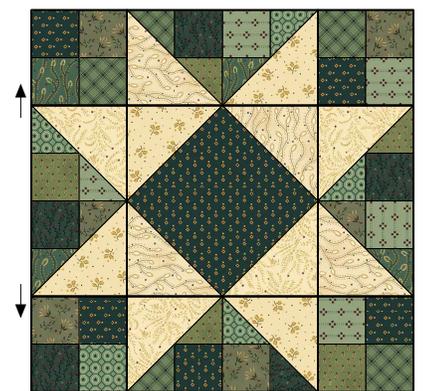
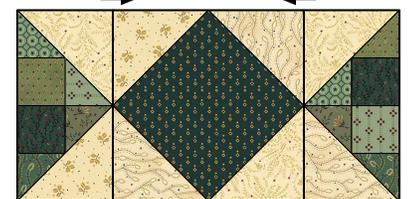
Make 4 pieced rectangles,
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".

- 5 Layer a reserved prepared cream $4\frac{1}{2}$ " 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 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ", including the seam allowances.



Make 4 star-point units,
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".

- 6 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 $16\frac{1}{2}$ " square, including the seam allowances.



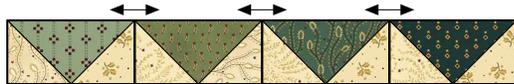
Center section of star unit,
 $16\frac{1}{2}$ " x $16\frac{1}{2}$ "

- 7 Draw a diagonal sewing line on the wrong side of the 32 assorted cream $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares as previously instructed. Referring to step 2, layer, stitch, press, and trim a prepared cream square onto an assorted blue $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to form a cream triangle. In the same manner, add a mirror-image triangle to the remaining end of the rectangle. Repeat for a total of 16 pieced flying-geese units measuring $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ", including the seam allowances.



Make 16 flying-geese units,
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".

- 8 Join four flying-geese units end to end. Press. Repeat for a total of four pieced flying-geese strips measuring $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $16\frac{1}{2}$ ", including the seam allowances.



Make 4 flying-geese strips,
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $16\frac{1}{2}$ ".

- 9 Using the quilt pictured on the handout cover as a guide, join a flying-geese strip to the right and left side of the star unit. Press the seam allowances toward the star. Join a reserved assorted blue $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square to each end of the remaining flying-geese strips. Press the seam allowances toward the blue squares. Join these strips to the remaining sides of the star unit. Press the seam allowances toward the star. The completed star unit should now measure $20\frac{1}{2}$ " square, including the seam allowances.

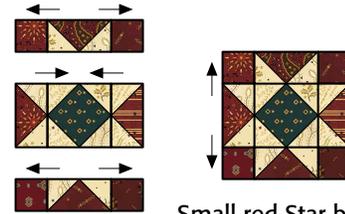
PIECING the Small Star Blocks

- 1 Draw a diagonal sewing line on the wrong side of the 180 assorted cream $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares as previously instructed.
- 2 Select 12 prepared assorted cream $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, four assorted red $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles, four assorted red $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, and one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square cut from the assorted blue prints.

- 3 Using four prepared cream $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and the blue $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square, repeat step 2 of "Piecing the Large Blue Star Unit" on page 3 to piece a blue square-in-a-square unit measuring $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square, including the seam allowance.

- 4 Referring to step 5 of "Piecing the Large Blue Star Unit" on page 3, use four assorted red $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles and eight prepared cream $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares to piece four red star-point units measuring $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ", 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 $1\frac{1}{2}$ " 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 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square, including the seam allowances.

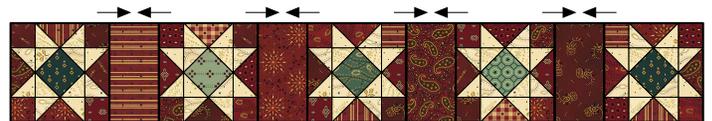


Small red Star block,
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".

- 6 Repeat steps 2–5 to piece 15 small red Star blocks. Reserve the remaining assorted red $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for later use.

PIECING the Red Star Rows

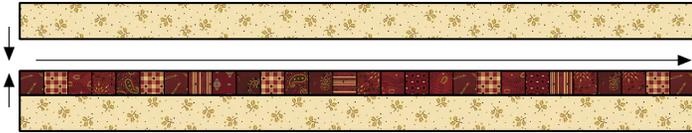
Lay out five small red Star blocks and four assorted red $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles in alternating positions. Join the pieces. Press the seam allowances toward the red rectangles. Repeat for a total of three pieced star rows measuring $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $28\frac{1}{2}$ ", including the seam allowances.



Make 3 red star rows,
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $28\frac{1}{2}$ ".

PIECING *the Red Stripe Rows*

Choosing the prints randomly, join 28 reserved assorted red $1\frac{1}{2}$ " 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 $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $28\frac{1}{2}$ ", including the seam allowances. Join a cream sprigs and stars 2 " x $28\frac{1}{2}$ " 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 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $28\frac{1}{2}$ ", including the seam allowances.



Make 2 red stripe rows,
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $28\frac{1}{2}$ ".

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 $20\frac{1}{2}$ " x $28\frac{1}{2}$ ", 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*

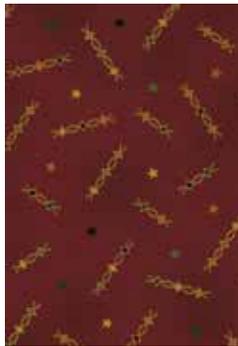
Layer and baste the quilt top, batting, and backing. Quilt the layers. Join the red binding strips to make one length and use it to bind the quilt.

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1570-88
Starburst - Deep Red



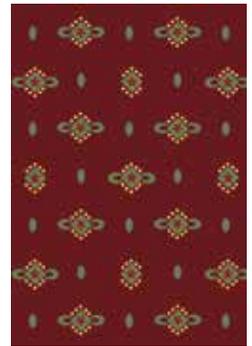
1571-88
Star Squiggles - Deep Red



1572-88
Star Paisley - Deep Red



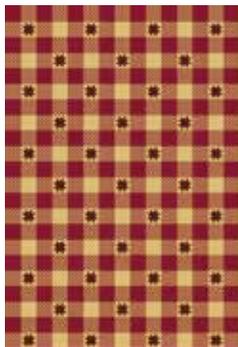
1573-88
Sprinkled Stars - Deep Red



1574-88
Shirting Stars - Deep Red



1575-88
Tossed Stars and Cabbage
Roses - Deep Red



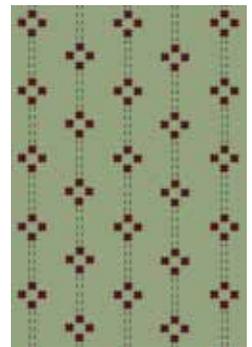
1576-88
Gingham Stars - Medium
Red



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