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Stars & Stripes Table Quilt

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Stars and stripes combine to make a patriotic table quilt.

Project Note

If you want to save time, substitute a red-and-white stripe for the pieced stripe sections. You may not be able to find two different size stripes, but no matter what the size, it will work.

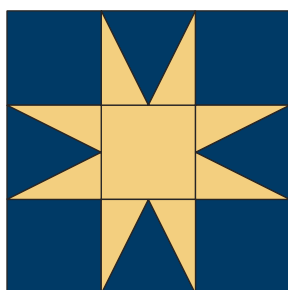
Project Specifications

Skill Level: Beginner

Project Size: 24" x 24"

Block Size: 3" x 3" and 6" x 6"

Number of Blocks: 4 small and 5 large



Star
3" x 3" Block
6" x 6" Block

Materials

- ◆ 1 fat quarter yellow tone-on-tone
- ◆ 2 fat quarters white-on-white print
- ◆ 2 fat quarters red tone-on-tone
- ◆ 2 fat quarters navy star print
- ◆ Backing 28" x 28"
- ◆ Batting 28" x 28"
- ◆ Red, white and navy all-purpose thread
- ◆ Black marker
- ◆ Basic sewing supplies and tools, rotary cutter, mat and ruler

Instructions

Piecing Star Blocks

Step 1. Cut four 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" squares (A) and five 2 1/2" squares (B) yellow tone-on-tone.

Step 2. Cut 32 squares 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" (C) and 40 squares 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (D) navy star print.

Step 3. Copy 16 small and 20 large star point foundations. Trace over lines with a black marker.

Step 4. To piece one small star point, place a C square on the marked side of the paper; trim to make 1/4" larger than the space 1 piece as shown in Figure 1. Pin to the unmarked side of the paper over space 1.

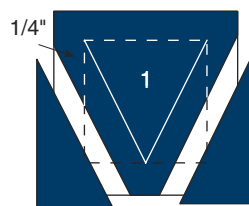


Figure 1

Place a C square on the marked side of the paper; trim to make 1/4" larger than space 1.

Step 5. Cut yellow tone-on-tone pieces to fit over spaces 2 and 3, adding seam allowance all around.

Step 6. Pin piece 2 right sides together on piece 1 and fold back to be sure that piece 2 will cover the entire area of space 2 plus seam allowance. Fold back, turn paper over and stitch as shown in Figure 2; press piece 2 to the right side. Repeat with piece 3. *Note: Set the machine stitch length to a very small stitch to make removing paper easier.*

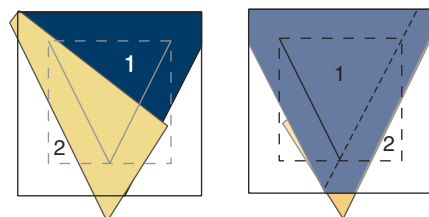


Figure 2

Pin piece 2 right sides together with piece 1. Turn paper over; stitch on marked line.

Step 7. Trim excess fabric even with the paper foundation; repeat for 16 small star points. Remove paper backing.

Step 8. Repeat with large star point foundations and D squares for piece 1 to make 20 large star points. Remove paper backing.

Step 9. Sew a small star point between two C squares to make a C row as shown in Figure 3; repeat for eight rows. Join a large star point between two D squares to make a D row, again referring to Figure 3; repeat for 10 D rows.

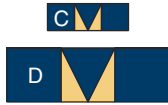


Figure 3

Sew a small star point between 2 C squares to make a C row; repeat with D squares and large star point to make a D row.

Step 10. Join two small star points with one A square to make an A row as shown in Figure 4; repeat for four A rows. Join two large star points with one B square to make a B row, again referring to Figure 4; repeat for five B rows. Press seams toward darker fabric.

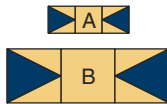


Figure 4

Join 2 small star points with 1 A square to make an A row; repeat with B square and large star points to make a B row.

Step 11. Join two C rows with one A row to complete one small Star block as shown in Figure 5; press seams toward darker fabric. Repeat for four small Star blocks.



Figure 5

Join 2 C rows with 1 A row to make a small Star block.

Step 12. Repeat Step 11 with two D rows and one B row to complete one large Star block, referring to Figure 6; repeat for five large Star blocks. Press seams toward darker fabric.

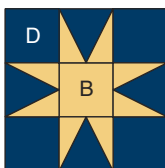
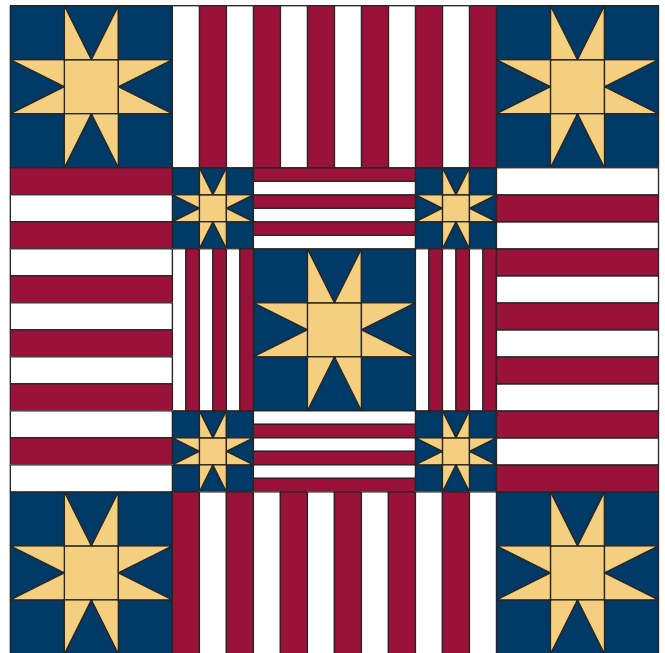


Figure 6

Join 2 D rows and 1 B row to complete 1 large Star block.



Stars & Stripes Table Quilt

Placement Diagram

24" x 24"

Center Section

Step 1. Cut six 1" x 22" strips each red tone-on-tone and white-on-white print.

Step 2. Sew a red strip to a white strip with right sides together along length; press seams toward darker fabric. Repeat for six strip sets. Join three strip sets with right sides together along length as shown in Figure 7; press seams toward darker fabric. Repeat for a second strip set.

Step 3. Cut four 6 1/2" segments from the strip sets for E as shown in Figure 8.





Figure 7

Join 3 strip sets with right sides together along length.

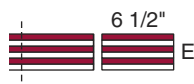


Figure 8

Subcut strip sets into 6 1/2" E segments.

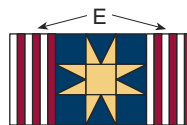


Figure 9

Sew E to opposite sides of a large Star block.

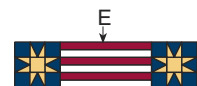


Figure 10

Sew a small Star block to opposite ends of E.

Step 4. Sew E to opposite sides of a large Star block as shown in Figure 9; press seams toward E.

Step 5. Sew a small Star block to opposite ends of E as shown in Figure 10; press seams toward E. Repeat for two rows.

Step 6. Sew a small Star strip to opposite sides of the large Star strip to complete the pieced center section as shown in Figure 11; press seams away from center.

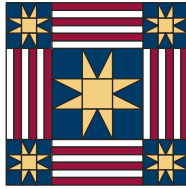


Figure 11
Sew a small Star strip to opposite sides of the large Star strip to complete the pieced center section.

Outside Stars & Stripes Border

Step 1. Cut 12 strips each 1 1/2" x 22" red tone-on-tone and white-on-white print.

Step 2. Sew a red strip to a white strip with right sides together along length; repeat for 12 strip sets. Press seams toward red strips.

Step 3. Join six strip sets with right sides together along length; press seams toward darker fabric. Repeat for a second strip set.

Step 4. Subcut strip sets into four 6 1/2" segments for F as shown in Figure 12.

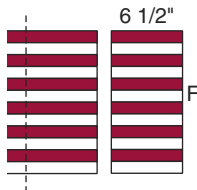


Figure 12
Subcut strip sets into four 6 1/2" segments for F.

Step 5. Sew F to opposite sides of the pieced center section as shown in Figure 13; press seams away from center section.

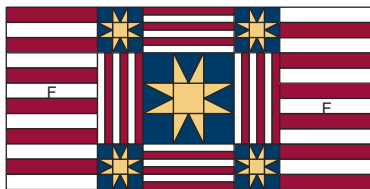


Figure 13
Sew F to opposite sides of the pieced center section.

Step 6. Sew a large Star block to each end of the remaining F pieces as shown in Figure 14; press seams away from blocks. Repeat for two strips.

Step 7. Join the pieced sections to complete the pieced top as shown in Figure 15.



Figure 14
Sew a large Star block to each end of the remaining F pieces.

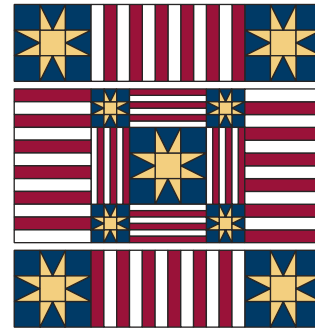
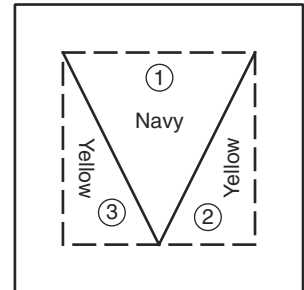


Figure 15
Join the pieced sections to complete the pieced top.

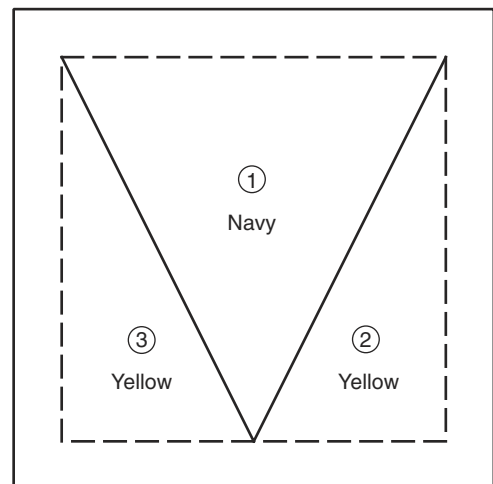
Finishing

Step 1. Quilt as desired. *Note: The quilt shown was machine-quilted in a curving line in the stripe pieces and in the ditch of seams in the pieced blocks using all-purpose thread to match fabrics.*

Step 2. Prepare 3 1/8 yards of navy star print binding and apply to finish. ❖



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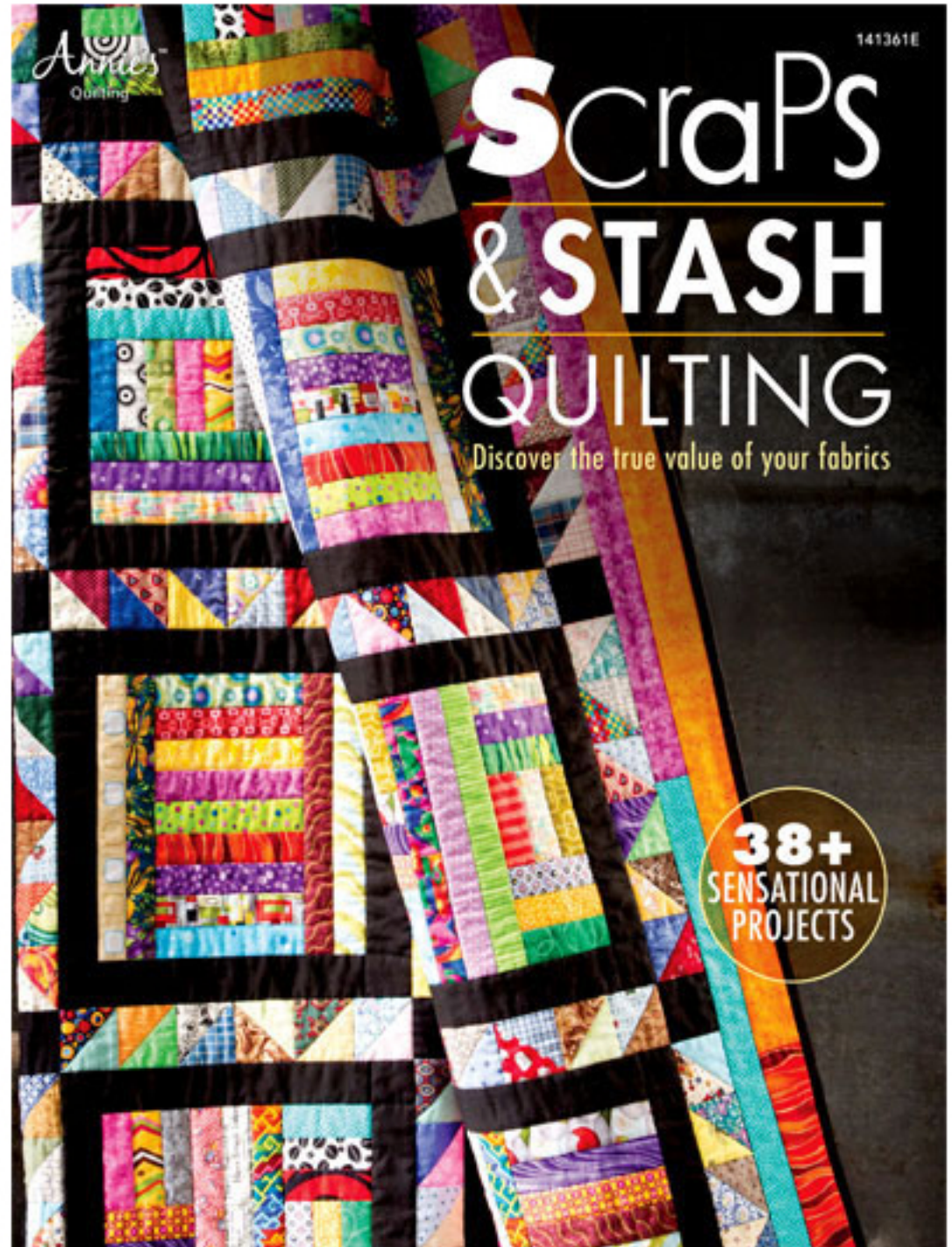
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