

Finished size: 50" x 64"

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All seam allowances are a perfect, scant 1/4"

Fabric requirements:

Blocks:

Star points - two different fabrics	3/4 yard each
Background	1 yard
Sashing - can be same as one star point	3/4 yard
Borders and block corner	1 5/8 yards
Binding	5/8 yards
Backing	3 yards

**Wash, dry and iron your fabrics. Proceed to Cutting Directions.*

Cutting Directions:


Templates:

Make templates for star points from plastic and trace to right side of fabric. Cut out. Or cut the pieces using a rotary cutter, ruler and mat following dimensions of templates.

Blocks:

Cut forty-eight star points from one fabric. Reverse template and cut forty-eight star points from second fabric.

From background fabric, cut seven 3 7/8" crosswise strips of fabric.

-Sub-cut strips into seventy-two 3 7/8" squares. Cut these squares once on the diagonal to make one hundred forty-four triangles. 

Sashing:

Cut two 12 1/2" crosswise strips of fabric.


-Sub-cut into thirty one 2" wide x 12 1/2" sashing strips.

Cornerstones:

From one remaining star point fabric, cut twenty 2" squares.

Borders:

Cut four border pieces 4 1/2" wide x the length of the fabric.

From remaining fabric cut forty-eight 3 7/8" squares. Cut these squares once on the diagonal to make forty-eight triangles. 

Binding:

Cut four 2 1/2" crosswise strips. Trim ends diagonally.

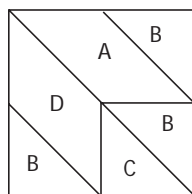
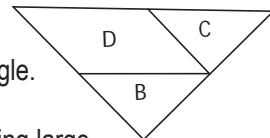
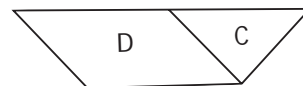
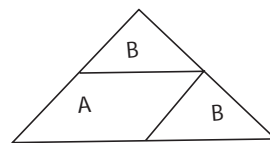
Construction:

You will be making twelve blocks. Sew all seams right sides together using 1/4" seam allowance.

Constellation Star

To make one block:

- 1) Stitch one background triangle (B) to the shorter edge of four star points that are the same color (A). Press seam toward triangle.
- 2) Stitch another background triangle (B) to the longer edge of this unit to make a large triangle. Press seam toward star point.
- 3) Stitch one contrast triangle (C) to the shorter edge of four star points that are the other color (D). Press the seam toward the star point.
- 4) Stitch a background triangle (B) to the longer edge of this unit to make a large triangle. Press the seam toward the triangle.



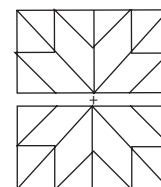
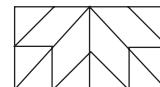
- 5) Stitch pairs of contrasting large triangles together to make a square. Since you have pressed all your seam allowances following the directions above, the corners of the seam allowances should "snug" up against each other making it easy to match

seamlines and make sharp points. Trim seam allowance at center point.

- 6) Stitch two squares together to make half a block.

Again, trim seam allowance at center point.

- 7) Stitch two half blocks together to complete the block.



To Assemble the Quilt Top: (refer to next page for diagram)

- 1) Sew a sashing strip to the right side of each block. Always press your seam allowances toward the sashing.
- 2) Sew blocks into rows of three, adding a sashing strip to the left side of each row.
- 3) Sew a cornerstone to the remaining sashing strips. Press your seam allowance toward the sashing strip.
- 4) Sew the sashing strips into rows of three adding a cornerstone to the left side of each row. Pin and sew rows of sashing to rows on blocks. Since you have pressed all your seam allowances toward the sashing, the corners of the seam allowances should "snug" up against each other so the seamlines match. When stitching, keep seam allowances flat in the direction they have been pressed so there are no bulky places. This will help the quilt top lay flat.
- 5) Cut your borders to size: Measure the quilt top down the center from the top raw edge to the bottom raw edge. Cut two border strips this size and pin - matching the center of the side of the quilt to the center of the border, pinning the ends to the corners and easing in-between as you pin. This way of adding the borders will significantly reduce the "waving" of the quilt edges.

Press seam allowances toward the outer border.

6) Repeat this process for the top and bottom borders; measuring the raw edge of the outer side border to the opposite raw edge and cutting the top and bottom border strips exactly that length. Press seam allowances toward the outer border.

7) Layer, baste and quilt as desired!

Quilt Assembly Diagram

