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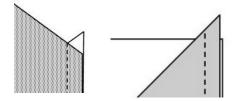
Skill level: Intermediate wof= width of fabric

Fabric	Yards	Cutting Instructions
A – background (black)	%yd	♦ Cut (1) 13¼" square; cut twice diagonally ☒. From balance
		cut (4) 9" squares.
B – star fabric #1 (red)	¼yd	♦ Cut 3 strips 2½" x wof.
C – star fabric #2 (white print)	¼yd	♦ Cut 3 strips 2½" x wof.
D – star fabric #3 (black print)	¼yd	♦ Cut 3 strips 2½" x wof.
E – border fabric (lengthwise stripe)	1¼yds	♦ Cut 4 matching lengthwise strips 5¾" wide x length-of-fabric.
F – binding (red)	⅓yd	♦ Cut 5 strips 2" x wof; join end-to-end and press in half.
Backing	A piece 48" square	
Batting	A piece 46" square	

General Piecing: All seams are ¼" unless noted. Press seams toward darker fabric unless noted.

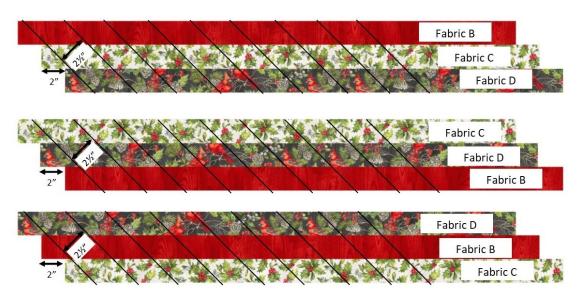
<u>Tip for aligning patches for sewing</u>: When you have 2 patches to be sewn together and they are sloped at opposite 45° angles, they are correctly aligned when they meet at the $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam line as shown at right.

When you have 2 patches to be sewn together and only one is sloped at a 45° angle, they are correctly aligned when they meet %" from the edge as shown at far right. However, sew them together with a ¼" seam.



Piecing the Star:

1. Lay a Fabric B strip flat on your sewing table. Lay a Fabric C strip right side down on the fabric B strip, with the Fabric C strip 2" in from the end of the Fabric B strip. Pin the strips together at each end and at the midpoint; sew the strips



together along one long edge. Finger-press the seam toward Fabric C with a Clover Hera Marker/wooden iron (watch my <u>YouTube video</u> here).

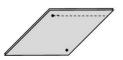
- **2.** Pin a Fabric D strip to the Fabric C edge of the strip set above, with the Fabric D strip 2" in from the end of the Fabric C strip; sew strips together, pressing seam toward D.
- **3.** Lay strip set on one of the horizontal lines on your cutting mat. Using the 45° on your ruler, trim the end of the strip set. Cut strip set into (8) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide segments.
- 4. Repeat steps 1-3, putting the strips in order of Fabric C-Fabric D-Fabric B, pressing seams toward C.
- 5. Repeat steps 1-3, putting strips in order of Fabric D-Fabric B-Fabric C and pressing seams toward C.
- **6.** Arrange segments as shown. With right sides together, pin a segment from step 4 to a segment from step 3, matching each seam at the sewing line (not at the edge); stitch from end to end. Add a segment from step 5 in a similar manner. Gently finger-press seams toward step 3 segment. Make 8 matching diamond units.

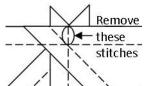


7. On the wrong side, lay the E-Z Miter tool in the wide-angled corners of each diamond unit aligning tool with edges; mark a dot at the drilled hole using a pencil or disappearing marker.



8. Referring to the quilt image below, lay 2 units right sides together with the Fabric B diamond at the inner tip, aligning the dots. Sew from dot (secure stitches) to inner edge;

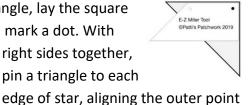


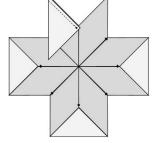


press seams to one side. Sew into pairs, then sew pairs together. Sew the 2 halves together, sewing from dot to dot matching seams at center.

<u>Tip:</u> Remove the stitches in the seam allowance on both sides and press the seams in a clockwise direction, "smooshing" the center in the same direction with your thumb.

9. On the wrong side of each Fabric A setting triangle, lay the square corner of the E-Z Miter Tool in the square corner; mark a dot. With



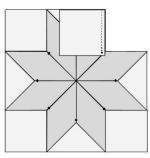


of the diamond unit with the triangle point and matching dots at the inner edge to inner dot; backstitch. Repeat

point and matching dots at the inner edge. Sew from outer edge to inner dot; backstitch. Repeat on adjacent triangle edge.



10. With E-Z Miter Tool, mark a dot at inner corner of each corner square. Align outer edge of quilt with outer edge of square and match dots at inner edge; sew from outer edge to dot (backstitch). Repeat on adjacent edge.

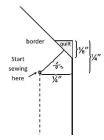


Border:

- 1. Measure quilt length _____ and width _____.
- 2. Lay side border strips horizontally on cutting mat and trim top left corner at a 45° angle using the 45° line on your ruler or mat.
- 3. Across the top edge of the strip, measure the length of your quilt LESS ¼"; starting at this measurement, trim top right corner of strip at a 45° angle as shown. Repeat with the top and bottom borders, using the width measurement LESS ¼".
- **4.** On the wrong side of each border strip, position the E-Z Miter tool at top angled edge of border strip and mark a dot using a pencil. On the wrong side of the quilt top, position the square corner of the E-Z Miter tool in each corner to mark a dot using a pencil.



Corner of quilt



- 5. Lay a side border strip face down on each side of the quilt, aligning the dots. There will be %" of quilt extending beyond the angled miter edge. Sew from dot to dot, securing stitches at each end. Do not press. Repeat with the top and bottom borders, pushing the side borders out of the way so as not to catch them.
- **6.** Aligning the angled edges, sew each miter closed from outer edge to inner seam line, securing stitches. Press mitered seam open and press border seams toward outer edges.

Finishing:

Layer the prepared backing, batting and quilt top. Baste and quilt as desired. Trim edges even with quilt top. Sew the prepared Fabric F binding to the edges with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam, turn and stitch in place. Enjoy your beautiful new quilt!