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Materials and Cutting Guide

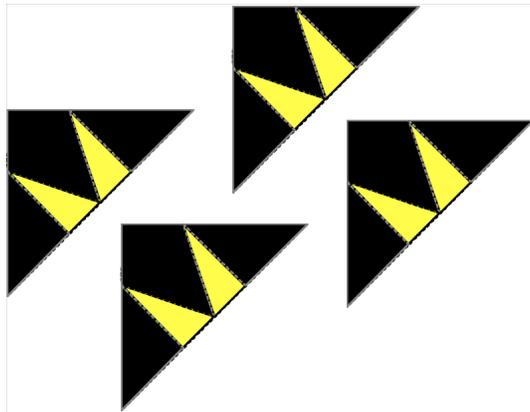
Important Note: To simplify this project, and to give you choices when you lay out your quilt top, the amounts given in the cutting and sewing instructions yield more cornerstones than you will actually need for your quilt.

Fabric	First Cut	Second Cut
2-1/2 yd black	6 strips 3-1/4" x 42 4 strips 5-1/4" x 42" Cut 20 strips 1-1/2" x 42"(for sashing). 10 strips 1-1/2 x 42" for sashing 6 strips 1-1/2" x 42" 6 strips 2" x 42" for binding	64 squares 3-1/4" for piece #1 32 squares 3-3/4" Correction: cut 5-1/4"for pieces 4 and 5, each square cut twice on the diagonal 8 strips 1-1/2" x 13" and 16 strips 1-1/2" x 7" for cornerstones
8 bright prints, 1/2 yard each	3 strips 2-1/2" x 42" from each of 8 brights 1 strip 1-1/2" x 42" from each of 8 brights 2 strips 1-1/2" x 42" from each of any 2 brights 1 strip 1-1/2" x 42" from each of any 6 brights for sashing	16 strips 2-1/2" x 3-1/4" for star points (makes 2 blocks) and 18 squares 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" for block centers (makes 2 sets of Color 1 block centers and 2 sets of Color 2 centers) 2 strips 1-1/2" x 13" from each bright and 1 strip 1-1/2" x 7" for cornerstones (makes 4 from each bright)
3 yd backing	54" x 54" (pieced)	
54" x 54" batting		
64 copies of Corner Unit paper piecing pattern		

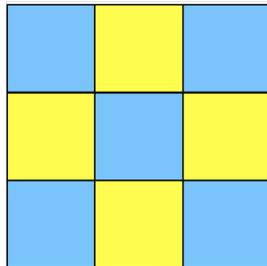
Making a Star Block

Important, before you begin: For one star block, you will use four Corner Unit paper foundations from the template provided. Make sure to include the seam allowances shown on the template.

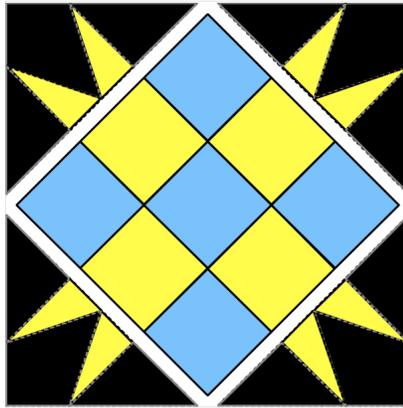
1. Pin or fabric glue a 3-1/4" black square to the non-printed side of the paper foundation in position #1, overlapping the printed seam lines by 1/2" all around.
2. Place a 2-1/2" x 3-1/4" strip for piece #2 on piece #1, right sides together. From the printed side of the paper foundation, stitch along the printed line. Trim the seam allowance to a uniform 1/4".
3. Fold piece #2 over, wrong side to the paper foundation, and press the seam line. Add remaining pieces #3, #4, and #5 in the same manner in numerical order. Make four corner units for each of the 16 Royal Star blocks (varying the colors).



4. Sew the Nine-Patch unit for your block, using four 2-1/2" squares from the same fabric as your star points (Color 1), and five 2-1/2" squares from a contrasting bright print (Color 2). Make 16 Nine-Patch units.



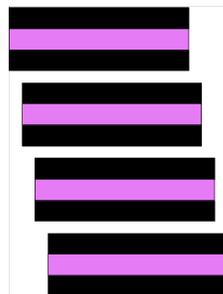
5. Assemble your block according to the diagram below. Make 16 blocks.



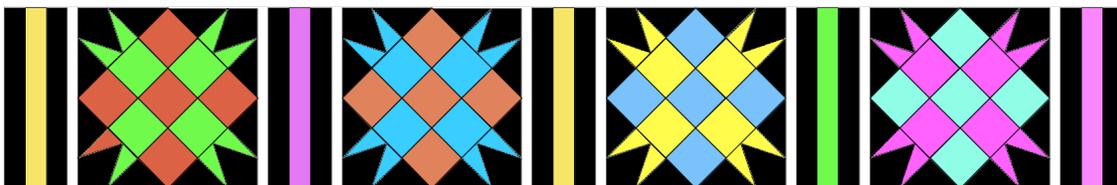
Important pressing tip: Press your seams toward the Color 1 fabric used for your star points. This makes joining the seams of the corner units with the Nine-Patch much easier, as the seams butt up against each other.

Preparing the Sashing

1. To prepare one sashing unit, sew two 1-1/2" x 42" black strips to either side of one 1-1/2" x 42" bright print. Press seams toward the black fabric. Make 10 strip sets from a variety of brights. Cut four 1-1/2" x 9" units from each strip set. Make a total of 40 black-bright-black sashing units.

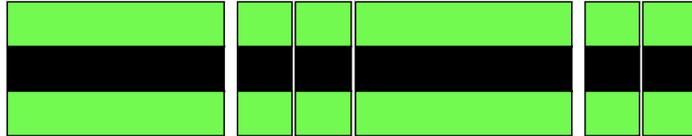


2. Sew four Royal Star blocks and five sashing units together, beginning and ending with the sashing units. Make four of these four-block horizontal rows.



Making Nine-Patch Cornerstones

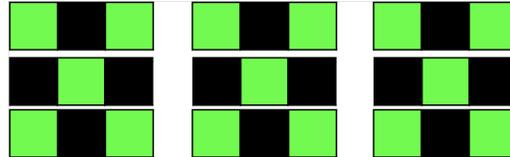
1. To make four Nine-Patch cornerstone units from one bright print, sew two 1-1/2" x 13" bright-print strips to the sides of one 1-1/2" x 13" black strip. Press seams toward the black. Cut eight 1-1/2" units from this strip-set.



2. Sew two 1-1/2" x 7" black strips on the sides of one 1-1/2" x 7" bright-print strip. Press seams toward the black. Cut four 1-1/2" units from this strip-set.



3. Assemble Nine-Patch cornerstone, positioning units so a bright-print square is in the middle. Make four Nine-Patch cornerstones.



4. In the same manner, make four cornerstones from each of the eight bright strips, for a total of 32 cornerstones (you will have extra cornerstones).

5. Sew together 5 Nine-Patch cornerstones with four of sashing units, beginning and ending with the Nine-Patch cornerstones. Make five of these long horizontal sashing-setting square units.

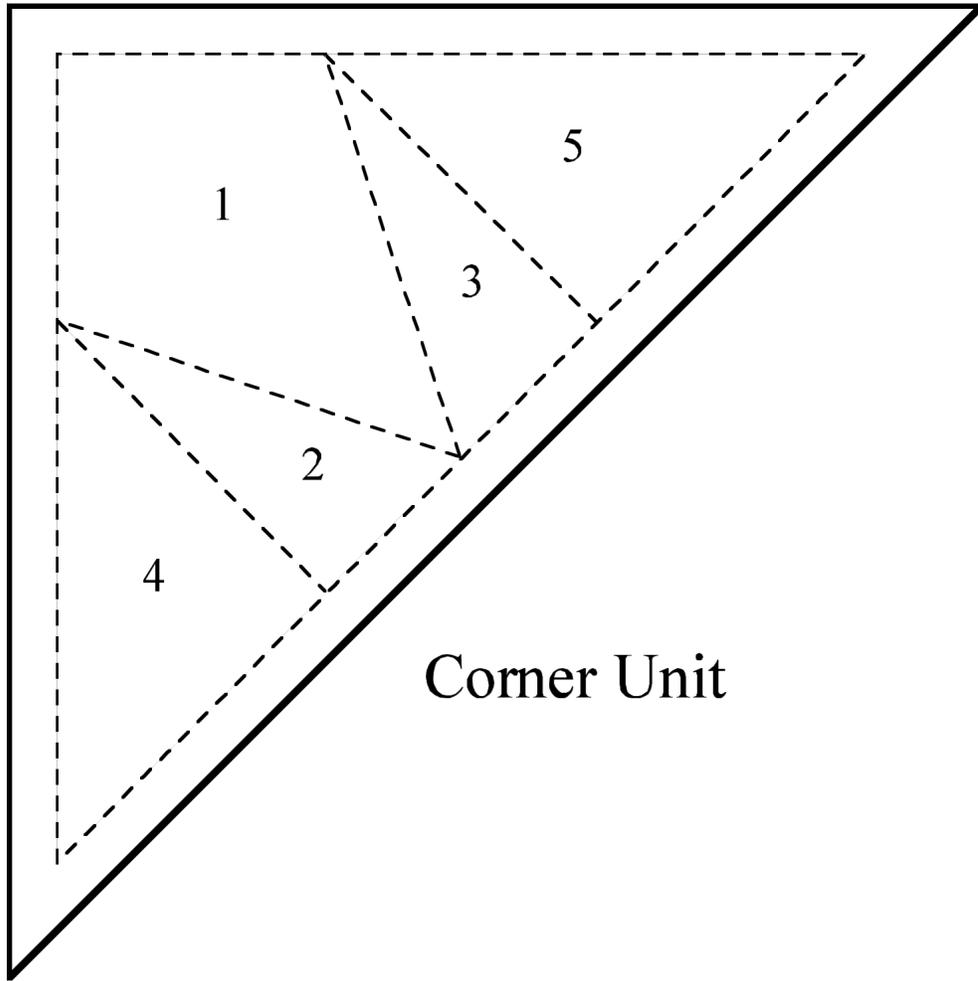


6. Sew the quilt top together according to the Royal Star Quilt Diagram.

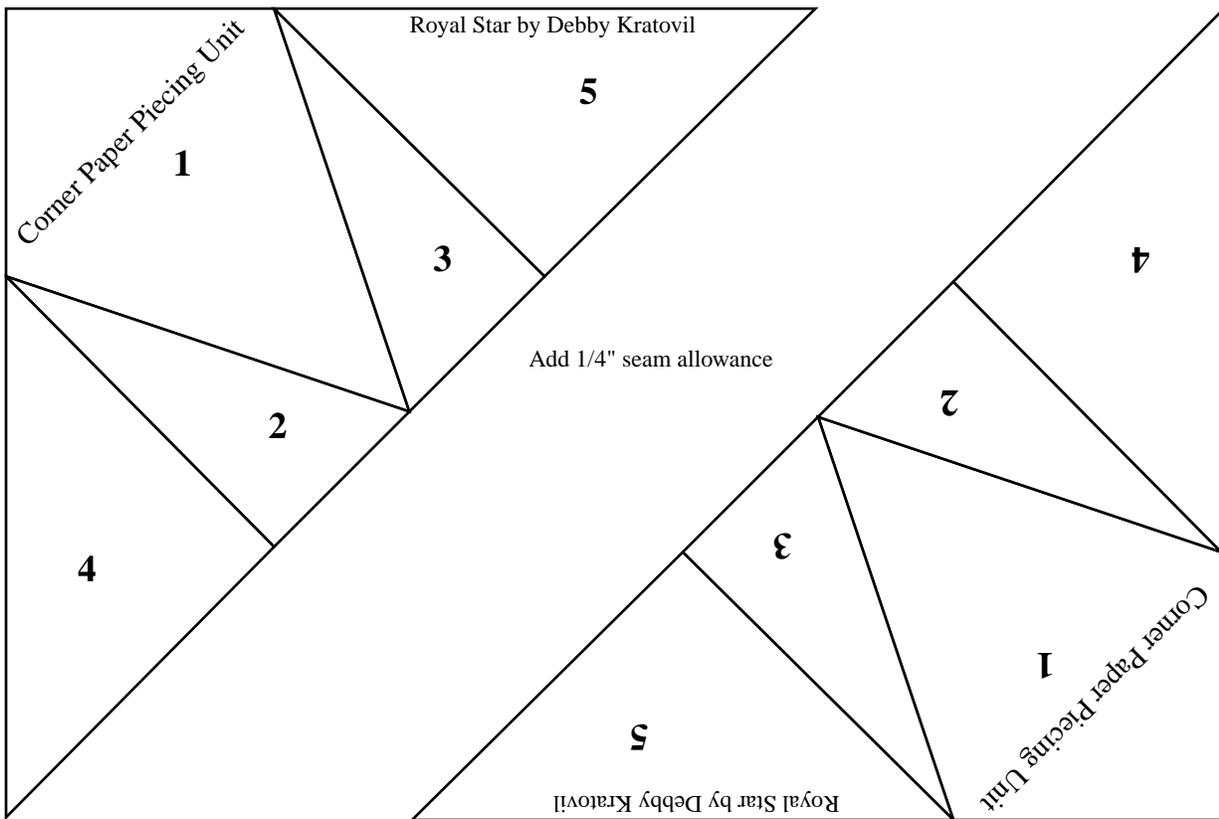
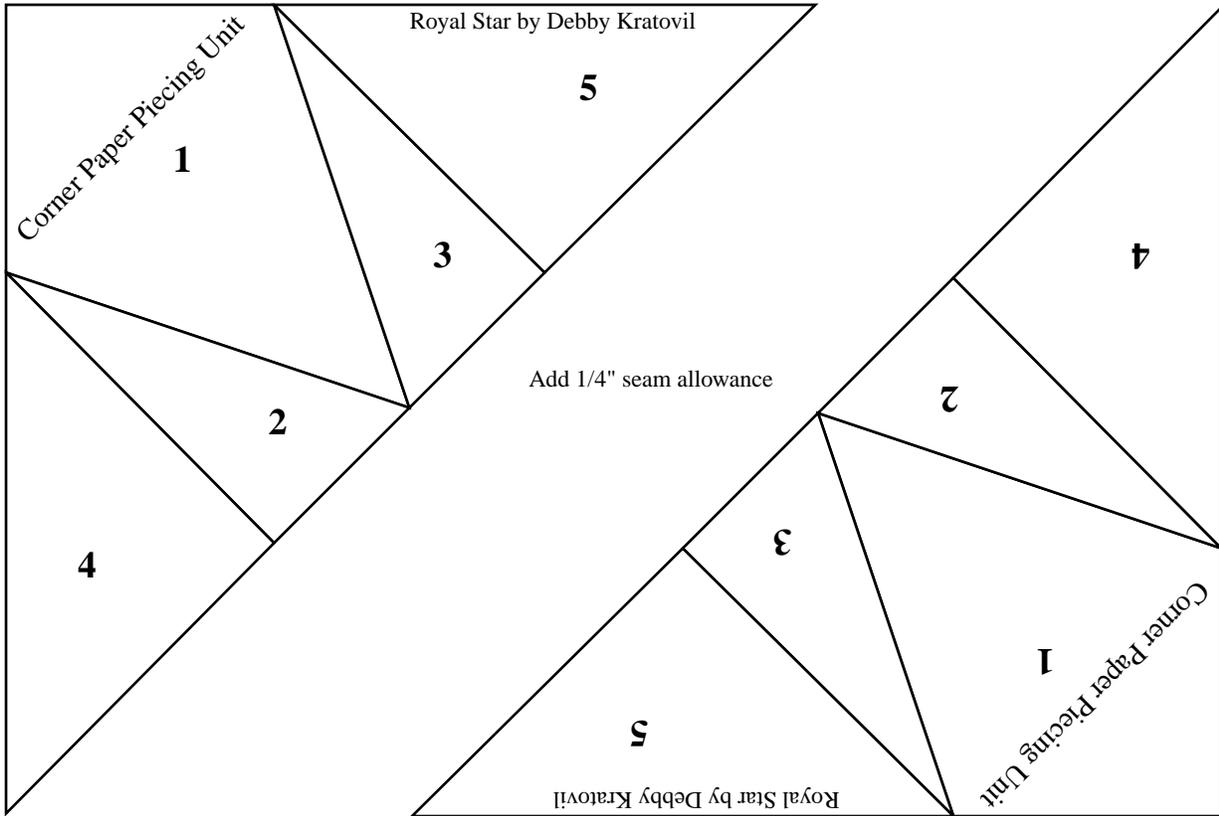
Finishing Your Quilt

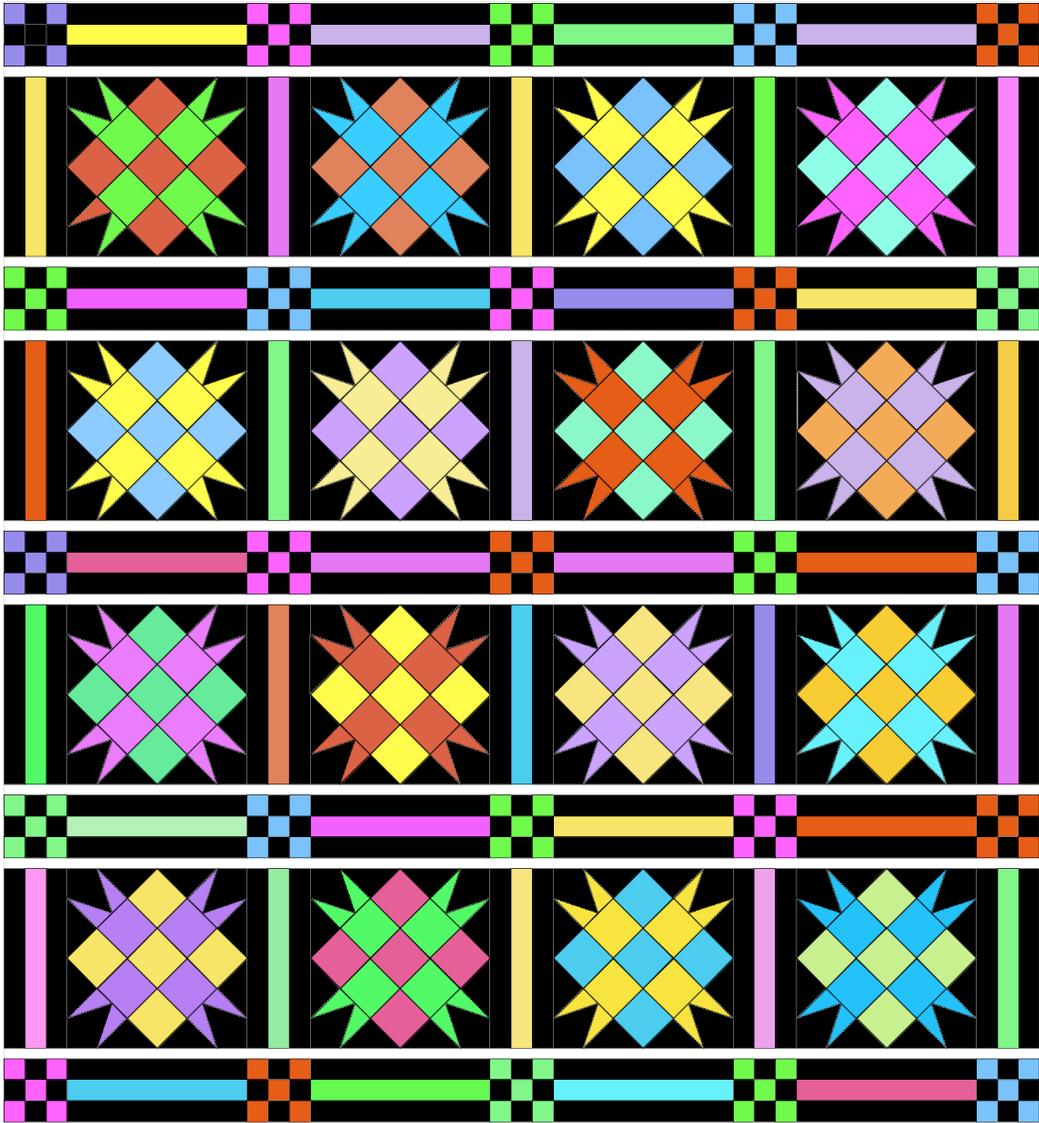
1. Layer the quilt top, batting, and backing. Then baste the layers together and quilt as desired.
2. Sew your binding strips together end-to-end. Fold the binding strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press the fold line.

3. Place raw edges of binding against raw edges on top of the quilt. Sew with a 1/4" seam allowance. Turn folded edge to back and stitch in place.



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ROYAL STAR quilt diagram