

Learn to Make a Quilt
From Start to Finish
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In this online video class, you'll learn:

- How to choose the perfect fabrics for your quilt
- Which quilting tools are your "best buys"
- How to cut and piece each quilt block
- How to get a perfect ¼-inch seam allowance every time
- Time-saving tips like chain piecing, marking, pinning and more
- How to assemble a quilt sandwich

This exclusive quilt project is included as part of the class curriculum

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Nine-Patch & Four-Patch Stars

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Red, tan and blue fabrics create a homespun look in simple Four-Patch and Nine-Patch blocks with appliquéd stars.

PROJECT NOTES

Collect a variety of plaids and prints in darker red, tan, gold and blue colors to make a scrappy yet coordinated-looking quilt. If you prefer a more planned look, purchase the total yardage listed of one fabric in each color and cut half the number of fabric strips listed across the width of the fabric to create Four-Patch and Nine-Patch units and all background pieces.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

Quilt Size: 68" x 82"

Block Size: 18" x 18"

Number of Blocks: 4 Four-Patch Stars
and 5 Nine-Patch

FABRIC & BATTING

- 3/4 yard total gold prints and plaids
- 2 yards total red prints and plaids
- 2 1/2 yards total background prints and plaids in tan, white or cream
- 3 yards total blue prints and plaids
- Backing 72" x 86"
- Batting 72" x 86"
- 8 3/4 yards self-made or purchased blue binding

SUPPLIES & TOOLS

- All-purpose thread to match fabrics
- Black machine topstitching thread
- 2 yards fusible transfer web
- 2 yards fabric stabilizer
- Basic sewing tools and supplies, rotary cutter, mat and ruler

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut four 5" x 22" strips each from four different red and background prints and plaids.
2. Sew a red strip right sides together with a background strip along length; press seam toward red fabric. Repeat for four strip sets.
3. Subcut each strip set into 5" segments; you will need 16 segments. Join two segments as shown in Figure 1



to make a Four-Patch unit; repeat for eight units. Press seams in one direction.



Figure 1
Join 2 segments
to make a
Four-Patch unit.

4. Cut eight 9 1/2" x 9 1/2" squares from background prints and plaids.
5. Prepare template for large star shape using pattern given. Reverse

and trace eight large star shapes onto the paper side of the fusible transfer web. Cut out, leaving a margin around each shape.

6. Fuse the large star shapes onto the wrong side of the gold prints and plaids. Cut out shapes on traced lines; remove paper backing.
7. Position a star shape on the center of each 9 1/2" x 9 1/2" background square referring to the block drawing for positioning of star; fuse in place.
8. Cut fabric stabilizer to fit behind star shapes; pin in place on the wrong

side of each fused square.

9. Using black topstitching thread in the top of the machine and all-purpose thread in the bobbin, buttonhole-stitch around each star shape. When stitching is complete, remove fabric stabilizer.

10. Join two star squares with two Four-Patch units to complete one Four-Patch Star A block as shown in Figure 2; repeat for two A blocks and two B blocks. Press seams toward Four-Patch units.

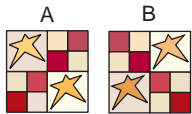
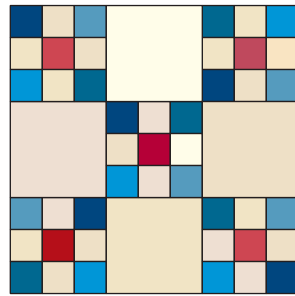
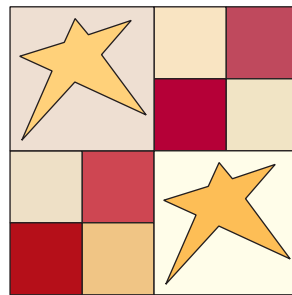


Figure 2

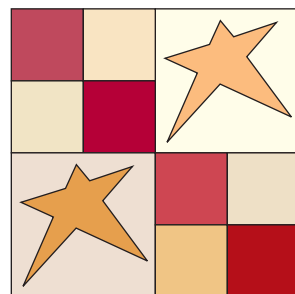
Join 2 star squares with 2 Four-Patch units to make A and B blocks as shown.



Nine-Patch
18" x 18" Block



Four-Patch Stars A
18" x 18" Block



Four-Patch Stars B
18" x 18" Block

11. Cut 15 strips background prints and plaids, 14 strips blue prints and plaids and four strips red prints and plaids 2 1/2" x 22".

12. Join two background strips with one red strip with right sides together along length as shown in Figure 3; press seams toward red fabrics. Repeat for four strip sets. Subcut each strip set into 2 1/2" segments, again referring to Figure 3; you will need 25 segments.

13. Join two blue strips with one background strip with right sides together along length as shown in Figure 4; press seams toward blue fabrics. Repeat for seven strip sets. Subcut each strip set into 2 1/2" segments, again referring to Figure 4; you will need 50 segments.

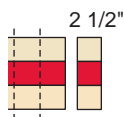


Figure 3

Join 1 red and 2 background strips to make a strip set; subcut into 2 1/2" segments.

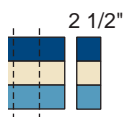
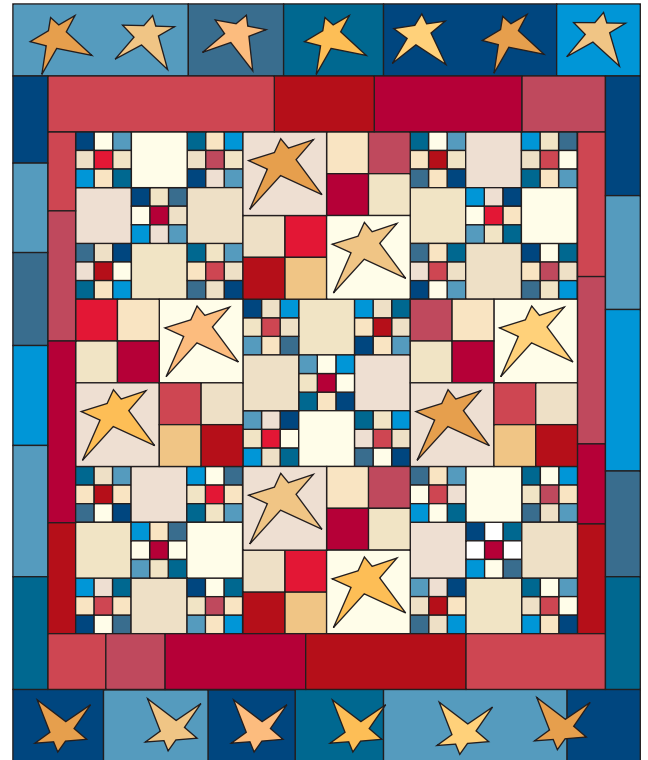


Figure 4

Join 1 background strip with 2 blue strips to make a strip set; subcut into 2 1/2" segments.

14. Join segments referring to Figure 5 to make a Nine-Patch unit; repeat for 25 units. Press seams in one direction.



Nine-Patch & Four-Patch Stars
Placement Diagram
68" x 82"

15. Cut 20 squares background prints and plaids 6 1/2" x 6 1/2".

16. Join four background squares with five Nine-Patch units to complete one Nine-Patch block referring to Figure 6; press seams toward background squares.



Figure 5

Join the segments as shown to make a Nine-Patch unit.

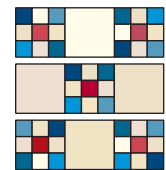


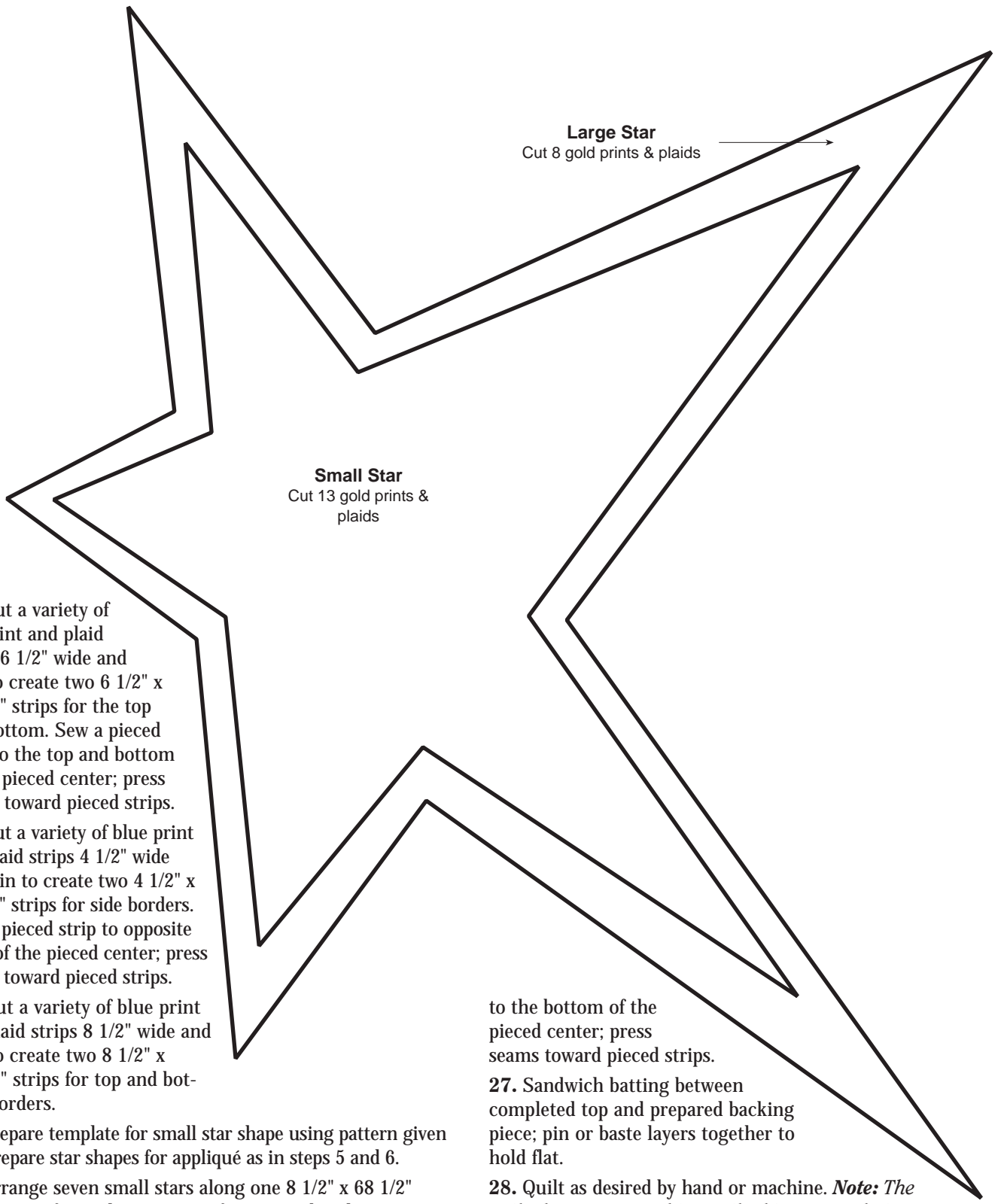
Figure 6

Join 5 Nine-Patch units with 4 background squares to complete 1 Nine-Patch block.

17. Join two Nine-Patch blocks with one Four-Patch Stars A block to make a row; repeat for two rows. Press seams away from Nine-Patch blocks. Join one Nine-Patch block with two Four-Patch Stars B blocks to make a row; press seams away from Nine-patch block.

18. Join the rows to complete the pieced center; press seams in one direction.

19. Cut a variety of red print and plaid strips 3 1/2" wide and join to create two 3 1/2" x 54 1/2" strips for side borders. Sew a pieced strip to opposite sides of the pieced center; press seams toward pieced strips.



Large Star
Cut 8 gold prints & plaids

Small Star
Cut 13 gold prints & plaids

20. Cut a variety of red print and plaid strips 6 1/2" wide and join to create two 6 1/2" x 60 1/2" strips for the top and bottom. Sew a pieced strip to the top and bottom of the pieced center; press seams toward pieced strips.

21. Cut a variety of blue print and plaid strips 4 1/2" wide and join to create two 4 1/2" x 66 1/2" strips for side borders. Sew a pieced strip to opposite sides of the pieced center; press seams toward pieced strips.

22. Cut a variety of blue print and plaid strips 8 1/2" wide and join to create two 8 1/2" x 68 1/2" strips for top and bottom borders.

23. Prepare template for small star shape using pattern given and prepare star shapes for appliqué as in steps 5 and 6.

24. Arrange seven small stars along one 8 1/2" x 68 1/2" border strip for quilt top strip referring to the Placement Diagram for positioning; fuse in place. Repeat with six small stars on remaining border strip for bottom.

25. Cut fabric stabilizer and machine-appliqué in place as in steps 8 and 9 for large stars.

26. Sew the seven-star strip to the top and the six-star strip

to the bottom of the pieced center; press seams toward pieced strips.

27. Sandwich batting between completed top and prepared backing piece; pin or baste layers together to hold flat.

28. Quilt as desired by hand or machine. *Note: The quilt shown was machine-quilted in a meandering pattern using threads to match fabrics.*

29. When quilting is complete, trim excess batting and backing even with quilted top.

30. Bind edges with self-made or purchased blue binding to finish. ❖

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