

"Bravest Fund Quilt"

Finished Size: 36" X 36"

Materials needed:

Neutral Thread for Piecing
Rotary Cutter and Ruler

Heroes Fabric	#61256-R	1 yd
Stars & Stripes Fabric	#V1274-R	1 3/4 yds
Sky Blue Blender	#W6744-X	1/2 yd
Yellow Blender	#W6744-SR	1/2 yd
Navy Stars	#60987P-Y	1/2 yd
Red Textured	#72612-R	1/4 yd
Fairfield's Cotton Classic® Batting		45" square

Cutting Instructions:

Heroes Fabric:

Cut two 4-1/2" X 28-1/2" / Outer Border
Cut two 4-1/2" X 36-1/2" / Outer Border
Cut one 6-1/2" X 8-1/2" of Motif / Center Panel

Stars & Stripes Fabric:

Cut two 1-1/2" X 14-1/2" / Plain Border
Cut two 1-1/2" X 16-1/2" / Plain Border
Cut one 44" square / Backing
Cut two 4-1/2" X 36" strips / Hanging Sleeves

Sky Blue Fabric:

Cut two 4-1/2" X 8-1/2" rectangles / Star Background
Cut two 3-1/2" X 6-1/2" rectangles / Star Background
Cut four 3-1/2" X 4-1/2" rectangles / Star Background
Cut twelve 3-1/4" squares and cut twice on the diagonal / Pieced Border:



Cut four 1-1/8" X 1-7/8" rectangles / Pieced Border Corners
Cut four 1-1/8" X 2-1/2" rectangles / Pieced Border Corners
Cut two 2-1/2" X 20-1/2" / Plain Border
Cut two 2-1/2" X 24-1/2" / Plain Border

Yellow Fabric:

Cut four 3-1/2" squares / Star Points
Cut four 4-1/2" squares / Star Points
Cut twenty-eight 1-7/8" Yellow squares / Pieced Border

Navy Fabric:

Cut eighteen 2-1/2" squares Navy / Checked Border
Cut twelve 2-7/8" squares Navy and cut once on the diagonal / Pieced Border:



Cut four 2-1/2" X width (44") and set aside / Binding

Red Fabric:

Cut eighteen 2-1/2" squares Red / Checked Border
Cut twelve 2-7/8" squares Red and cut once on the diagonal / Pieced Border:



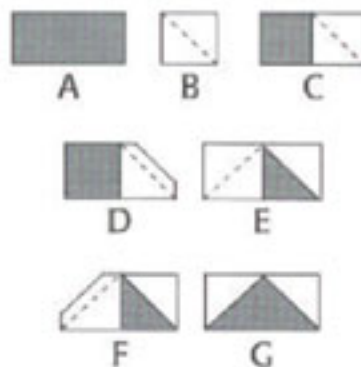
(Cutting the triangles this way assures that you will have straight grain on the outer edge of all of the Pieced Border units. This will keep them stable and prevent stretching when you sew them to the quilt top.)



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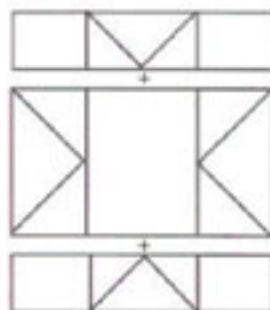
Piecing: All seam allowances are 1/4"

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the yellow star point squares as shown (B)
Place on background rectangle and sew along drawn line (C).
Trim 1/4" from seam line (D).
Press flat (to set seam), then fold up and press again.
Put second star point yellow square on rectangle and sew along drawn line (E).
Trim (F) and press flat, then fold back and press again.
Make two of each 3-1/2" unit (G)
Repeat steps to make two 4-1/2" units.

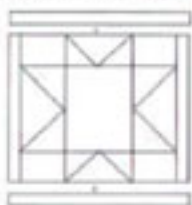


To Assemble Block:

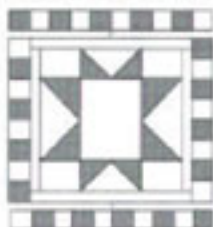
When sewing together it is helpful to have the star point unit on top. This way you can see where the seams come together to form the point. When sewing your 1/4" seam make sure your needle comes just to the top of the point.



Add the 1-1/2" borders of the Stars & Stripes. The 14-1/2" to the two sides of the star and the 16-1/2" to the top and bottom:



Piece the navy and red 2-1/2" squares to form two strips of eight alternating blocks. Sew these to the sides of the center unit. Press seam allowances toward the Stars & Stripes border.



Sew strips of ten alternating blocks to the top and bottom. Press seam allowances toward the Stars & Stripes border. Add the Sky Blue Plain Borders to the center unit. First, sew the 2-1/2" X 20-1/2" to the sides and then the 2-1/2" X 24-1/2" to the top and bottom. Press seam allowances toward the plain border.

To Assemble Pieced Borders:

I always recommend that you make one sample of each section. This way you can check to see that your seam allowances are the right size. Take one of your 1-7/8" yellow squares and sew a Sky Blue triangle to one side as shown:



Press the seam allowances toward the Sky Blue Fabric. Sew another Sky Blue triangle to the other side as shown:



Press the seam allowance toward the Sky Blue Fabric. Your piece should look like this:



Take one of the Red triangles and sew it to the side of this unit:



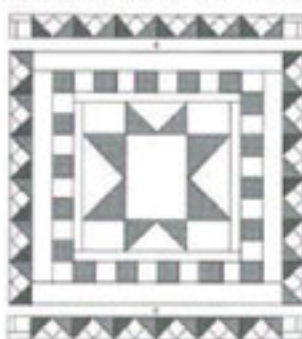
Press seam allowance toward the Red fabric. Keep the Red Fabric on the same side of the yellow square as you sew. In other words, if the Red is on the right – keep it that way for each unit. Sew the Navy triangle to the other side of the unit. Press the seam allowance toward the Navy fabric. Your finished piece will look like this:



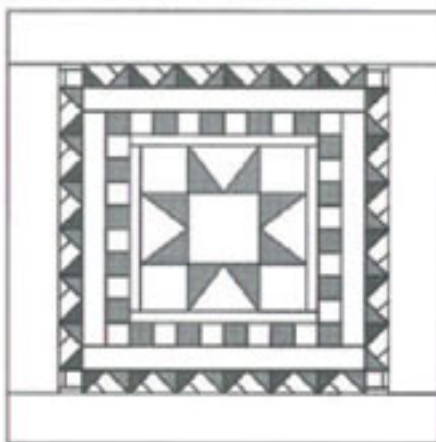
Make twenty-four of these units.

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Sew the Pieced Border units together in rows of six units each. Sew a corner unit to either side of two strips as shown:



Sew two of the six unit pieced Borders to either side of the center and press seam allowances toward the plain border. Sew the remaining strip units to the top and bottom and press seam allowances toward the plain border. Sew the last borders on with the pieced border units facing you—this way you can keep an eye on those points and prevent "blunting" them with your seam. Press all final seam allowances toward the Larger Outer Border. Layer, Baste and Quilt as desired. Sew two hanging sleeves to the back (top and bottom) This way the weight of your wall hanging will be evenly dispersed and the hanging will retain its shape over time.



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