

Willow Creek Stars Quilt

Featuring fabric from the *Willow Creek collection*

by Barbara J Eikmeier for Paintbrush Studio Fabrics



Finished size approximately 63" x 81"



Yardages and Cutting

WOF means width of fabric from selvage to selvage.

1 ½ yards background, 121-122 (oyster)

- (8) 3" x WOF strips; subcut
 - (96) 3" x 3" squares
- (5) 3 ⅜" x WOF strips; subcut
 - (48) 3 ⅜" x 3 ⅜" squares.

¼ yard yellow dashes, 120-20923

- (2) 3" x WOF strips; subcut
 - (18) 3" x 3" squares
- (1) 3 ⅜" x WOF strip; subcut
 - (8) 3 ⅜" x 3 ⅜" squares

¼ yard yellow/red grid, 120-20931

- (1) 3" x WOF strip; subcut
 - (9) 3" x 3" squares
- (1) 3 ⅜" x WOF strip; subcut
 - (4) 3 ⅜" x 3 ⅜" squares

½ yard red scattered dots, 120-20941

- (2) 3" x WOF strips; subcut
 - (18) 3" x 3" squares
- (1) 3 ⅜" x WOF strip; subcut
 - (8) 3 ⅜" x 3 ⅜" squares

½ yard blue swirl, 120-20951

- (3) 3" x WOF strips; subcut
 - (27) 3" x 3" squares
- (2) 3 ⅜" x WOF strips; subcut
 - (12) 3 ⅜" x 3 ⅜" squares

¼ yard green floral, 120-20972

- (2) 3" x WOF strips; subcut
 - (18) 3" x 3" squares
- (1) 3 ⅜" x WOF strip; subcut
 - (8) 3 ⅜" x 3 ⅜" squares

1 ½ yards green dashes, 120-20922

- (2) 3" x WOF strips; subcut
 - (18) 3" x 3" squares
- (1) 3 ⅜" x WOF strip; subcut
 - (8) 3 ⅜" x 3 ⅜" squares
- (7) 1 ½" x WOF strips; sew end to end into one long strip. Cut inner borders from the long strip.
- (8) 2 ¼" x WOF; sew end to end with a diagonal seam. Press in half lengthwise for binding.

⅜ yard small animal print, 120-20961

- (2) 13" x WOF strips; subcut
 - (6) 13" x 13" squares

1 ⅔ yards main print, 120-20911

- (2) 19" x WOF strips; subcut
 - (3) 19" x 19" squares. Cut in half diagonally twice for setting triangles.
- 4 ½" x WOF strip; subcut
 - (4) 4 ½" x 4 ½" squares for border corners.

2 ⅛ yards multi stripe, 120-20981

- (7) 4 ½" x length of fabric strips. Cut outer borders from the long strip.

5 yards pink floral, 120-20971 for backing

- (2) pieces 90" x WOF. Piece together with lengthwise seam

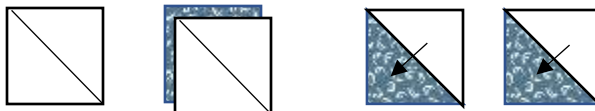
Batting 78" x 90"


Piecing the Blocks


Use a ¼" seam allowance throughout.

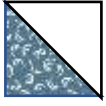
Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (48) 3 ⅜" x 3 ⅜" background squares.

Place right sides together with the print 3 ⅜" x 3 ⅜" squares. Sew a ¼" on each side of the line. Cut on the line. Press the seams away from the background fabric. Each square will yield two Half Square Triangle units.




Make (8) yellow/red grid 

Make (16) each red, dark green, yellow, and light green. 

Make (24) blue 

Sew a background 3" x 3" square between matching pairs of Half Square Triangles to make Star Point Units. Press the seams toward the background square.

Make (4) yellow/red grid. 

Make (8) each red, dark green, yellow, and light green. 

Make (12) blue. 

Assemble the blocks in four color sets with three coordinating prints in each set. The Half Square Triangles and the corners of the nine-patch should be the same fabric.

Sort the pieces into matching groups with (9) 3" x 3" squares and (4) matching Star Point Units per group.

Select three coordinating groups. Refer to the color illustrations for print combinations: Red/Blue/Yellow, Dark Green/Yellow/Light Green, Red/Blue/Grid, and Dark Green/Light Green/Blue.

Arrange the 3" x 3" squares into (3) nine-patch center blocks, with each fabric shifted to a different position in each nine-patch block.



Sew into rows, then sew the rows together. Press the seams of each row as indicated.

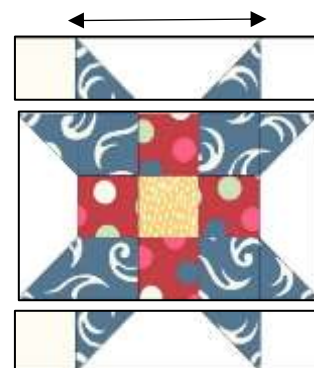
Repeat to make (12) nine-patch blocks in color combinations as illustrated.



Sew a Star Point Unit in the same print as the nine patch corners to opposite sides of the nine-patch. Press the seams toward the nine-patch block.

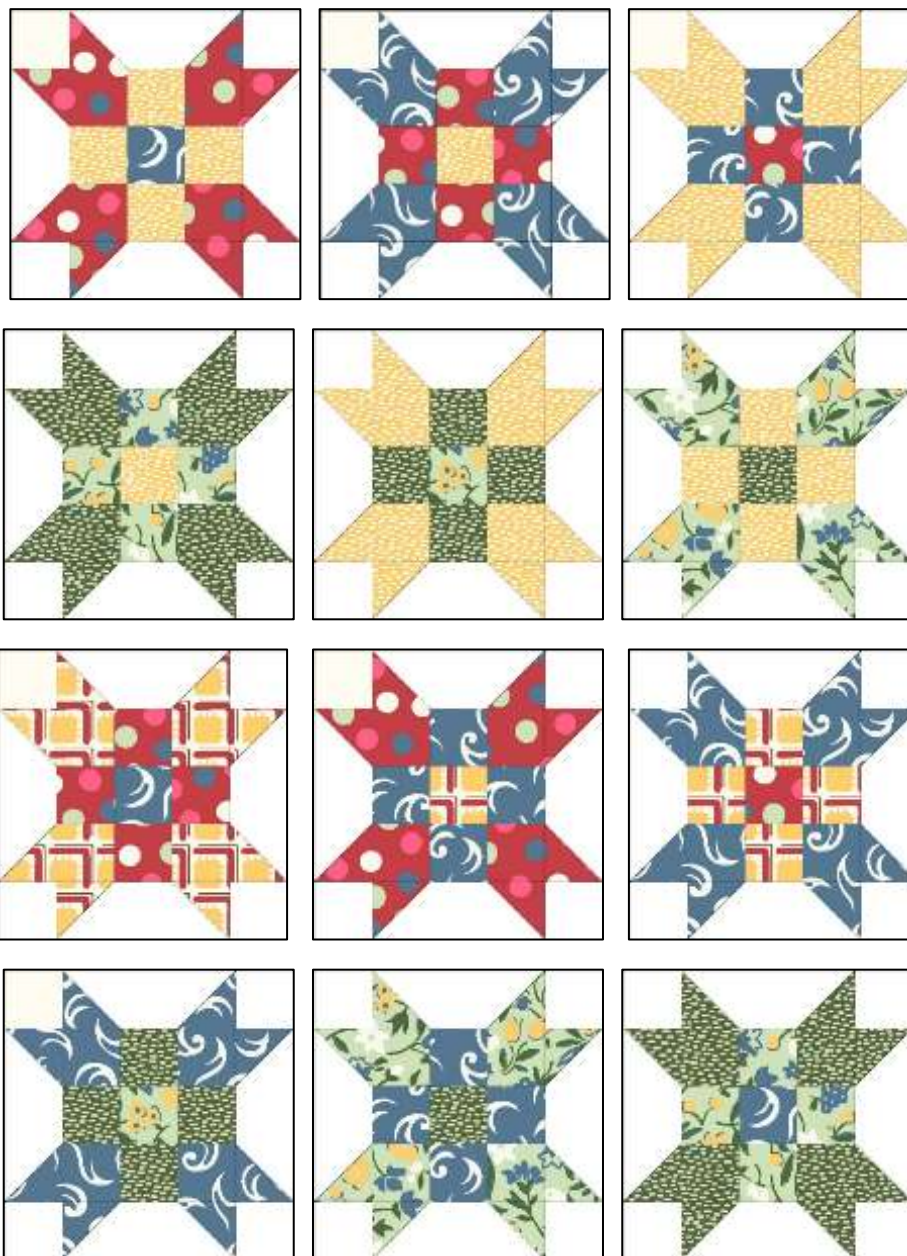


Sew a background 3" x 3" square to both ends of the remaining two matching Star Point Units. Press the seams toward the background squares.



Sew to the top and bottom of the block. Press the seams to one side.

Repeat with the remaining combinations of fabrics.

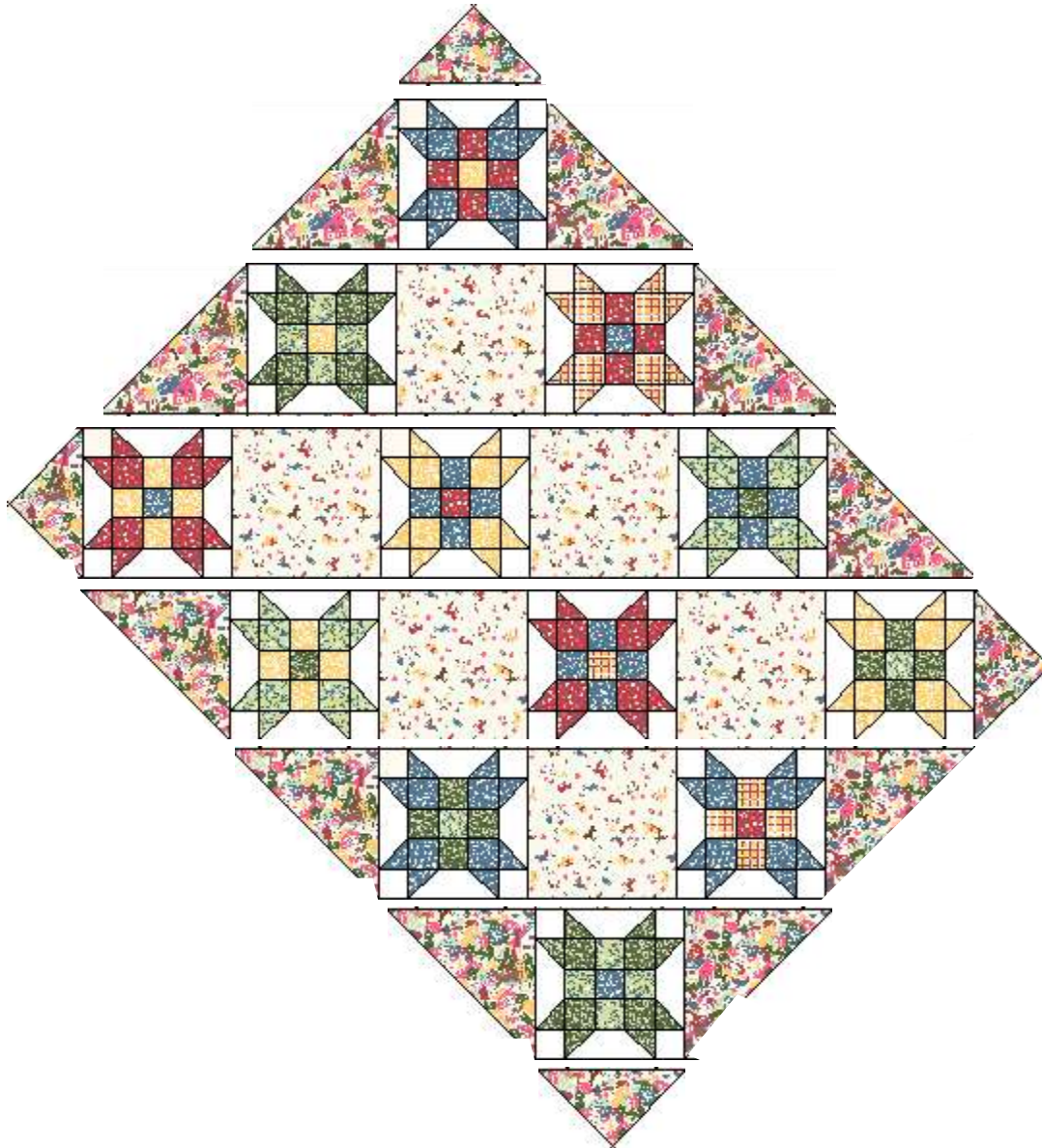


Make (12) 13" x 13" blocks (unfinished size).

Quilt Assembly

Referring to the cover quilt for placement, arrange the blocks alternating with the 13" x 13" animal print squares. Sew into diagonal rows starting and ending with a setting triangle or corner triangle. Press the seams toward the triangles and plain squares.

Sew the rows together. Press the seams in one direction.



Measure through the center of the quilt from side to side. From the long strip of green dashes cut (2) 1 1/2" strips matching the measurement. Pin and sew to the top and bottom of the quilt. Press the seams toward the green border.

Measure through the center of the quilt from top to bottom. From the long strip of green dashes cut (2) 1 ½" green dashes stripes matching the measurement. Pin and sew to the sides of the quilt. Press the seams toward the green border.

Measure through the center again, this time from side to side including the green borders. Cut (2) 4 ½" striped outer border strips matching the measurement. Sew a 4 ½" x 4 ½" main print square to each end. Press the seams toward the borders. Set aside.



Measure through the center again, from top to bottom. Cut (2) 4 ½" striped outer borders matching the measurement. Pin and sew to the sides of the quilt. Press the seams toward the borders.

Sew the borders that were set aside earlier to the top and bottom of the quilt. Press the seams toward the borders.

Quilt, then bind with the prepared binding.