

Stars & Bars

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Spring Water Designs

64" x 77½" Throw

Skill Level: Confident Beginner

A fun Patriotic quilt that's easy to sew, and easy to cut out with the AccuQuilt GO!®

Materials Needed:

1½ yards Dark Blue Fabric
 ½ yard Medium Blue Fabric
 ½ yard Light Blue Fabric
 1¾ yard Medium Red Fabric
 ½ yard Dark Red Fabric
 1½ yard Cream Fabric
 1 ⅜ yard Gold Fabric
 4 yards Backing Fabric
 Batting
 Paper backed Fusible Web

Optional:

AccuQuilt GO!® Cutter #55100

Optional GO! Dies:

#55000 6½" square	#55028 Stars 2", 3", 4"
#55083 1¾" strip cutter	#55017 2½" strip cutter
#55054 4½" strip cutter	#55060 4½" squares
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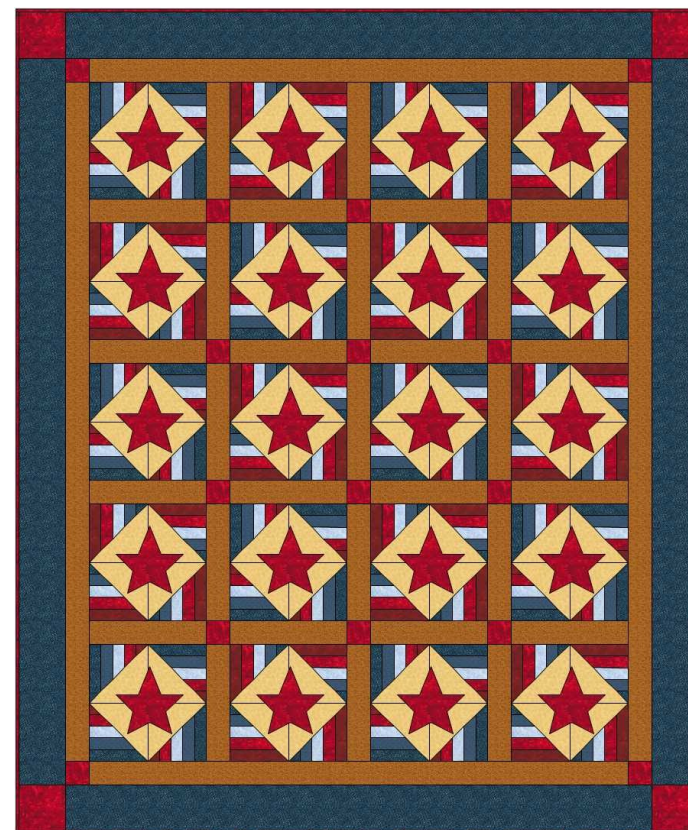
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Nice Roomy 64"x 77½" Throw size
 Perfect for summer fun and travel.
 Easy to cut and piece and makes a great
 donation quilt!
 Meets the size requirements for
 a Quilts Of Valor donation!



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Seam allowance is $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless stated otherwise. WOF stands for Width of Fabric from selvage to selvage.

Cutting Instructions:

From the Dark Blue Fabric, cut:

(7) $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF strips

(6) $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips for outer border

From the Medium Blue fabric, cut:

(7) $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF strips

From the Light Blue fabric, cut:

(7) $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF strips

From the Medium Red fabric, cut:

(7) $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF strips

(16) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

(4) $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

(7) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips for binding

(20) 4" star shapes for applique (Apply paper backed fusible web to the wrong side of the fabric before cutting out the stars.

You can use the 4" star shape from AccuQuilt Go! Die #55028, or use the star shape template at the end of this pattern.

From the Dark Red fabric, cut:

(7) $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF strips

From the Cream fabric, cut:

(40) $6\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

From the Gold fabric, cut:

(31) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 12" rectangles for sashing strips

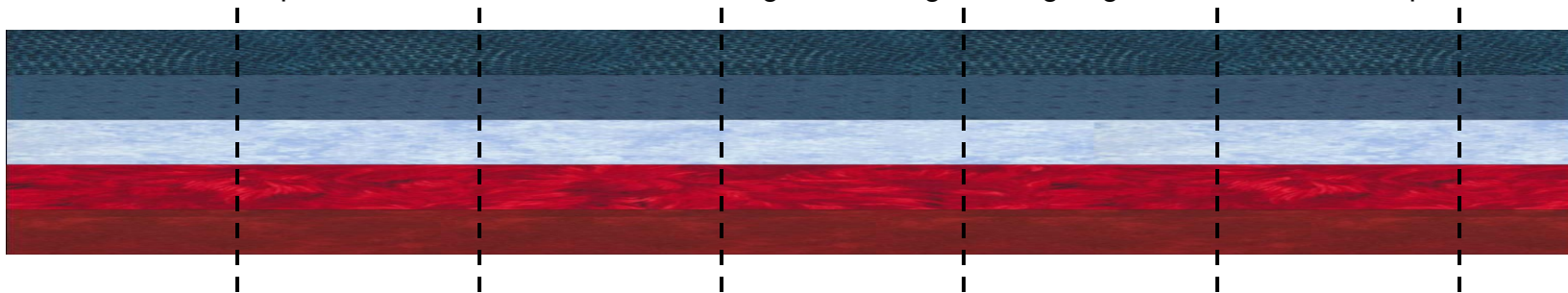
(6) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips for inner border

To familiarize yourself with the project, read through the entire instruction packet before you begin to cut out fabric or stitch, and refer to photo for clarification.

Stars on the front cover sample are representational, and not necessarily to scale. A suggested size is given for cutting your stars either with the AccuQuilt Go! or from the template on the last page. Feel free to make your stars any size you want!

Make the Bar Unit

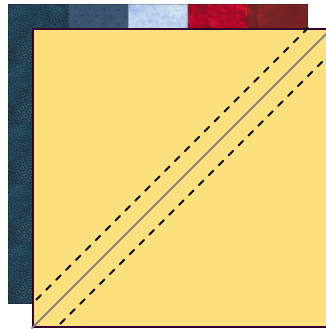
- Sew a $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF strip from each of the 5 color fabrics together, along the long edges to make seven strip units:



- Sub-cut these strip units to $6\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. You should be able to get 6 of these pieced per strip unit, for a total of 42. You will need 40.

Piece the Blocks:

- With a pieced block unit laying in front of you with the bars in the vertical (up and down) direction and the dark blue on the left, layer a 6½" Cream fabric square on top right sides together. Mark a diagonal line on the back of the cream block from upper right corner to bottom left. Sew on both sides of the line using a normal ¼" seam allowance. Cut on the line to separate this into two blocks. One will be orientated with the Blue bars longer, and one will have the red bars longer.



(Press seam allowances toward the Cream fabric)

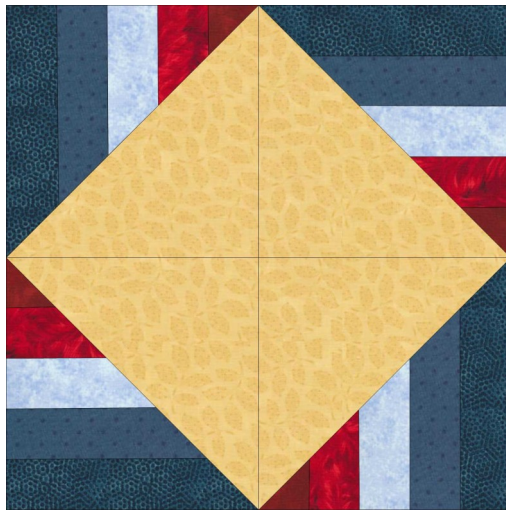


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- Arrange 4 of a like-colored unit with the cream color triangle pointing toward the center. Sew them together in two rows of two.

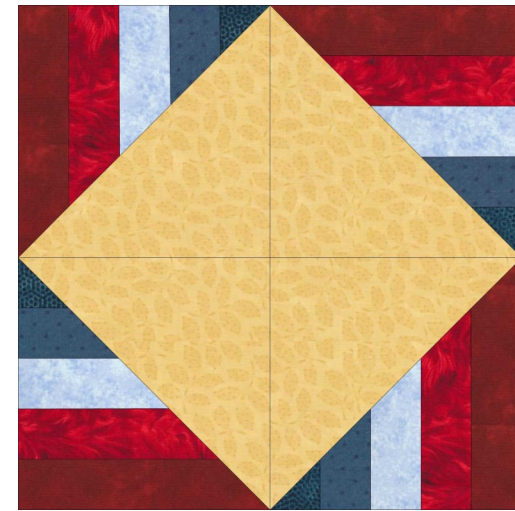


Make 10 of each colored block.

Fuse a Red Star shape to the center of each of the blocks. Blanket stitch around the edges of the stars.

The stars can be centered on each block, or for variation you can place them in different areas of the cream diamond and have them "dancing around" on the quilt. You can also cut half of the stars from red and half from blue fabric.

Play and have fun with them!



Blocks should measure approx. 12" at this point. Trim & square them up so that they are all the same size.

Assemble the Rows:

- Assemble the block rows using three of the 2½" x 12" Gold sashing rectangles between four of the blocks. Alternate the Blue and Red blocks. The first, third, and fifth row will begin with a blue block.



- Between the block rows, assemble the sashing rows using four 2½" x 12" Gold sashing rectangles and three 2½" Medium Red squares.



- The second and fourth row will begin with a red block. Press all of the seam allowances toward the Gold Sashing strips.



- Press and then measure the center of your quilt top at this point before adding borders. Border lengths are given for your convenience, but if your quilt is a different size that's ok, just make your borders to match the size of your quilt center.

Adding the Borders:**Inner Border ~**

- Sew the short ends of the (6) 2½" Gold WOF strips together to make a long strip. Crosscut this strip into (2) 2½" x 66" strips and sew those to the sides of the quilt. Press toward the border.
- Cross cut the remaining of the long strip into (2) 2½" x 52½" strips. Sew a 2½" Medium Red square to each end of these two strips, and press toward the Gold border fabric. Sew these to the top and bottom of the quilt, matching seams at the cornerstones.

Outer Border ~

- Sew the short ends of the (6) 4½" Dark Blue WOF strips together to make a long strip. Crosscut this strip into (2) 4½" x 70" strips and sew to the sides of the quilt, and press toward the outer border.
- Cross cut the remaining of the long strip into (2) 4½" x 56 ½" strips. Sew a 4½" Medium Red cornerstone square to each end of these two strips, and press toward the border fabric. Sew these to the top and bottom of the quilt, matching seams at the cornerstones.

Finishing:

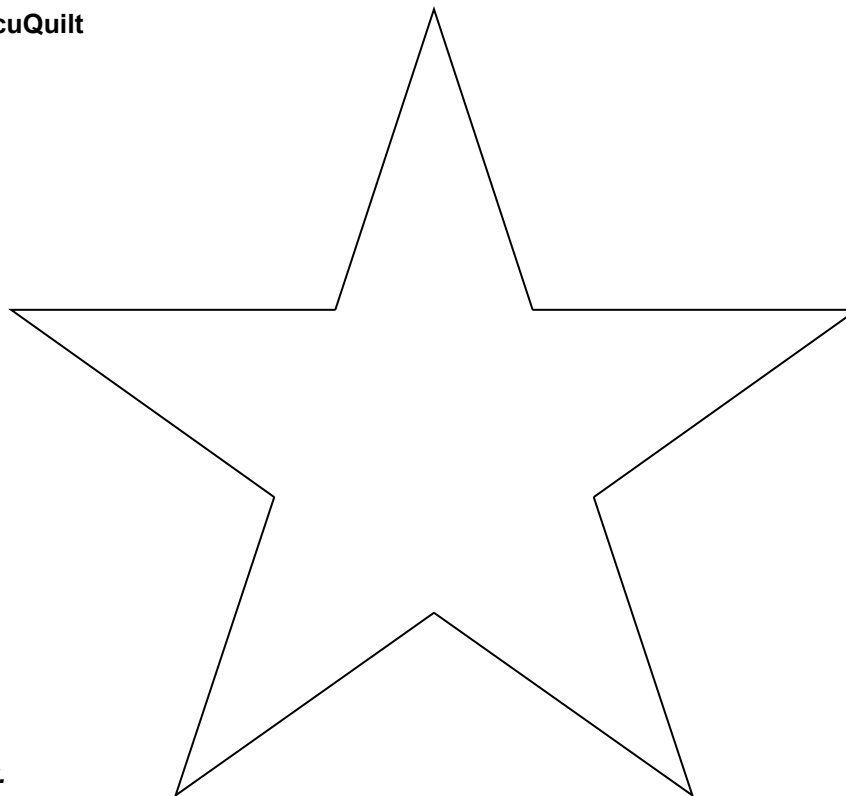
- Layer your quilt top with batting and backing and quilt it in any manner that you like. This quilt lends itself well to both a grid type quilt design or a playful all over meander. Have fun with it!
- Bind the quilt using the (7) 2½" x WOF Medium Red strips.



This design is being offered as a free pattern in honor of our brave service men and women for their service to our country. Please share the pattern as you wish, but consider making a Stars and Bars quilt to donate to the Quilts of Valor cause. Make a coordinating pillowcase to serve as a presentation sleeve. A free pattern for this and all donation guidelines can be found at the Quilts of Valor website www.qovf.org

GO! Stars-2", 3", 4"
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Actual size shape



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One Inch
Gauge
Square