

# DECEMBER STAR

14" SQ. PILLOW TOPPER + LAP QUILT OPTION

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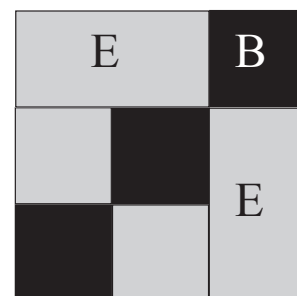
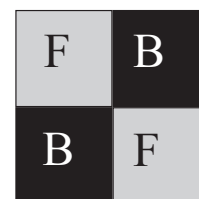
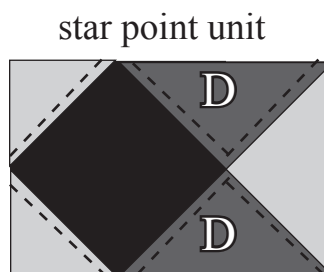
*Simplify a traditionally pieced star block with pesky y-seams using our layered patchwork technique. It's so fast and easy you can whip one up for everyone on your list! Perfect for a pillow topper or to button onto our Changing Seasons Runner or Harvest Moon wall quilt to change for the holiday.*

SUPPLIES		CUTTING	
(/) = cut square in half diagonally once to yield 2 triangles			
(X) = cut square in half diagonally twice to yield 4 triangles			
<b>RED PRINT</b>	1 ¼ yds.	pillow back/backing	(3) 15" sq.
		binding	(6) 2 ½" x 28" WOF
		block	A - (4) 3 ½" sq.
			B - (12) 2" sq.
<b>GREEN PRINT</b>	8" sq.	block	C - (1) 3 ½" sq.
			D - (2) 3 ½" sq. (X)
<b>TAN PRINT</b>	fat ¼		E - (12) 2" x 3 ½"
			F - (8) 2" sq.
		border strips	G - (4) 2" sq. (/)
			(2) 1 ½" x 12 ½"
			(2) 1 ½" x 14 ½"
<b>COORDINATING PRINT</b>	1 yd.	pillow cover	
<b>BATTING</b>	(2) 15" squares		
<b>BUTTONS</b>	(4) 1" red		
<b>COTTON THREAD</b>	quilting/applique - green (Mettler #706)		

## ASSEMBLY

Piece (4) 4-patch units using the red-B and tan-F 2" squares; press toward red. Add tan-E and red-B to sides, as shown. Press toward tan-E. Make (4) 9-patch units.

Sew a red-A and tan-E together as shown for star point units; press toward red. Position tan-G triangles on 2 corners of red square; pin in place. Stitch close (¼") to bias cut edge of triangles with matching or coordinating cotton thread. Layer green-D triangles on sides of unit with points touching in the center on the red/tan seam; pin in place. Stitch close (¼") to bias cut edge of triangles. TIP: *I use the same color on the entire block to avoid changing thread.* Make 4 star point units.



9-patches

Piece star block in rows, as shown; press toward center & 9-patches. Block measures 12 1/2" square. Add 1 1/2" x 12 1/2" sashing strips to opposite sides of star block; press toward sashing strips. Repeat for 1 1/2" x 14 1/2" sashing strips for top and bottom of star block.

### FINISHING

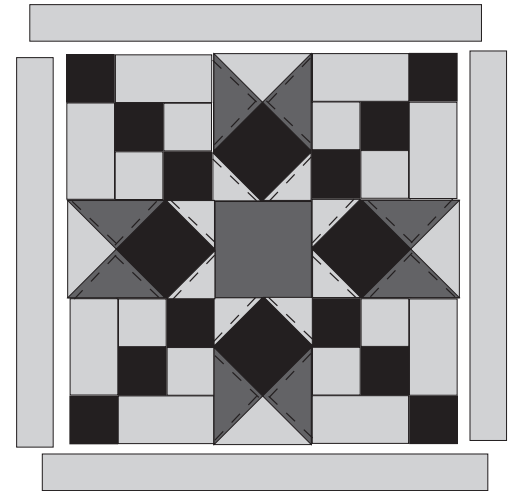
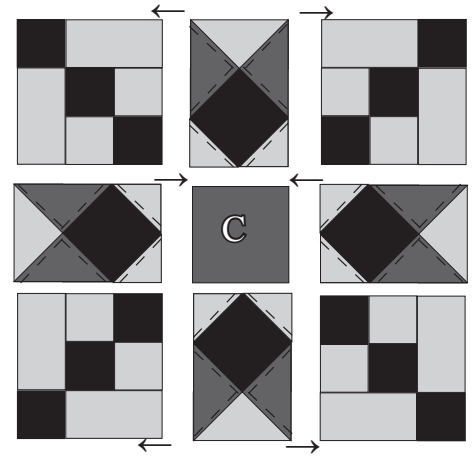
Layer star block with batting and backing 15" square; pin. Quilt-in-the-ditch and 1/8" inside red-A squares.

Layer (2) 15" squares with batting for pillow back; crosshatch quilt every 2" or as desired. Trim batting and backing. Bind pillow topper and pillow back separately with double 2 1/2" binding pieced end-to-end with mitered seams to at least 72" long each.

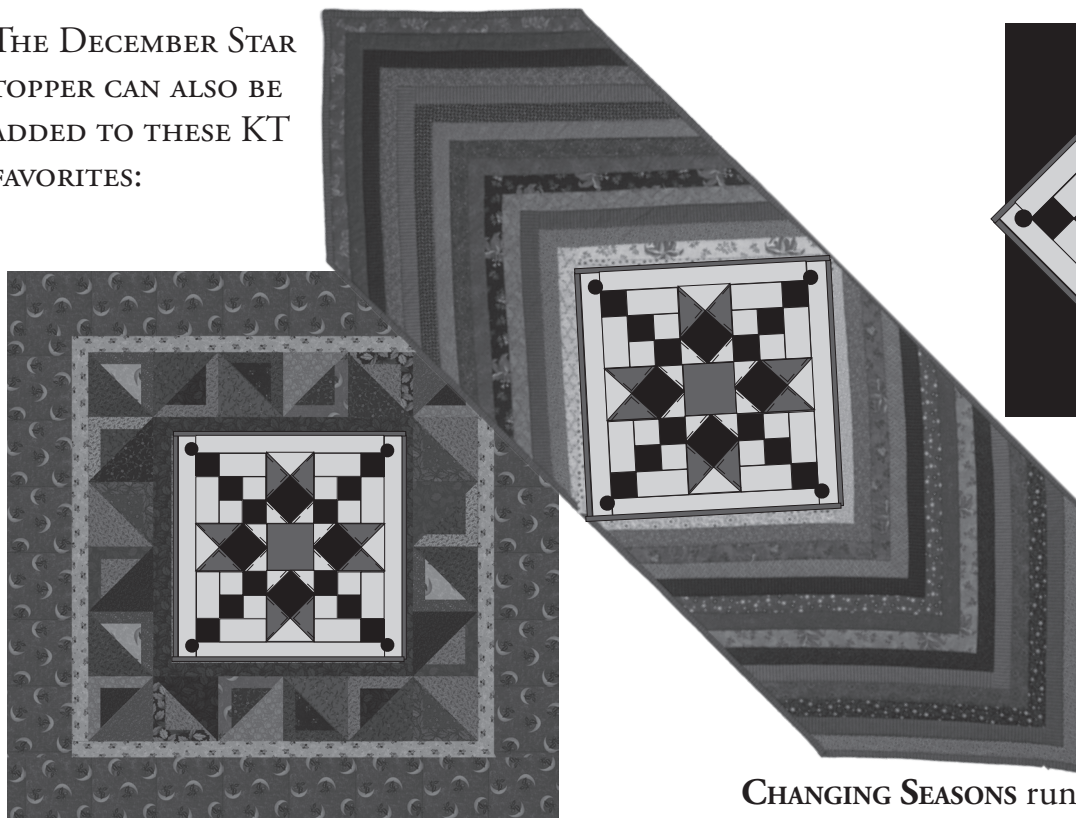
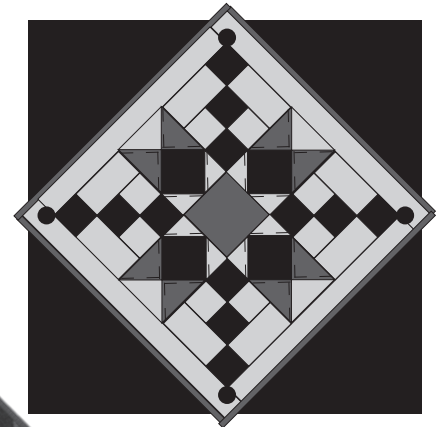
### BUTTONS

Sew buttons to corners of pillow back. Create buttonholes diagonally in corners of pillow topper to match button size.

Wrap an 18" pillow with a yard of fabric as you would wrap a present, mitering ends and folding to back of pillow; pin in place with safety pins. Button pillow topper and back over wrapped pillow diagonally.



THE DECEMBER STAR TOPPER CAN ALSO BE ADDED TO THESE KT FAVORITES:



SEASONS OF THE MOON wall quilt with buttons to change quilted toppers for the seasons. (Included in Harvest Moon booklet KT-11098)

CHANGING SEASONS runner with buttons to change quilted toppers for the seasons. (Changing Seasons runner with 7 toppers - KT-9073)

# DECEMBER STAR LAP QUILT

57" x 70 1/2"

IF YOU ENJOYED PIECING THIS BLOCK, MAKE A FEW MORE FOR A STUNNING LAP QUILT FOR THE HOLIDAYS. OR CHOOSE A RED/TAN/BLUE PALETTE AND BE READY FOR THE 4TH OF JULY NEXT YEAR!

SUPPLIES		CUT (IN ORDER GIVEN)	
LOF = length of fabric		(/) = cut square in half diagonally once to yield 2 triangles	
WOF = width of fabric		(X) = cut square in half diagonally twice to yield 4 triangles	
<b>RED PRINT</b>	2 1/2 yds.	outer border	(4) 3 1/2" x 70" LOF
		binding	(4) 2 1/2" x 70" LOF
		block	A - (48) 3 1/2" sq. B - (144) 2" sq.
		sashing corners	(20) 2" sq.
		1st border corners	BB - (12) 2" sq.
<b>GREEN PRINT</b>	1 1/4 yds.	block	C - (12) 3 1/2" sq. D - (24) 3 1/2" sq. (X)
		sashing strips	(31) 2" x 12 1/2"
<b>TAN PRINT</b>	2 1/2 yds.	1st border	(4) 5" x 60" LOF
		blocks	E - (144) 2" x 3 1/2" F - (96) 2" sq. G - (48) 2" sq. (/)
		border corners	EE - (8) 2" x 3 1/2" FF - (8) 2" sq.
<b>BACKING</b>	4 1/4 yds.		

## ASSEMBLY

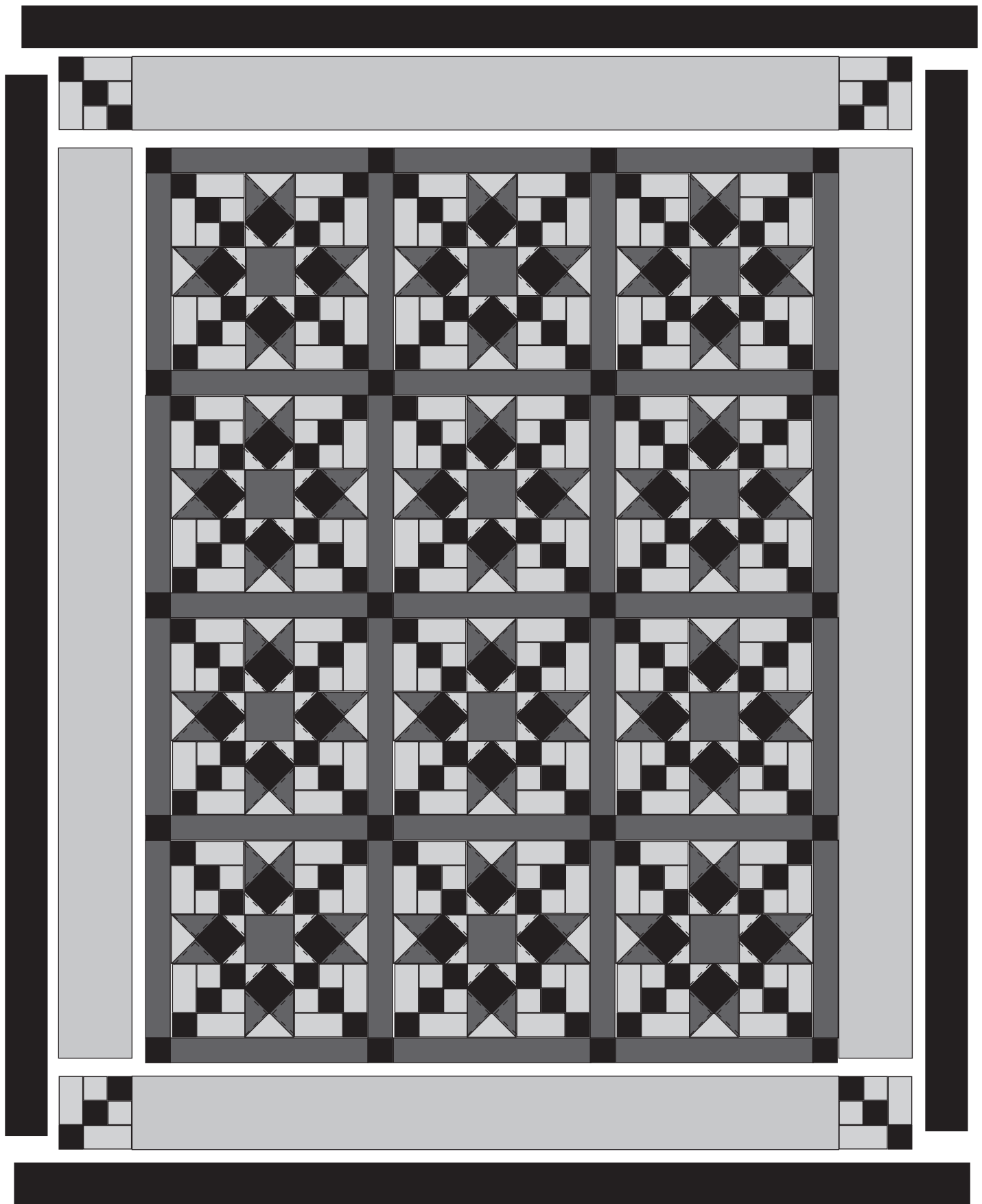
**PIECE** (12) star blocks as per previous instructions. Blocks measure 12 1/2" sq.; finish 12" square.

**LAY OUT** star blocks 3 x 4, alternating with sashing strips/corners in rows. Sew (5) sashing rows together; press toward green sashing strips. Sew (4) block rows together; press toward sashing strips. Quilt measures 42 1/2" x 56".

**PIECE** (4) more red/tan 9-patch blocks for tan border corners. Trim (2) tan side borders to length (5" x 56") and sew to opposite sides of quilt top; press toward border. Add red/tan 9-patch blocks to opposite ends of top and bottom borders (5" x 42 1/2"); press toward tan border. Sew to top and bottom of quilt top.

Trim red outer borders and sew to sides of quilt top (3 1/2" x 65"); press toward red. Repeat for top/bottom outer borders (3 1/2" x 57 1/2").

**SANDWICH** quilt top, batting and backing using the method of your choice. Machine quilt-in-the-ditch between blocks and sashing strips and as desired. Trim batting and backing. Bind with double 2 1/2" binding pieced to at least 266" long.



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