

Hometown Hero



Prairie Quilting



Quilt Size about 63" x 80"

Fabric used was Benartex's Faith, Family, Freedom by Nicole DeCamp

1-5/8 yds. White Solid

7/8 yd. Blue Chalk Texture

5/8 yd. Navy Chalk Texture

1 yd. Navy Flag Print

3/8 yd. White Star Print

2 yds. Red Star Print

1-3/8 yds. Navy Star Print (includes binding)

2 yds. Blue Fireworks Wideback (backing)

69" x 86" Batting

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Cutting the Fabric

Note: Some strips have squares of different widths cut from them to save fabric. Cut largest pieces first, to make sure the rest of the pieces fit in the strip. Cutting directions assumes fabric is 40" of usable fabric width.

WS=Wrong Side

RST=Right Sides Together

White Solid

- 12 strips 2-1/2" wide
- 7 strips 2" wide (border)

Blue Chalk Texture

- 2 strips 5-1/4" wide, subcut:
 - ◇ 12 squares 5-1/4"
- 3 strips 4-7/8" wide, subcut:
 - ◇ 24 squares 4-7/8"

Navy Chalk Texture

- 3 strips 4-7/8" wide, subcut:
 - ◇ 24 squares 4-7/8"

Navy Flag Print

- 8 strips 3-1/2" wide (border)

White Star Print

- 2 strips 4-1/2" wide, subcut:
 - ◇ 12 squares 4-1/2"

Red Star Print

- 2 strips 5-1/4" wide, subcut:
 - ◇ 12 squares 5-1/4"
- 12 strips 2-1/2" wide
- 8 strips 2" wide (border)

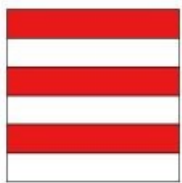
Navy Star Print

- 4 strips 5-1/4" wide, subcut:
 - ◇ 24 squares 5-1/4"
- 8 strips 2-1/4" wide (binding)

Piecing the blocks

All seams are Right Sides Together, and 1/4" unless otherwise indicated.

Stripe Blocks



Make 6



Make 3



Make 2



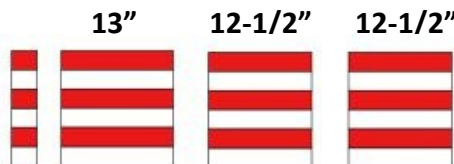
Make 1

12-1/2" square

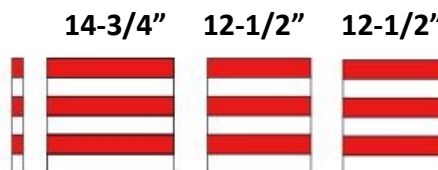
1. Sew 3 Red 2-1/2" strips to 3 White 2-1/2" strips on long sides, alternating Red and White, as in diagram. Make 4.



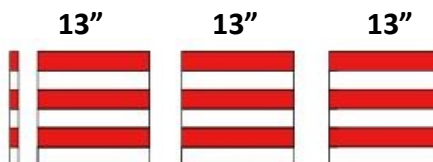
2. Cut 2 units 12-1/2" each, and 1 unit 13", from strip in Step 1, as in diagram. Make 2.



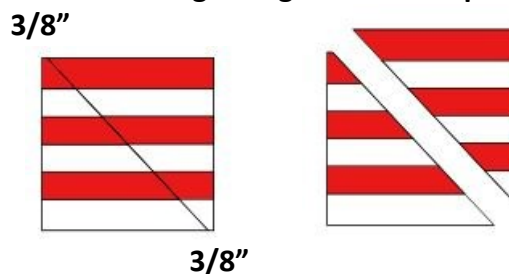
3. Cut 2 units 12-1/2" each, and 1 unit 14-3/4", from strip in Step 1, as in diagram.



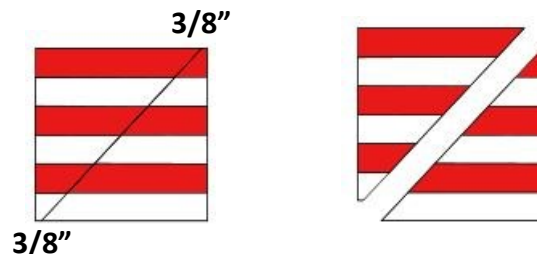
4. Cut 3 units 13" each from strip in Step 1, as in diagram.



6. From 2 units 13" wide, cut diagonally, 3/8" IN from UPPER LEFT corner, to 3/8" IN from LOWER RIGHT corner, as in diagram. Make 2. These are the Setting triangles for the top and bottom of quilt.

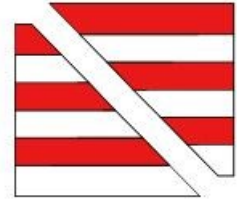
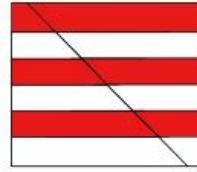


7. From 3 units 13" wide, cut diagonally, 3/8" IN from LOWER LEFT corner, to 3/8" IN from UPPER RIGHT corner, as in diagram. Make 3. These are the Setting triangles for sides of quilt.



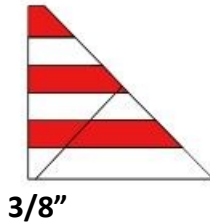
8. From unit $14\frac{3}{4}$ " wide, cut diagonally, $1\frac{1}{8}$ " IN from UPPER LEFT corner to $1\frac{1}{8}$ " IN from LOWER RIGHT corner, as in diagram. Make 1.

$1\frac{1}{8}$ "

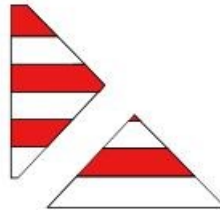


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9. From LEFT triangle in Step 8, cut a 45 degree diagonal line, starting $\frac{3}{8}$ " IN from LOWER LEFT corner, as in diagram. Make 1.



$\frac{3}{8}$ "



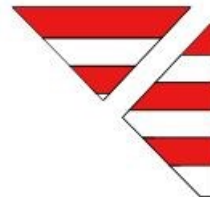
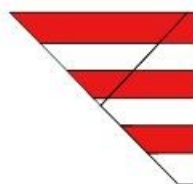
10. From UPPER LEFT triangle in Step 9, cut a 45 degree diagonal line, starting $\frac{3}{8}$ " IN from UPPER LEFT corner, as in diagram.

$\frac{3}{8}$ "



11. From RIGHT triangle in Step 8, cut a 45 degree diagonal line, starting $\frac{3}{8}$ " IN from UPPER RIGHT corner, as in diagram.

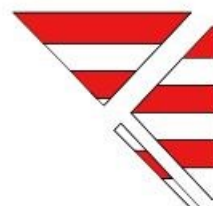
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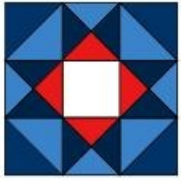
12. From LOWER RIGHT triangle in Step 11, cut a 45 degree diagonal, starting $\frac{3}{8}$ " in from LOWER RIGHT corner, as in diagram. These 2 triangles and the 2 from Step 10 are the corner setting triangles.



$\frac{3}{8}$ "



Star Block



Make 12. Block measures 12-1/2" square.

1. Draw a line diagonally on WS of 24 Blue 4-7/8" squares, as in diagram. Match these, RST, with 24 Navy 4-7/8" squares .



2. Sew, 1/4" from the drawn line, on BOTH sides. Cut on drawn line to make 2 HST blocks.

Make 48 HST blocks.



3. Draw a line diagonally on WS of 12 Blue 5-1/4" squares, and 12 Red Star 5-1/4" squares, as in diagram. Match these, RST, with 24 Navy Star 5-1/4" squares .



4. Sew, 1/4" from the drawn line, on BOTH sides. Cut on drawn line to make 2 HST blocks.

Make 24 Red HST blocks, and 24 Blue HST blocks.



5. RST, match 1 Red HST block to 1 Blue HST block, offsetting the Navy half of blocks, as in diagram. On WS of fabric, draw a diagonal line PERPENDICULAR to seam, as in diagram. Make 24.

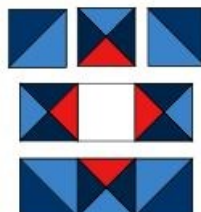


6. Sew 1/4" from drawn line, on BOTH sides. Cut on drawn line to make 2 blocks, as in diagram.

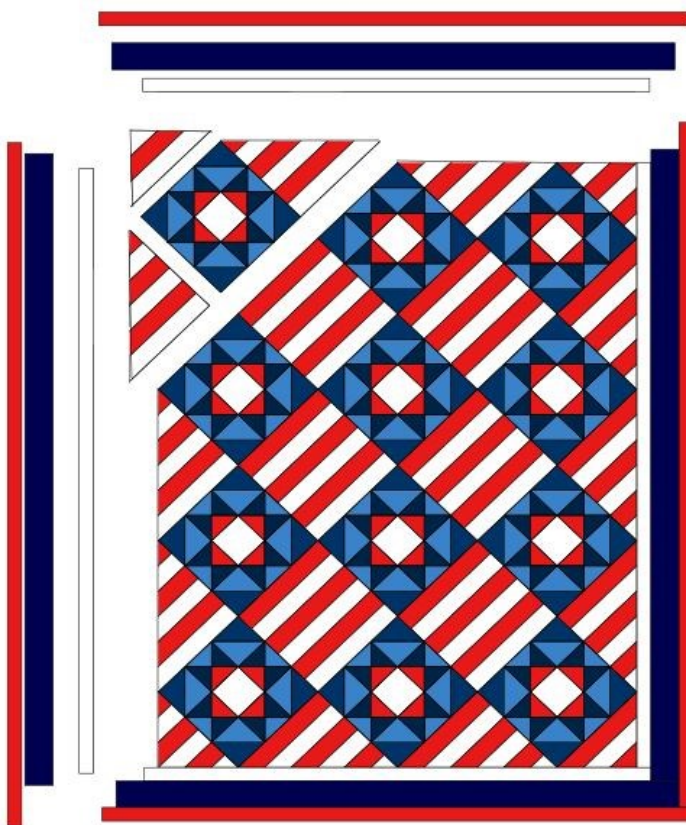
Make 48.



7. Sew 4 units from Step 2, 4 units from Step 6, and 1 White Star 4-1/2" square together in rows. Then sew rows together, as in diagram. Make 12.



Quilt Diagram



Assembling the Quilt

1. Sew the blocks and setting triangles together in diagonal rows, as in quilt diagram. **NOTE ORIENTATION of Striped setting triangles.** Press rows in opposite directions so seams will nest.
2. Sew rows together, as in diagram.
3. Sew 3 White 2" strips together end to end to make a long strip.
4. Measure through the Center of Quilt from top to bottom. Cut 2 strips this length from strip in Step 3. Sew to sides of quilt.
5. Sew 2 White 2" strips together end to end to make a long strip. Make 2.
6. Measure through the Center of Quilt from side to side. Cut 2 strips this length from strips in Step 5. Sew to top and bottom of quilt.
7. Sew 2 Navy Flags 3-1/2" strips together end to end to make a long strip. Make 4.
8. Measure through the Center of Quilt from top to bottom. Cut 2 strips this length from strips in Step 7. Sew to sides of quilt.
9. Measure through the Center of Quilt from side to side. Cut 2 strips this length from strips in Step 7. Sew to top and bottom of quilt.
10. Sew 2 Red Star 2" strips together end to end to make a long strip. Make 4.
11. Measure through the Center of Quilt from top to bottom. Cut 2 strips this length from strips in Step 10. Sew to sides of quilt.
12. Measure through the Center of Quilt from side to side. Cut 2 strips this length from strips in Step 10. Sew to top and bottom of quilt.

Finishing the Quilt

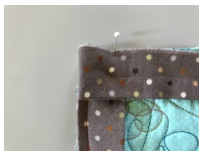
1. Layer backing (wrong side up), batting, and quilt top to make a quilt sandwich. Baste the layers together with your favorite method. (quilting pins, hand basting, spray adhesive, etc.)
2. Quilt as desired, either by hand or machine.
3. Sew 2-1/2" wide binding strips together, laying the right sides together to form a backward L shape with the selvages overlapping. Sew from corner to corner so that when the seam is sewn, the strip will be continuous. Trim excess fabric. Press seams to one side.



4. Fold binding strip in half lengthwise and press.
5. Using 1/4" seam allowance, sew the binding to the quilt sandwich, starting in the middle of the bottom of the quilt, and leaving a 4 or 5" tail. Sew up to 1/4" of the edge that is perpendicular to the side you are stitching. Backstitch to secure.
6. Fold the binding so that a 45 degree angle is formed with the binding.



7. Fold it back on itself until the folded edge meets the raw edge of the sewn side. Pin the next side.



8. Start your seam on the edge of the side you have just sewn, and stop 1/4" from the next edge, backstitching.
9. Repeat steps 6 –8 until you have a gap about 8" from where you started. Overlap your two tails. Cut your tails so that they overlap 2-1/2". Match them up in the L shape like you did before and sew corner to corner. Pin first to make sure the seam is correct. Trim off excess fabric, and finish sewing your binding on the last side with 1/4" seam.



10. Fold the binding to the back, mitering the corners by folding them. Hand stitch or top stitch with the machine to secure the binding to the back.
11. Enjoy!