

# BLAZING STAR

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\*\*\*Please read all instructions before cutting and sewing\*\*\*

## TIPS:

1. Precision cutting and an accurate  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam are essential to the success of this quilt.
2. Use "measure as you sew" when piecing sections – this will insure that the finished pieces fit together. Adjust seam if necessary.
3. There are many bias seams, therefore finger pressing is recommended until whole sections are completed.
4. Use a dry iron to avoid stretching seams. Only use steam for blocking sections if needed. Press on a grid to insure accurate sizing and angles.
5. For the half-square triangles – instructions call for cutting individual triangles; you can use your favorite method for piecing (triangle paper, triangles on a roll, etc.) or cut strips slightly bigger and trim to size.
6. Please refer to the Fabric Requirements chart on the back before beginning.

## CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

**LONE STAR** (trim the width of each fabric to 30")

- A – Cut section 25" x 30"; cut (12) 2" x 30" strips
- B – Cut section 21" x 30"; cut (10) 2" x 30" strips
- C – Cut section 17" x 30"; cut (8) 2" x 30" strips
- D – Cut section 21" x 30"; cut (10) 2" x 30" strips
- E – Cut section 25" x 30"; cut (12) 2" x 30" strips
- F – Cut section 21" x 30"; cut (10) 2" x 30" strips
- G – Cut section 15" x 30"; cut (7) 2" x 30" strips
- H – Cut section 21" x 30"; cut (10) 2" x 30" strips
- I – Cut section 25" x 30"; cut (12) 2" x 30" strips
- J – Cut section 19" x 30"; cut (9) 2" x 30" strips

**SMALL STARS** Cut the following fabrics into strips as indicated. (WOF=width of fabric) When cutting strips in half, cut crosswise, to measure  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $\frac{1}{2}$  WOF.

- A – (8)  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF
- E – (2)  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF
- G – (4)  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF (cut two strips in half)
- I – (3)  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF (cut one strip in half)
- K – (2)  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF (cut one strip in half)
- M – (2)  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF (cut one strip in half)
- N – (2)  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF (cut one strip in half)
- O – (2)  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF (cut one strip in half)
- C – (2)  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF (cut one strip in half)
- F – (2)  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF (cut one strip in half)
- H – (2)  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF (cut one strip in half)
- J – (2)  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF (cut one strip in half)
- L – (2)  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF (cut one strip in half)
- P – (3)  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF (cut one strip in half)
- Q – (7) 8" strips; cut into (32) 8" squares  
(3)  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " strips; cut into (8)  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " squares then (32) quarter-square triangles.

## BORDER

- A, O & K** – (4)  $2\frac{7}{8}$ " strips each; cut each color into (47)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares then (94) half-square triangles
- H** – (10)  $2\frac{7}{8}$ " strips; cut into (120)  $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares then (240) half-square triangles
- I** – (3)  $12\frac{5}{8}$ " strips; cut into (8)  $12\frac{5}{8}$ " squares, then (32) quarter-square triangles  
(1)  $9\frac{3}{4}$ " strip; cut into (2)  $9\frac{3}{4}$ " squares, then (4) half-square triangles  
(11)  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " strips for binding
- Q** – (2)  $9\frac{3}{4}$ " strips; cut into (8)  $9\frac{3}{4}$ " squares, then (32) quarter-square triangles
- R** – These are large sections for the background surrounding the lone star and small stars. They need to be  $43\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $11\frac{1}{4}$ ". Cut (8).

## SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

### LONE STAR

Make (10) strip sets, each containing (10) strips. Sew the strips together as shown in Illustration #1, offsetting each strip by  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and following the chart order. Press the seam allowances open.

Strip sequence for sets:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Set 1:</b> ABCDEFGHIA | <b>Set 6:</b> FGHIAJBEDC  |
| <b>Set 2:</b> BCDEFGHIAJ | <b>Set 7:</b> GHIAJBEDCF  |
| <b>Set 3:</b> CDEFGHIAJB | <b>Set 8:</b> HIAJBEDCFI  |
| <b>Set 4:</b> DEFGHIAJBE | <b>Set 9:</b> IAJBEDCFIH  |
| <b>Set 5:</b> EFGHIAJBED | <b>Set 10:</b> AJBEDCFIHA |

Trim the strip sets at a  $45^\circ$  angle to even out the staggered edge. Use the  $45^\circ$  line on your ruler to keep the angle true and frequently check for  $45^\circ$  alignment to ensure perfect diamonds. Continue cutting every 2" for a total of (8) segments (one for each star point).

Illustration #1

