

Salute to Service

Overall Size: 60³/₄" x 70"

Cutting Instructions

Background Fabric: 3¹/₂ yds.

- Cut 4 strips (5¹/₂" x WOF);
Sub-cut into 26 (5¹/₂") squares;
Cut 2 of the squares diagonally *twice* to create 7 triangles.
- Cut 3 strips (5" x WOF).
- Cut 6 strips (4¹/₂" x Width of Fabric) (WOF);
Sub-cut 3 strips into 24 (4¹/₂") squares.
- Cut 4 strips (2¹/₂" x WOF).
- Cut 4 strips (3" x WOF);
Subcut into 48 (3") squares.
- Cut 10 strips (3¹/₂" x WOF).

Red: 1/4 yd.

- Cut 1 strip (4¹/₂" x WOF).

Red/White: 5/8 yd.

- Cut 2 strips (4¹/₂" x WOF).
- Cut 2 strips (2¹/₂" x WOF).
- Cut 1 strip (5¹/₂" x WOF);
Sub-cut into 5 (5¹/₂") squares, cut each diagonally *twice* to create 17 triangles.

Dark Blue: 1 yd.

- Cut 6 strips (5¹/₂" x WOF);
Sub-cut into 30 (5¹/₂") squares;
Cut 6 of these squares diagonally *twice* to create 24 triangles.

Medium Blue: 1/3 yd.

- Cut 2 strips (5" x WOF);
Sub-cut into 12 (5") squares, cut each diagonally *once* to create 24 triangles.

Light Blue: 1/4 yd.

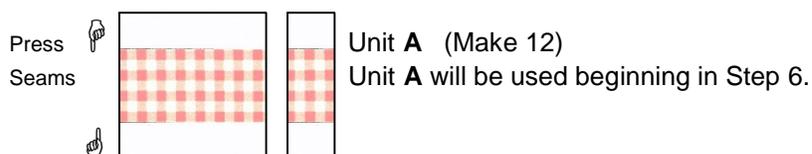
- Cut 1 strip (4¹/₂" x WOF);
Sub-cut into 6 (4¹/₂") squares.

Binding: 1/2 yd. (This can be the same as your Background, if desired. If so, add this amount to the Background amount)

- Cut 7 strips 2¹/₄" x WOF.

Create Strip Sets

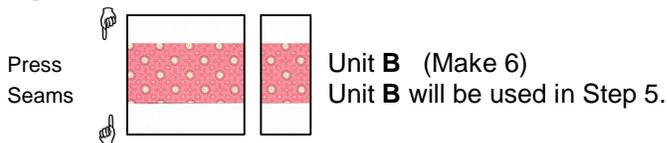
1 – Create 1 strip set consisting of a 4¹/₂" X WOF strip of Red/White Fabric and 2 strips (2¹/₂" X WOF) of Background Fabric. Press the seams to Red/White. This should be 8¹/₂" in width. Cut the strip set into 12 segments measuring 2¹/₂" wide.



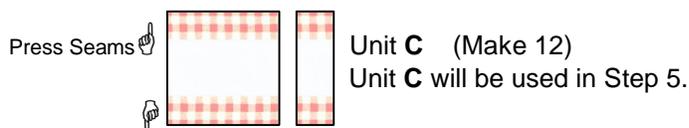
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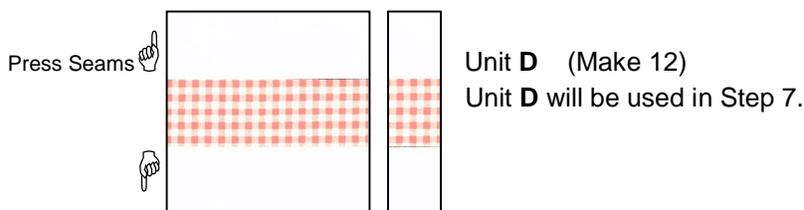
2 – Create 1 strip set consisting of a 4¹/₂" x WOF strip of Red with a 2¹/₂" x WOF strip of Background on either side of the Red strip. Press seams to Red. This should measure 8¹/₂". Cut the strip set into 6 segments measuring 4¹/₂" wide.



3 – Create 1 strip set consisting of a 4¹/₂" x WOF strip of Background Fabric with a 2¹/₂" x WOF strip of Red/White Fabric on either side of the Background strip. Press seams to the Red/White. This should measure 8¹/₂". Cut the strip set into 12 segments measuring 2¹/₂" wide.

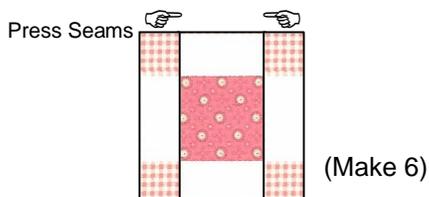


4 – Create 1 strip set consisting of a 4¹/₂" x WOF strip of Red/White Fabric and with a 4¹/₂" x WOF strip of Background Fabric on either side of the Red/White Fabric strip. Press the seams to Background. This should measure 12¹/₂". Cut the strip set into 12 segments measuring 2¹/₂" wide.



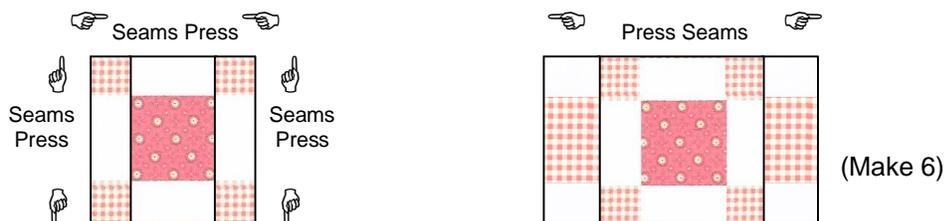
Create Banded "Puss in the Corner" Blocks

5 – On either side of a Unit B, add a Unit C to create a "Puss in the Corner" block. Press the seams towards the Unit B (the center). Make 6 of these blocks and square them to 8¹/₂" square.



"Puss in the Corner" Block

6 – Examine the outside pieces of the Puss in the Corner blocks; two of the seams will press towards the corner squares and the other two are pressed towards the inside rectangle. On the two sides where the seams press towards the corner squares, add a Unit A. Press the seams towards the outside. Complete all 6 of these units in this manner.

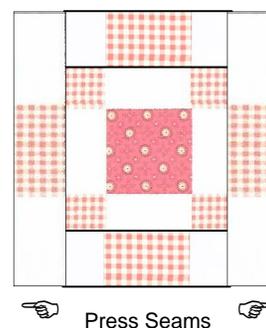


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7 – To the remaining sides of the unit, add a segment of Unit D. Press the seams towards the outside. Make 6 of these blocks. These should measure 12¹/₂" square.

(Make 6)
Banded "Puss in the Corner" Block



Create Stars

8 – Using 17 Red/White triangles and 17 Dark Blue triangles, stitch them together to form a larger triangle as pictured at right. Press the seam allowance towards the Dark Blue.



9 – To these units, add a Medium Blue triangle to complete a square. Press the seam allowance towards the Medium Blue. Square these units to 4¹/₂" (see *Hint* below). Make 17 squares like the diagram at right.

(Make 17)



Label as Unit E

10 – Repeat Steps 8 and 9 using 7 Background triangles and the remaining 7 Dark Blue triangles, adding a Medium Blue triangle to complete a square. Square these units to 4¹/₂" (see *Hint* below). Make 7 squares like the diagram at right.

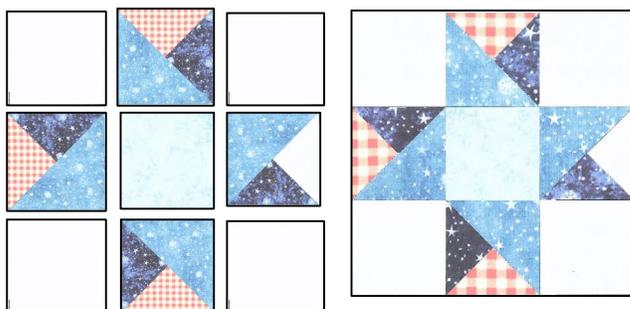
(Make 7)



Label as Unit F

Hint: To square up Units E and F, place a square ruler (suggest 6" or 6¹/₂") 2¹/₄" from the point where the 3 fabrics meet, to the top and right edges of the ruler. The diagonal line of the ruler should be on the diagonal seam. Trim the fabric from the right and top edges. Turn the block so that the newly trimmed edges hit the 4¹/₂" lines on the ruler. Again, trim the remaining fabric from the right and top edges for a perfect 4¹/₂" block.

11 – Lay out 3 of Unit E and 1 of Unit F, 1 (4¹/₂" square of Light Blue Fabric and 4 (4¹/₂" squares of Background Fabric in the layout below. Stitch these pieces together in 3 rows. Stitch the rows together to form a star block. Square to 12¹/₂", if necessary. Make 2 blocks like this. These will be used in Row 3.



Completed Star Block 1 (Make 2)

Pressing Instructions for all 6 star blocks:

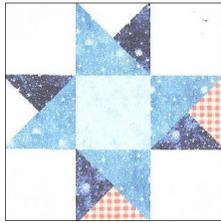
In the top and bottom rows, press the seams towards the outside squares. In the middle row, press the seams towards the center square.

After sewing the rows together, press the seams towards the center row.

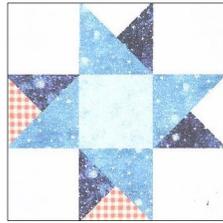
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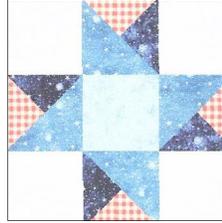
12 – Continue making 4 more star blocks that look like the following blocks. In each block, note the different positions of the star point units labeled Unit E and Unit F. Make 1 of each type.



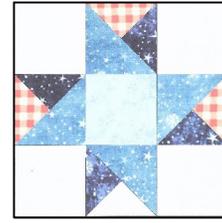
Star Block 2A
(2A and 2B are used in Row 1)



Star Block 2B



Star Block 3
(Row 2)

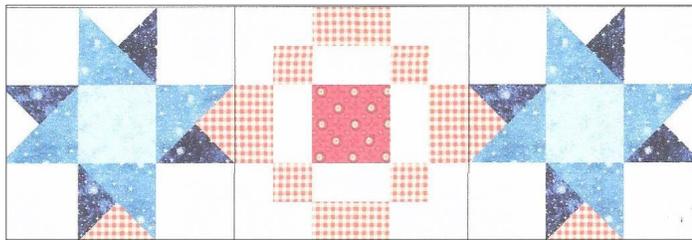


Star Block 4
(Row 4)

Assembling the Quilt Center

13 – Create the top row by sewing a Star Block 2 on either side of a Banded Puss in the Corner Block as illustrated below. Star block 2A should be in the left position and 2B on the right side of the Banded Puss in the Corner Block. Press the seams away from the Star Blocks. **Note:** Pay attention to where the Red/White fabrics are located in the Star Blocks when assembling the rows.

Row 1

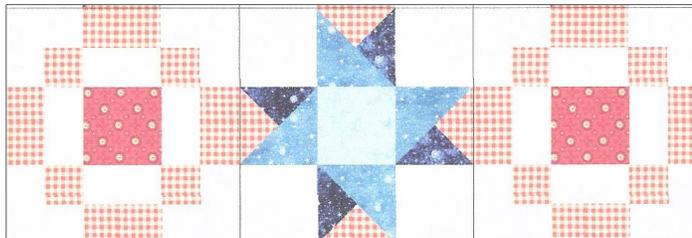


Star Block 2A

Star Block 2B

14 – Create the second row by sewing a Banded Puss in the Corner Block on either side of Star Block 3 as illustrated below. Press the seams away from the Star Block.

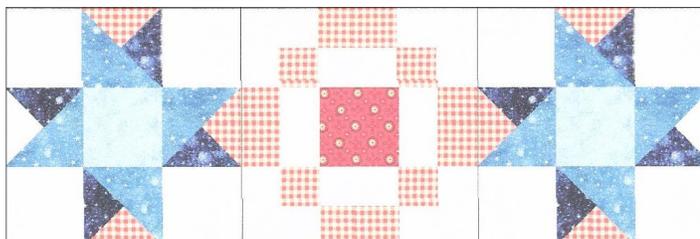
Row 2



Star Block 3

15 – Create the third row by sewing a Star Block 1 (from Step 11) on either side of a Banded Puss in the Corner Block as illustrated below. Press the seams away from the Star Blocks.

Row 3



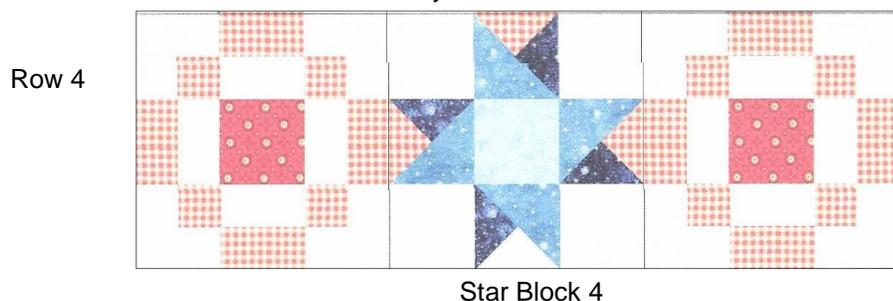
Star Block 1

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16 – Create the bottom row by sewing a Banded Puss in the Corner Block on either side of Star Block 4 as illustrated below. Press the seams away from the Star Block.



17 – Sew Rows 1 through 4 together to create the center of the quilt. Press the seams in either direction.

Add Inner Borders

18 – Measure the length of the quilt through the center. Stitch **3 (5" X WOF)** strips of Background together end to end and cut this into **2** segments equal to the measurement of the quilt. Add one of these segments to either side of the quilt. Press the seams towards the outside.

19 – Measure the Width of the quilt through the center of the quilt. Stitch **3 (3½" X WOF)** strips of Background together end to end and cut into **2** segments equal to the width measurement of the quilt. Add these segments to the top and bottom of the quilt and press the seams towards the outside.

Create Pieced Borders

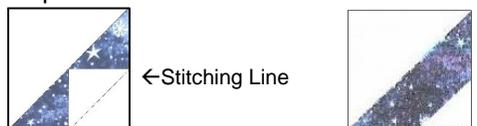
20 – Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of **48 (3")** squares of Background.

21 – Do the same to **24 (5½")** squares of Background.

22 – Place a marked **5½"** square of Background on a **5½"** square of Dark Blue. Stitch **¼"** on either side of the marked line. Cut apart on the marked line to create **2** Half Square Triangles (HST). Press the seam allowance open on these; this will help distribute bulk and make it easier to put the pieced borders together. Use **24** squares of each fabric to create a total of **48** HSTs. These were made slightly oversized so you will need to square them up to **5"** before continuing with the next step. Accuracy is extremely important in making the pieced borders fit correctly.



23 – Lay a marked **3"** square of Background fabric on the corner of the HST that contains the Dark Blue fabric. Stitch on the marked line and cut away the outer triangles leaving a **¼"** seam allowance. Again, press the seam allowance open to help distribute bulk.



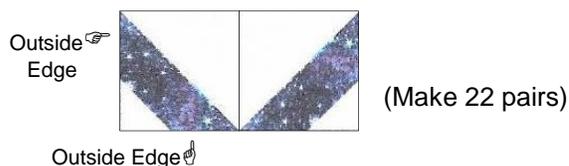
(Make 48)

24 – Stitch **44** of the units created in the previous steps together in pairs, reserving the other 4 units to be used in Step 27. Be careful of the orientation of each of the units. When sewing the pairs together, be sure that the sides

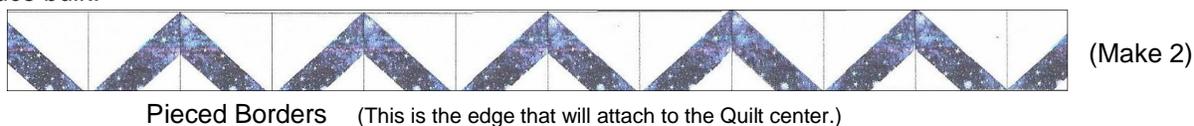
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containing the Dark Blue fabric are all on the outside edges. Press the seams open. This will create **22** paired units which should measure **9¹/₂"**.



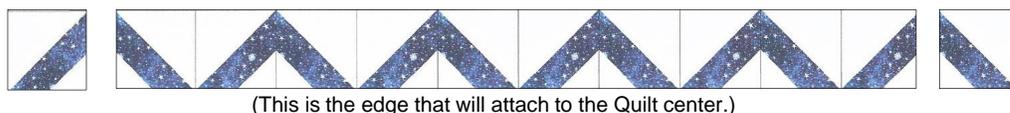
25 – Join **6** of the pairs together to complete a pieced border for the side of the quilt. Make one of these for each side of the quilt. **Note** the edge that should attach to the quilt center. Carefully, using the Quilt layout, orient the pieced border sections correctly on each side of the quilt center. Stitch them in place and press the seams open to reduce bulk.



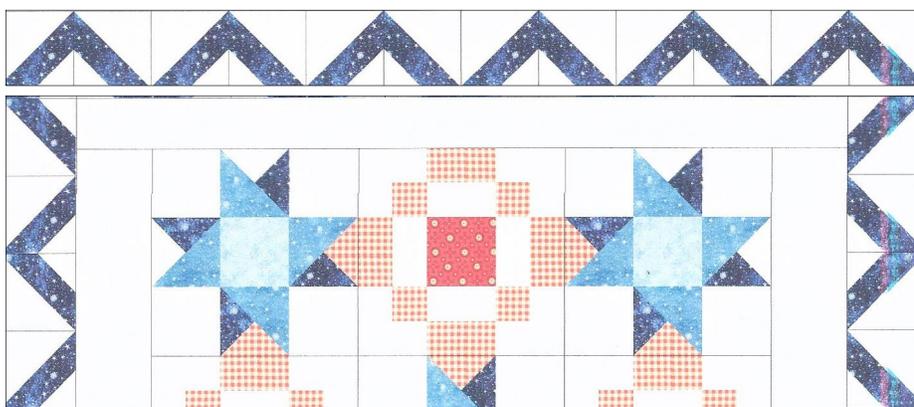
26 – Stitch 5 more pairs together to create a pieced border section for the top of the quilt. Repeat with 5 more pairs to create the bottom section of the Pieced Borders. Make 2 rows like this.



27 – You have 4 of the Pieced Border units left over. Attach **1** unit on each end of the Top and Bottom rows to complete the Pieced Borders.



28 – Add the other two borders to the top and bottom so that they complete a continuous circuit around the quilt. Press the seams open.



29 – Measure the length of the quilt through the center. Stitch **4 (3¹/₂" X WOF)** strips of Background together end-to-end and cut into **2** strips equal to the measurement of the quilt length. Add one of these strips to either side of the quilt. Press the seams towards the outside.

30 – Measure the Width of the quilt through the center of the quilt. Stitch **3 (3¹/₂" X WOF)** strips of Background together end-to-end and cut this into **2** strips equal to the width measurement of the quilt. Add these to the top and bottom of the quilt and press the seams towards the outside.

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Congratulations! Your quilt top is done. Now you can layer, baste, and quilt as desired. After applying the binding, don't forget to label your quilt.

Binding

For the binding of your quilt, join **7 (2¹/₄" X WOF)** strips of binding fabric with a diagonal seam to create a strip long enough to go around the outside of your quilt.

Quilt Layout

