

Winter Stars

Designer Dereck Lockwood of Chico, California, used elegant printed fabrics and a diagonal set to create this stunning bed quilt. The border stripe gives the impression of multiple borders without the work. See *Sew Easy: Making Split Diamonds* on page 6 for step-by-step instructions for cutting and piecing the star points.

Size: 90¼" × 115"

Blocks: 18 (14½") Winter Star blocks

MATERIALS

Fabrics in the quilt shown are from the "Bukhara" collection by Maywood Fabrics.

3 yards black print #1 for blocks, sashing strip sets, and binding
1¼ yards black print #2 for blocks and sashing squares
1 yard red print #1 for blocks
1 yard red print #2 for blocks
3¾ yards tan print for blocks and setting triangles
1 yard green floral print for blocks
2 yards red floral print for sashing strip sets
6 yards border stripe print (3½ yards if not using a pattern that must be centered on each border.)
Split Diamond Template Set (optional)
Template material
8 yards backing fabric
King-size quilt batting

templates from the patterns and mark lines on fabric before cutting.

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances.

From black print #1, cut:

- 12 (2⅝"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 72 A half diamonds. (See *Sew Easy: Making Split Diamonds* for cutting instructions.)
- 48 (1"-wide) strips for strip sets.
- 11 (2¼"-wide) strips for binding.

From black print #2, cut:

- 3 (3½"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 31 (3½") sashing squares.
- 12 (2⅝"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 72 A half diamonds.

From red print #1, cut:

- 12 (2⅝"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 72 A half diamonds.

From red print #2, cut:

- 12 (2⅝"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 72 A half diamonds.

From tan print, cut:

- 3 (21¼"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 3 (21¼") squares and 2 (11⅞") squares. Cut 21¼" squares in half diagonally in both directions to make 12 side setting triangles (2 are extra). Cut 11⅞" squares in half diagonally to make 4 corner setting triangles.

- 4 (7¼"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 18 (7¼") squares. Cut squares in half diagonally in both directions to make 72 quarter-square C triangles.
- 6 (5⅞"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 36 (5⅞") squares. Cut squares in half diagonally to make 72 half-square B triangles. (Since B and C triangles are the same size, you may want to label them as you cut.)

From green floral print, cut:

- 6 (5⅞"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 36 (5⅞") squares. Cut squares in half diagonally to make 72 half-square B triangles.

From red floral print, cut:

- 24 (2½"-wide) strips for strip sets.

From border stripe print, cut:

- 2 (9"-wide) lengthwise strips, centering a red stripe in each one. If you are not using a border stripe, cut 4 (9"-wide) lengthwise strips. From strips, cut 2 (9" × 120") side borders and 2 (9" × 95") top and bottom borders. Borders are oversized and will be trimmed later.

CUTTING

NOTE: Cutting for this quilt is tricky.

Be sure to read *Sew Easy: Making Split Diamonds* on page 6 before beginning. If you are not using the Split Diamond Template Set, make



BLOCK ASSEMBLY

1. Referring to *Sew Easy: Making Split Diamonds* on page 6, join 1 red print #1 A half diamond and 1 black print #1 A half diamond to make a split diamond. Make 4 split diamonds from these fabrics.
2. In the same manner, make 4 split diamonds using red print #2 and black print #2.
3. Use diamond template to trim pieced diamond to correct size.
4. Referring to *Star Point Unit Diagram*, join 1 split diamond of each color combination. Set in 1 C triangle between the red star points to complete 1 star point unit. Make 4 star point units.

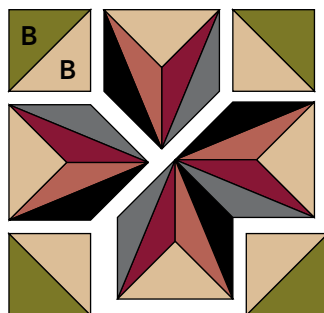


Star Point Unit Diagram

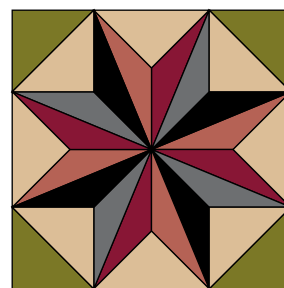
5. Join 1 tan print B triangle and 1 green print B triangle to make a triangle-square. Make 4 triangle-squares.
6. Lay out star point units and triangle-squares as shown in *Block Assembly Diagram*. Join 2 star point units; set in 1 triangle-square between black star points. Repeat for remaining star point units. Join the 2 star point unit assemblies and set in triangle-squares between the black star points to complete 1 Winter Star block (*Block Diagram*). Make 18 blocks.

QUILT ASSEMBLY

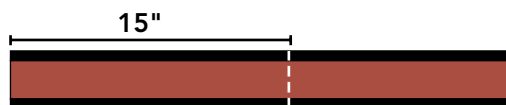
1. Join 1 (2½"-wide) red floral print strip and 2 (1"-wide) black print #1 strips as shown in *Strip Set Diagram*.



Block Assembly Diagram



Block Diagram



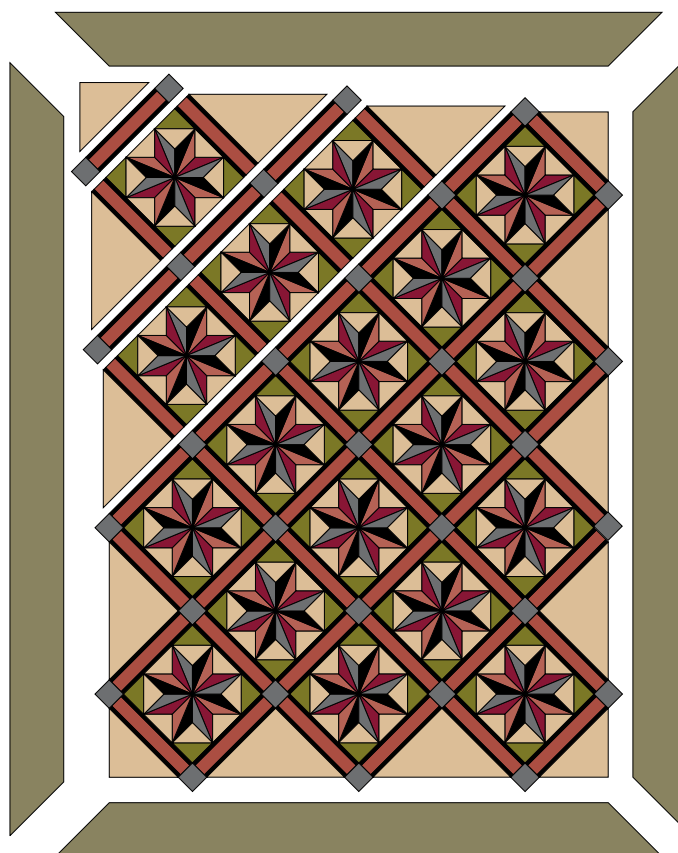
Strip Set Diagram

Make 24 strip sets. From strip sets, cut 48 (15"-long) segments.

2. Lay out blocks, sashing strips, sashing squares, and setting triangles as shown in *Quilt Top Assembly Diagram*. Join into diagonal rows; join rows to

complete quilt center. Trim corners of setting squares even with edges of quilt center.

3. Add borders to quilt center, mitering corners. See *Sew Easy: Mitered Borders* on page 7.



Quilt Top Assembly Diagram



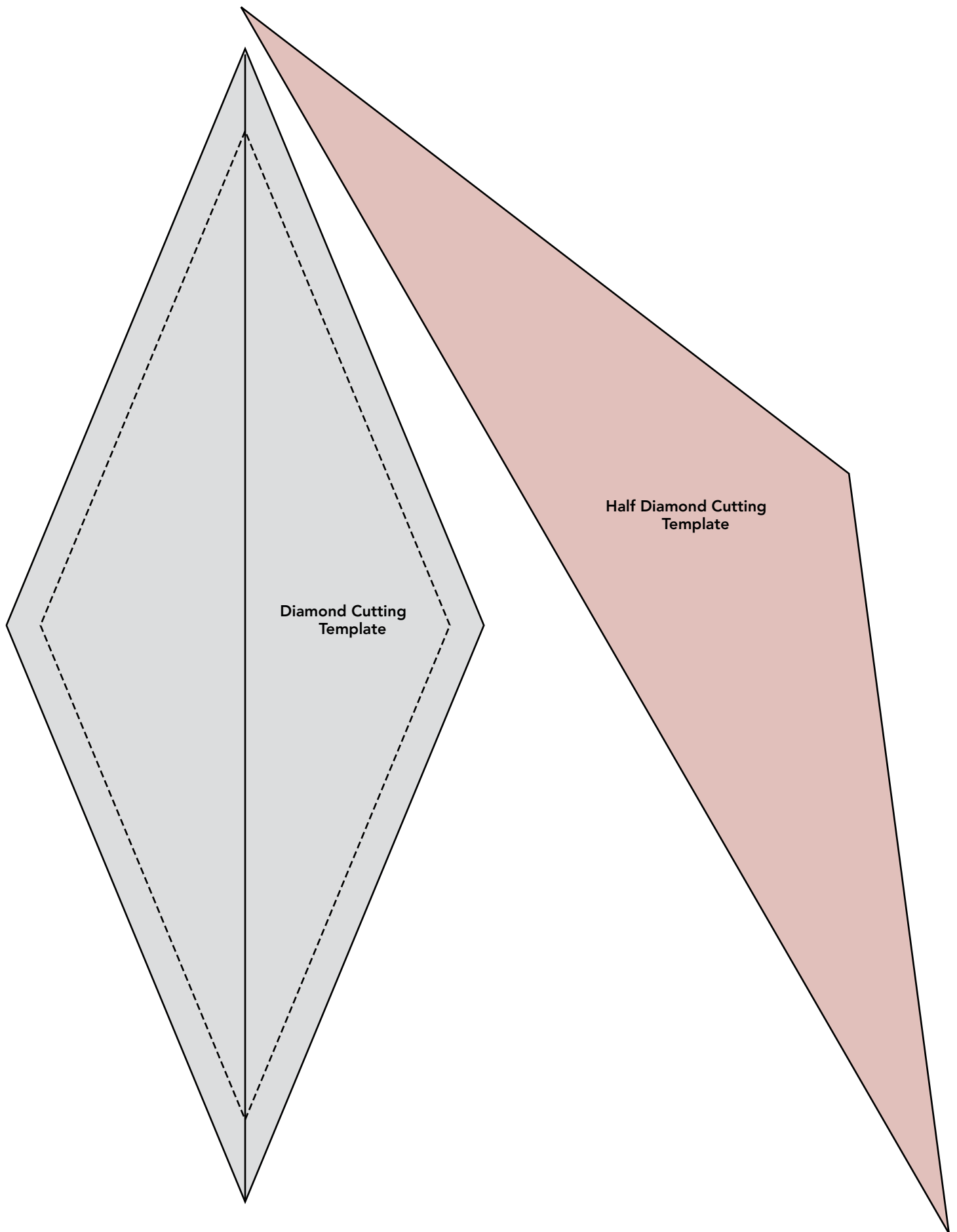
FINISHING

1. Divide backing fabric into 3 (2 $\frac{2}{3}$ -yard) pieces. Join pieces to make quilt back. Seams will run horizontally.

2. Layer backing, batting, and quilt top; baste. Quilt as desired. Quilt shown is stitched in the ditch in the stars, has fan motifs in the block corners and has feather

motifs surrounded by stippling in the tan setting triangles.

3. Join 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "-wide black print #1 strips into 1 continuous piece for straight-grain French-fold binding. Add binding to quilt. ✱





Making Split Diamonds

The Split Diamond Template Set makes easy work of cutting and piecing the diamonds for *Winter Stars*. The half diamonds are cut oversized and joined; the diamond is then cut from that piece. If you do not have the template set, make your own templates from the patterns on page 5.



Cutting Triangles

1. Cut required number of ($2\frac{3}{8}$ "-wide) strips for half diamonds.
2. Align long edge of half diamond template with bottom edge of strip and cut half diamond (*Photo A*).
3. Align long edge of half diamond template with top edge of strip and cut another triangle (*Photo B*). Continue cutting half diamonds in this manner until you have the number needed.

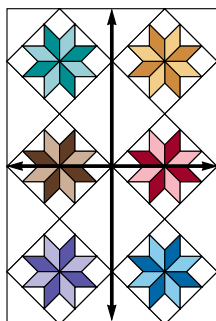
Making Diamonds

1. Join 2 contrasting half diamonds to make 1 oversized diamond (*Photo C*).
2. Align diamond cutting template on pieced diamond with top and bottom points on the seam line. Cut around diamond template (*Photo D*).



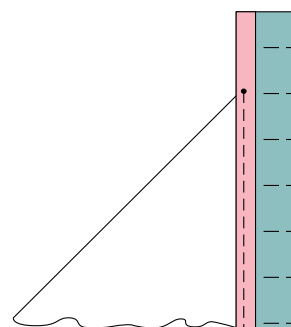
Mitered Borders

1. Referring to *Measuring Quilt Center Diagram*, measure your quilt length through the middle of the quilt rather than along the edges. Then measure quilt width. Add to measurements twice the width of the border plus 2". Trim borders to these measurements.

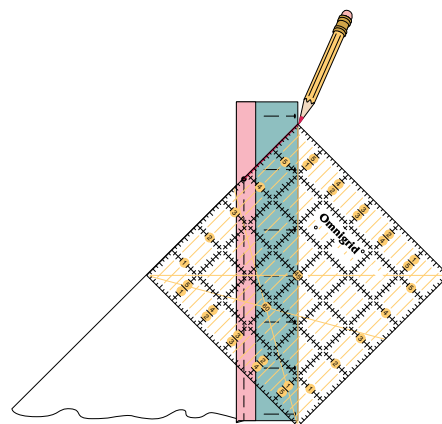


Measuring Quilt Center Diagram

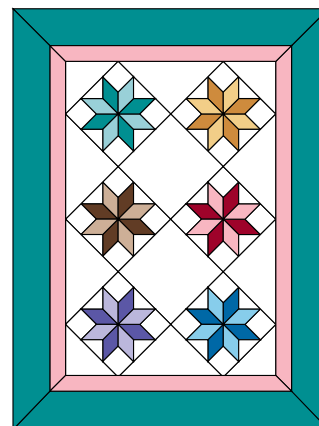
2. On wrong side of quilt top, mark $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances at each corner.
3. Fold quilt top in half and place a pin at the center of the quilt side. Fold border in half and mark center with pin.
4. With right sides facing and raw edges aligned, match center pins on the border and the quilt. Working from the center out, pin the border to the quilt, right sides facing. The border will extend beyond the quilt edges. Do not trim the border.
5. Sew the border to the quilt. Start and stop stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the corner of the quilt top, backstitching at each end. Press the seam allowance toward the border. Add the remaining borders in the same manner.
6. With right sides facing, fold the quilt diagonally as shown in *Mitering Diagram 1*, aligning the raw edges of the adjacent borders. Pin securely.
7. Align a ruler along the diagonal fold, as shown in *Mitering Diagram 2*. Holding the ruler firmly, mark a line from the end of the border seam to the raw edge.
8. Start machine-stitching at the beginning of the marked line, backstitch, and then stitch on the line out to the raw edge.
9. Unfold the quilt to be sure that the corner lies flat (*Mitered Borders Diagram*). Correct the stitching if necessary. Trim the seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
10. Miter the remaining corners. Press the corner seams open..



Mitering Diagram 1



Mitering Diagram 2



Mitered Borders Diagram