

Starlight Poppies

52" x 52"

In Full Bloom Fabric Collection by Northcott

Level: Confident Beginner

Fabric	SKU	Yardage	Use
Poppy stripe	21777-10	1/2 yard	Wreath
Pink print	9025-23	1/4 yard	Star points
Red print	9025-24	1/4 yard	Star points
Gold print	21780-52	3/8 yard	Star points
Orange print	9025-58	3/8 yard	Star points
Black Print	9025-99	1/2 yard	Border
Light green print	21780-72	1/4 yard	Star points
Dark green print	9025-77	1/4 yard	Star points
Green stripe	21779-74	3/4 yard	Center star
White tonal	9020-10	3/8 yard	Star background
Large black poppy print	21775-99	1-1/2 yards	Background
Black dots	21808-99	1/2 yard	Binding
Poppy print	21776-99	3-1/3 yards	Backing
Batting		60" x 60"	
3 sheets template plastic			

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Cutting List:

- Cut (4) squares black poppy print (21775-99) 15-1/8" x 15-1/8".
- Cut (8) squares black poppy print (21775-99) 6-1/2" x 6-1/2". (Or use Square Template A)
- Cut (1) square black poppy print (21775-99) 9-7/8". Sub-cut on both diagonals to make four triangles. (Or use Triangle Template B)
- Cut (8) squares poppy floral stripe (21777-10) 6-1/2" x 6-1/2". (Or use Square Template A) See cutting instructions for positioning the floral stripe in Part 1, below.
- Cut (2) squares white tonal (9020-10) 9-7/8". Sub-cut on both diagonals to make eight triangles. (Or use Triangle Template B)
- Cut (3) diamonds pink print (9025-23) using Diamond Template C.
- Cut (3) diamonds red print (9025-24) using Diamond Template C.
- Cut (3) diamonds light green print (21780-72) using Diamond Template C.
- Cut (3) diamonds dark green print (9025-74) using Diamond Template C.
- Cut (6) diamonds gold print (21780-52) using Diamond Template C.
- Cut (6) diamonds orange print (9025-58) using Diamond Template C.
- Cut (8) diamonds green stripe (21779-74) using Diamond Template C. See cutting instructions for matching the stripe in Part 1, below.
- Cut (6) strips 1-1/2" x WOF black print (9025-99) for outer border. (WOF = Width of Fabric)
- Cut (6) strips 2-1/4" x WOF black dot print (21808-99) for binding.



Part 1: Special Cutting instructions for inner green stripe star and flower wreath.

1. Cut out Square Template A from template plastic. Position the square on the poppy floral stripe print so that the floral stripe runs from corner to corner. (See Fig. 1)

- Position the corners of Template A so the points are right in the middle of the floral stripe. Trace around Template A with a pencil or washable marker. Cut out on the traced lines with a scissor or rotary cutter and ruler. Make 8.

Note: You could also use a 6-1/2" acrylic square ruler for Template A. Place the diagonal line on the ruler down the center of the stripe.

- Position Diamond Template C on the green stripe print so that the arrow on the template runs parallel to the stripe.
- Mark the template with a particular stripe aligned with an edge of the template parallel to the arrow. Draw around the template with a pencil or washable marker.
- Position the template on this same stripe to make four identical diamonds. (See Fig 2) Trace around the template and cut out on the traced lines. Label the left edge of the template as Side A. This is an A1 Unit.
- Flip the template over and position Side A along the same stripe as before, but with the diamond mirrored, or pointing in the opposite direction. (See Fig. 2)
- Trace four more diamonds and cut them out on the traced lines. Label the left edge as Side A. This is an A2 Unit.
- When you sew the diamonds together Side A will always be sewn to another Side A.
- Mark the four points of each diamond with a dot where the 1/4" seam lines cross. Use a pencil or a washable marker. You will sew from "dot to dot" when sewing the "Y Seams" in the next section.

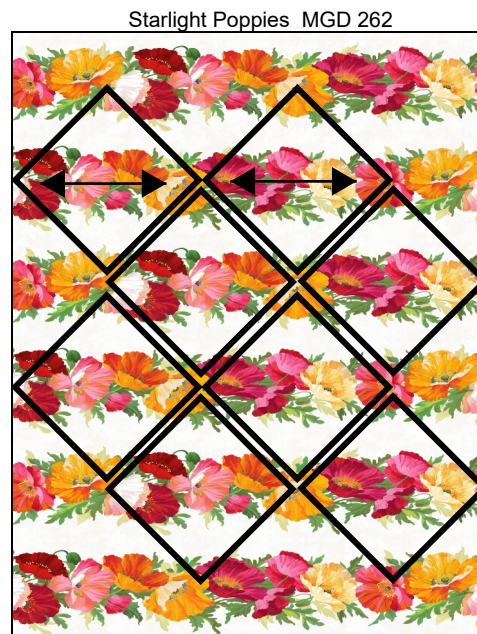


Fig. 1—cutting squares from the floral stripe print.

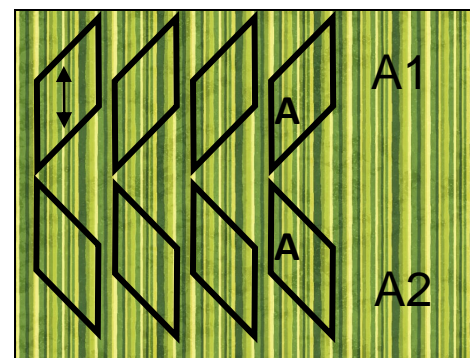


Fig. 2—cutting diamonds from the green stripe print

Part II: Assembling the Stars

- Pair up a green stripe diamond A1 unit and an A2 unit, right sides together and Side A touching Side A. Pin along side A. Start sewing at the marked dot, 1/4" from the top of the seam. (See red dot in Fig. 3) Sew all the way to the bottom. Press the seam toward A1.
- Repeat step 1 with the remaining three pairs of green stripe diamond A1 and A2 units, always starting 1/4" below the "V" and sewing all the way to the point at the bottom of the seam.

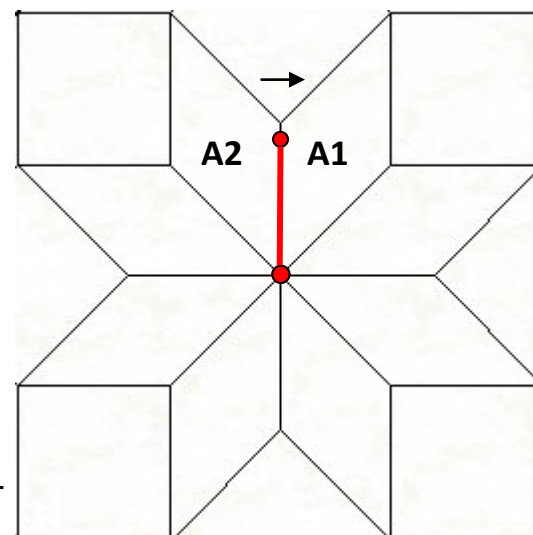


Fig. 3—Sewing diamond pairs together.
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3. Join two pairs together to make a half star. Join the remaining two pairs to make the other half star. These seams also begin 1/4" from the top and go all the way to the bottom of the pairs.
4. Sew the two star halves together matching the center. Press seams so they rotate around the center point of the star.
5. Mark the four corners of the floral stripe squares with a dot where the 1/4" seam lines cross. Use a pencil or a washable marker.
6. Sew a floral stripe square between two star points, as shown in Fig. 4. Sew "dot to dot" down one side of the square (in the direction of the dashed arrow). Shift your fabric under the needle of your machine and sew "dot to dot" down the other side of the square. This forms one complete "Y" seam. Make sure the floral stripe on the square is positioned in the direction shown by the solid black arrow in Fig. 4.
7. Sew the remaining three squares to the three other corners forming "Y" seams as you did in step 6
8. Press the seam between A2 and the square toward the square. Press the seam between the square and A1 toward A1. Set aside while you assemble the remaining four star sections.

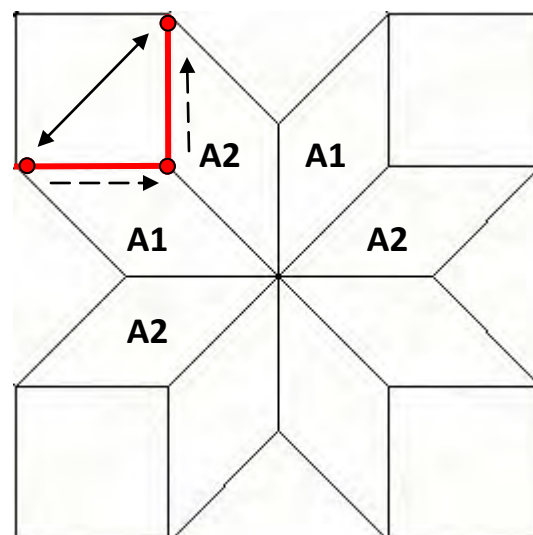


Fig. 4—Sewing squares to the diamonds.

9. The top (green print) and bottom (red and pink print) star sections are assembled in the same way as the center star you just completed.



Fig. 5—Top star section

10. Sew the light green and dark green print diamonds (template C) in pairs (Fig. 5), sewing "dot to dot." Sew a black poppy print 6-1/2" square in each of the two corner positions and a black poppy print Template B triangle in the top triangular "Y" seam space between diamonds. Sew a white Template B triangle in both side "Y" seam spaces between the diamonds. Sew a poppy stripe square in the bottom "Y" seam position as shown in Fig. 5.
11. Press all seams in the same direction spinning around the center point of the star (See the pressing arrows in Fig 5).

12. Sew the two large black poppy print squares to the two sides of the top star section. This seam is sewn from end to end (not dot to dot) (See Fig. 5)

Fig. 6—Bottom star section



13. Complete the red and pink print bottom star section in the same manner as you did for the top star section (steps 10-12). (Fig. 6)

14. Assemble the two side star section (Fig. 7) as in steps 10-12 using the gold and orange diamonds (template C) sewing “dot to dot”. Insert 6-1/2” black poppy print squares in the corner positions and a black poppy print template B triangles on the left and right sides next to the squares. Sew a white template B triangle in each of the top and bottom sides (as shown in Fig. 7)



Fig 7—Side star sections

Sew a poppy striped square in the square “Y” seam opening remaining. This square will be sewn to the center green stripe star section assembled first.

15. Sew the completed gold and orange side star sections to either side of the green stripe center star section sewing “dot to dot,” (Fig 8) in the direction of the arrows. Start at the top of the seam and sew to the dot at the green stripe star point. Lift the needle and position it in the set of dots right next to where you stopped, and drop the needle. Lift the presser foot and pivot the fabric so you can sew the next segment of the seam from dot to dot. Pivot again at the “V” of the green stripe star. Pivot again at the next green stripe star point. Then sew all the way to the bottom edge.

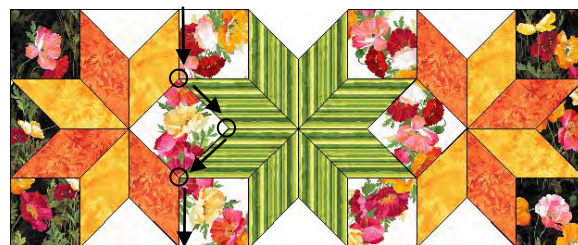


Fig. 8— Side star sections sewn to center section.

16. Sew the other side star section to the center section in the same manner as in step 15.
17. Pin the top star section to the center section. You will sew one long seam until you get to the poppy stripe square. Pivot around the two sides of the square (as in step 15) sewing dot to dot, and then continue with another long seam all the way to the edge of the two sections. (See Fig. 9)



18. Sew the bottom star section in the same manner as the top star section (step 17). Press the seams away from the center section.



Fig. 9—Assembling the three sections

19. To add the outer border strips to the quilt top, trim the selvage ends off the six border strips. Cut two of the strips in half, and sew a half to the end of each of the other four border strips.
20. Trim the two side border strips to 1-1/2” x 50-1/2” (or adjust to fit your quilt sides). Sew the side borders to the quilt top. Press toward the border.
21. Trim the top and bottom border strips to 1-1/2” x 52-1/2” (or adjust to fit your quilt top and bottom). Sew the top and bottom borders to the quilt. Press toward the borders.



Part III: Finishing the quilt.

1. Layer the quilt top, batting, and backing. Baste the layers together using long basting stitches, pins, or basting spray.
2. Quilt in the ditch around each star and add a fill stitch of your choice in the squares, triangles and diamond areas.
3. When completed, trim the backing and batting even with the quilt top.
4. Make binding by trimming the selvage from the ends of each binding strip. Join the strips together, end to end, with diagonal seams. Trim off the excess fabric.
5. Press the binding in half lengthwise, wrong sides together and raw edges even.
6. Pin binding to the front of the quilt, raw edges even with the edge of the quilt. Leave an 8" tail, and sew the binding to the quilt top using a 1/4" seam and a walking foot.
7. Miter the corners as you go around the quilt top.
8. Join the ends when you get back to the starting point trimming off any excess binding. Stitch down the joined ends.
9. Press the binding to the back of the quilt and sew in place using an invisible stitch. Press.
10. Add a 4" hanging sleeve and a quilt label to the back of your quilt.

Starlight Poppies Templates: Trace templates onto template plastic, transferring all the markings and labels. Cut out carefully on the outer cutting lines.

