

QUILTED IN HONOR

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MILITARY STARS



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Military Stars
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Materials and Supplies

MEDIUM BLUE: $\frac{3}{8}$ yard

NAVY: $\frac{5}{8}$ yard

RED POPPIES: 1 yard

WHITE: $2\frac{3}{8}$ yards

NAVY RIBBONS: $2\frac{1}{8}$ yards

FUSIBLE WEB (22" WIDTH): $\frac{3}{8}$ yard

BACKING: $3\frac{5}{8}$ yards

BATTING: 63" × 78"

Cutting

MEDIUM BLUE:

- Cut 3 strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Cut 1 strip $1\frac{1}{2}$ ".

NAVY:

- Cut 2 strips $6\frac{1}{4}$ " into 12 squares $6\frac{1}{4}$ " × $6\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- Cut 1 strip 5" for fused stars.

RED POPPIES:

- Cut 5 strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Cut 6 strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ " for inner border.
- Cut 2 strips $1\frac{1}{2}$ ".

WHITE:

- Cut 2 strips $6\frac{1}{4}$ " into 12 squares $6\frac{1}{4}$ " × $6\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- Cut 5 strips $5\frac{1}{2}$ " into 30 squares $5\frac{1}{2}$ " × $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Cut 6 strips $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Cut 6 strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Cut 1 strip $1\frac{1}{2}$ ".

NAVY RIBBONS:

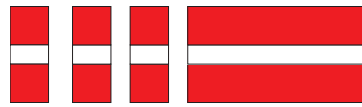
- Cut 4 vertical strips $3\frac{1}{2}$ " for outer border.
- Cut 4 vertical strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ " for binding.

INSTRUCTIONS

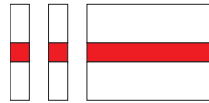
This project uses precise $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams. To test your seam allowance, accurately cut 2 rectangles $2\frac{1}{2}$ " × 5". Stitch them together along the 5" length. At the midpoint, measure across the unit. It should be exactly $4\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. If not, adjust your seam allowance and repeat.

Block A

1. Stitch 1 strip set of $2\frac{1}{2}$ " red poppies, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " white, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ " red poppies. Press toward the red poppies. From this strip set, subcut 12 segments $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.



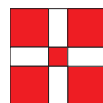
2. Stitch 2 strip sets of $2\frac{1}{2}$ " white, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " red poppies, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " white. Press toward the red poppies. From these strip sets, subcut 30 segments $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.



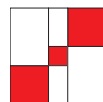
3. Stitch 3 strip sets of $2\frac{1}{2}$ " red poppies and $3\frac{1}{2}$ " white. Press toward the red poppies. From these strip sets, subcut 48 segments $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.



4. Using the segments from Steps 1 and 2, build 6 Block A center units.



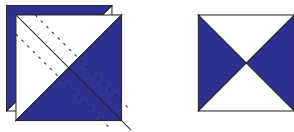
5. Using the segments from Steps 2 and 3, build 24 Block A corner units.



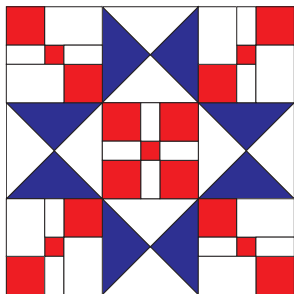
6. Place a $6\frac{1}{4}$ " navy square right sides together with a $6\frac{1}{4}$ " white square. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the white. Stitch an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press toward the navy. Use 12 navy squares and 12 white squares to create 24 half-square triangle squares, each measuring $5\frac{5}{8}$ " square from raw edge to raw edge.



7. Position 2 of the Step 6 triangles squares right sides together, with opposite colors touching. Draw a diagonal line on the back of one and stitch an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press in either direction. You will have a total of 24 Star Point units that measure $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square from raw edge to raw edge.



8. Use the Block A center units, the Block A corner units, and the Star Points to assemble 6 Block A's.



Block B

1. Stitch 1 strip set of $2\frac{1}{2}$ " white, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " medium blue, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ " white. Press toward the medium blue. From these strip sets, subcut 24 segments $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.

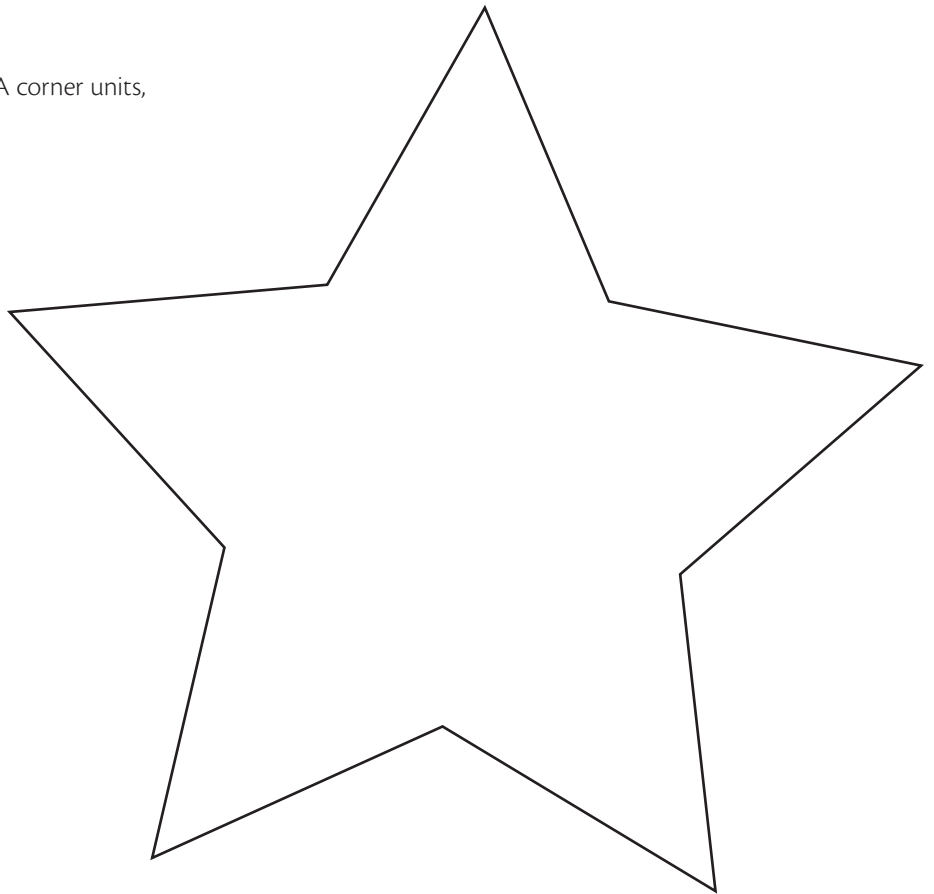


2. Stitch 3 strip sets of $2\frac{1}{2}$ " medium blue and $3\frac{1}{2}$ " white. Press toward the medium blue. From these strip sets, subcut 48 segments $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.



3. Use the units from Steps 1 and 2 to build 24 Block B corner units.

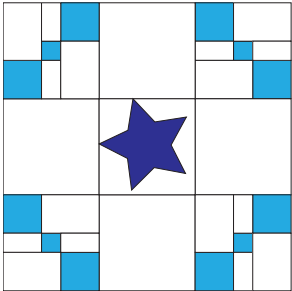
4. Trace 6 stars onto the paper side of fusible web. Fuse the fusible web to the wrong side of the navy for stars, and then cut them out.



5. Center and fuse the Step 3 stars to 6 white 5½" squares to make the Block B centers.

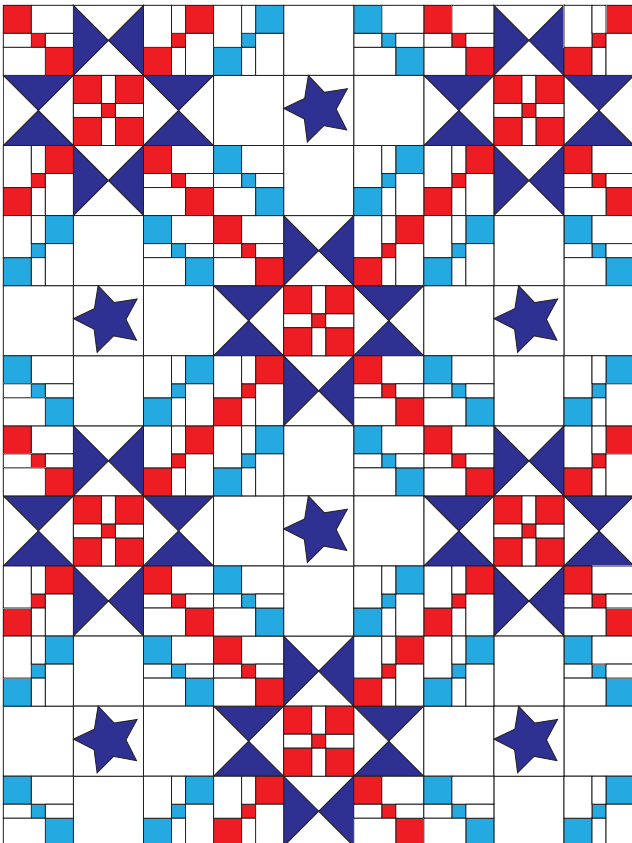


6. Use the Block B corner units, Block B centers, and plain white 5½" squares to assemble 6 Block B's.



Quilt Assembly

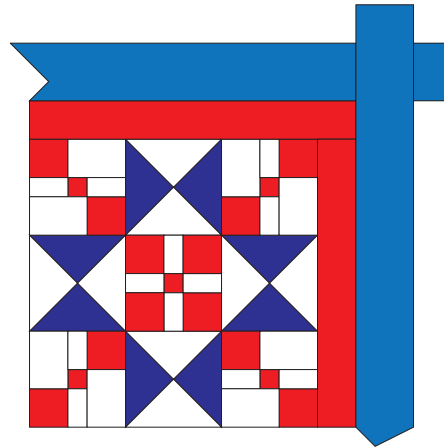
1. Position your blocks according to the layout, and stitch them together.



2. Sew the red poppies inner border strips together, end to end. Cut 2 units from these strips equal to the length of your quilt. Attach them and press the seam toward the border. Then cut 2 units equal to the width of your quilt plus the 2 side borders and attach them.

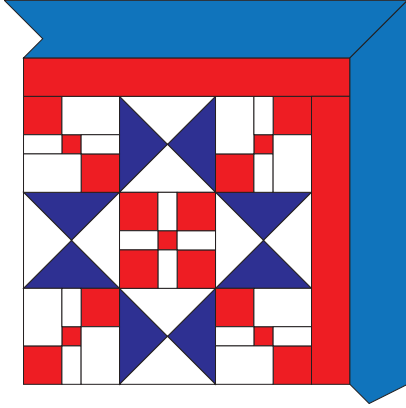
3. Attach the navy ribbons outer border pieces, leaving a 4" tail at each end for mitering and starting and stopping the stitching at the ¼" seam allowance.

4. To miter the corners, direct the seams toward the borders. Place a corner on the ironing board so that the horizontal border is across the board and the vertical border is on top and extending upward.



5. Fold the vertical border under and diagonally from the point where the stitching ended. It will be lying right sides together on top of the horizontal border. Use a ruler if you need to check that it's a 45° angle. Once you are satisfied, smash the fold with a hot iron.

6. Making sure that nothing shifts, stitch in the crease of the folded border, from the ¼" seam allowance to the outer corner, without stitching through any seam allowances. When you are satisfied, trim the excess to ¼" and press these seams open.



Finishing

1. Press your quilt well. Layer, baste, and quilt as desired.
2. Bind and miter the corners with the 2½" binding strips, following the directions that come with the Binding Miter Tool (by Animas).

NOTE

I detailed the diagonals of the patchwork, outlined the stars, and quilted stars in the background.