

Velvet Stars



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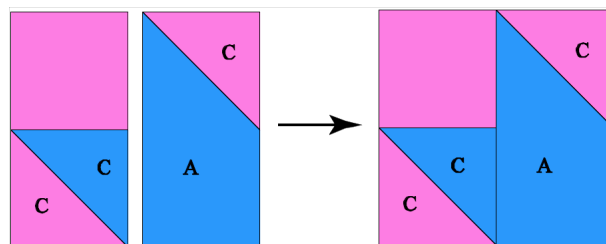
A tattered velveteen-backed pillow at a yard sale caught my eye one lazy summer Saturday. The colors in the needlepoint were bright and cheery and were stitched in a pattern similar to the one in this quilt. I drafted the block on my computer so I could use a quick rotary-cut-and sew method.

Materials and Cutting Guide

Fabrics and Materials	First Cut	Second Cut
1/8yd each of 10 to 12 bright solids	1 strip 4" x 42" from each color (for star blocks). 6 squares 2-1/2" in green, as shown in the quilt photo or in a variety of colors for cornerstones	
1-5/8 yd multi-print	4 <i>lengthwise</i> strips 4-1/2" x 58-1/2" for outer border	
5/8 yd multi-print with black	6 strips 2-1/2" x 42"	17strips 2-1/2" x 12-1/2"
1/2 yd stripe	6 strips 2" x 42" for binding	
3 yd backing	52" x 66" (pieced)	
50" x 66" batting		
Template material	1 template each from Velvet Star patterns A, B, and C	

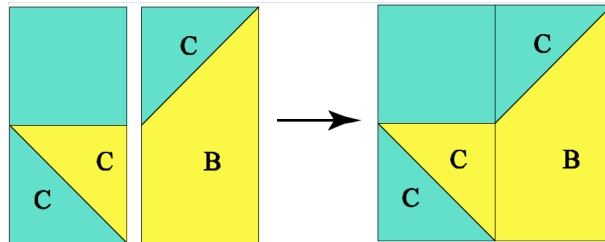
Making Star Blocks

1. Each block has four units made from different pairs of contrasting colors. Mix the colors in the units to make the most of contrast between colors.
2. Select two pairs of contrasting colors. From first color, cut one 3-1/2" square and two pieces from Star template C. From the second color, cut one piece from Star template A and one piece from Star template C. Make one unit.



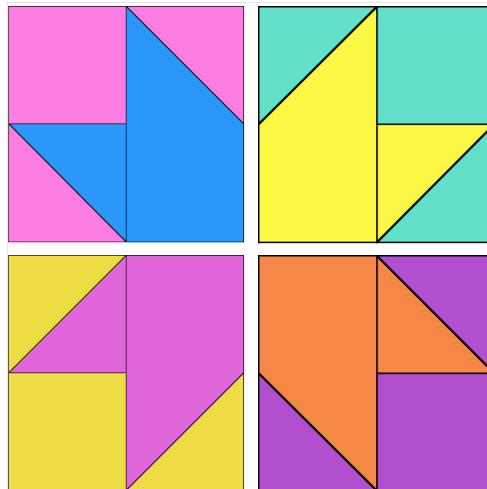
3. Repeat step 2 to make another from two new colors. (Need to call this Unit #1, so as not to confus with Template A)

4. Select two more pairs of contrasting colors. From the first color, cut one 3 1/2" square and two pieces from Star template C. From the second color, cut one piece from Star template A and one piece from Star template B. Make one unit.



5. Repeat step 4 to make another Unit #2 from two new colors. See note above.

4. Sew the block according to the diagram below. Notice that the square pieces are on the outside corners and the A and B pieces are opposite each other on the diagonal. Make 12 blocks.



5. Sew three star blocks with two sashing strips, beginning and ending with the blocks. Make four of these horizontal rows.



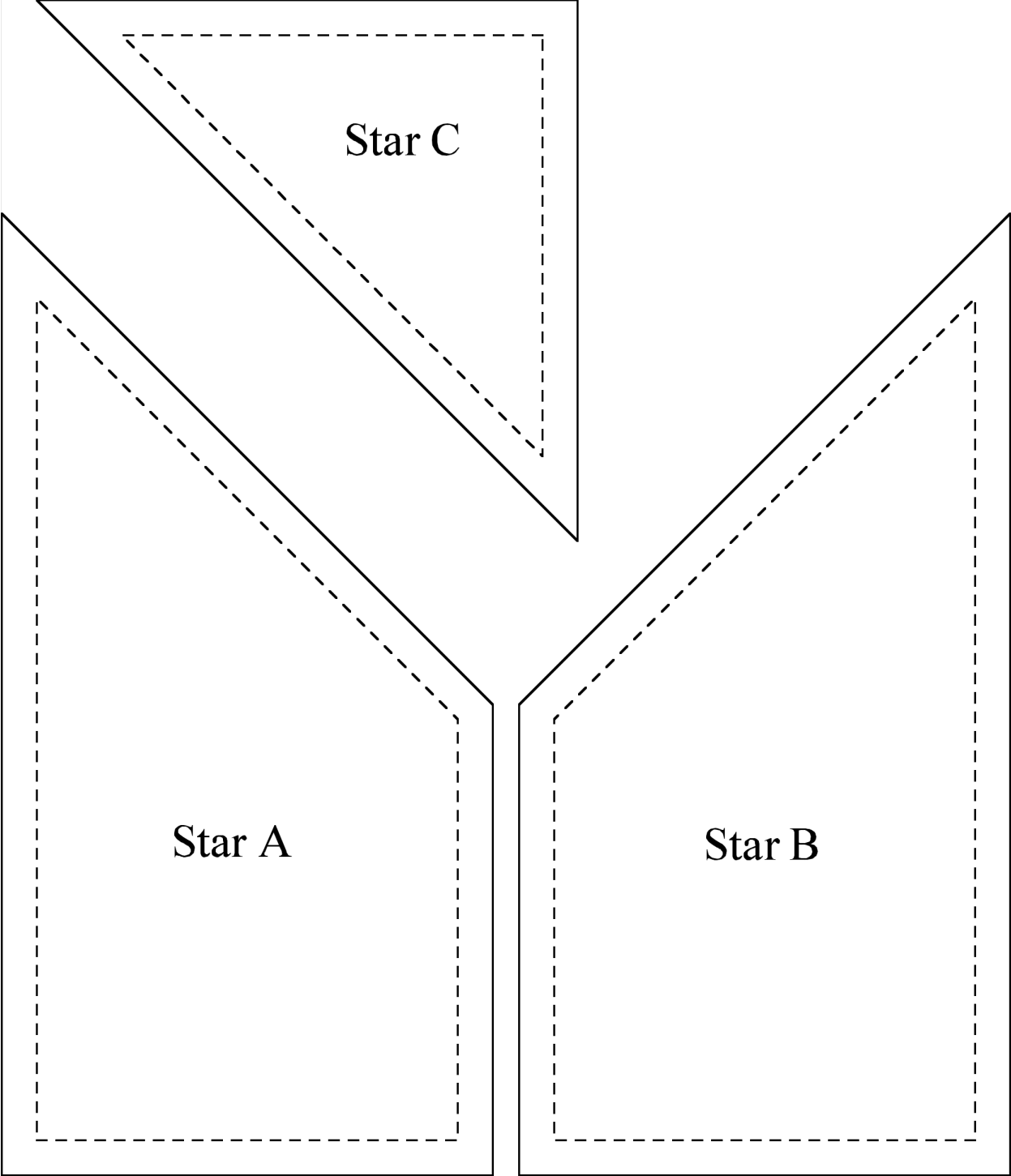
6. Sew three sashing strips with four sashing squares, beginning and ending with the sashing strips. Make three of these rows.

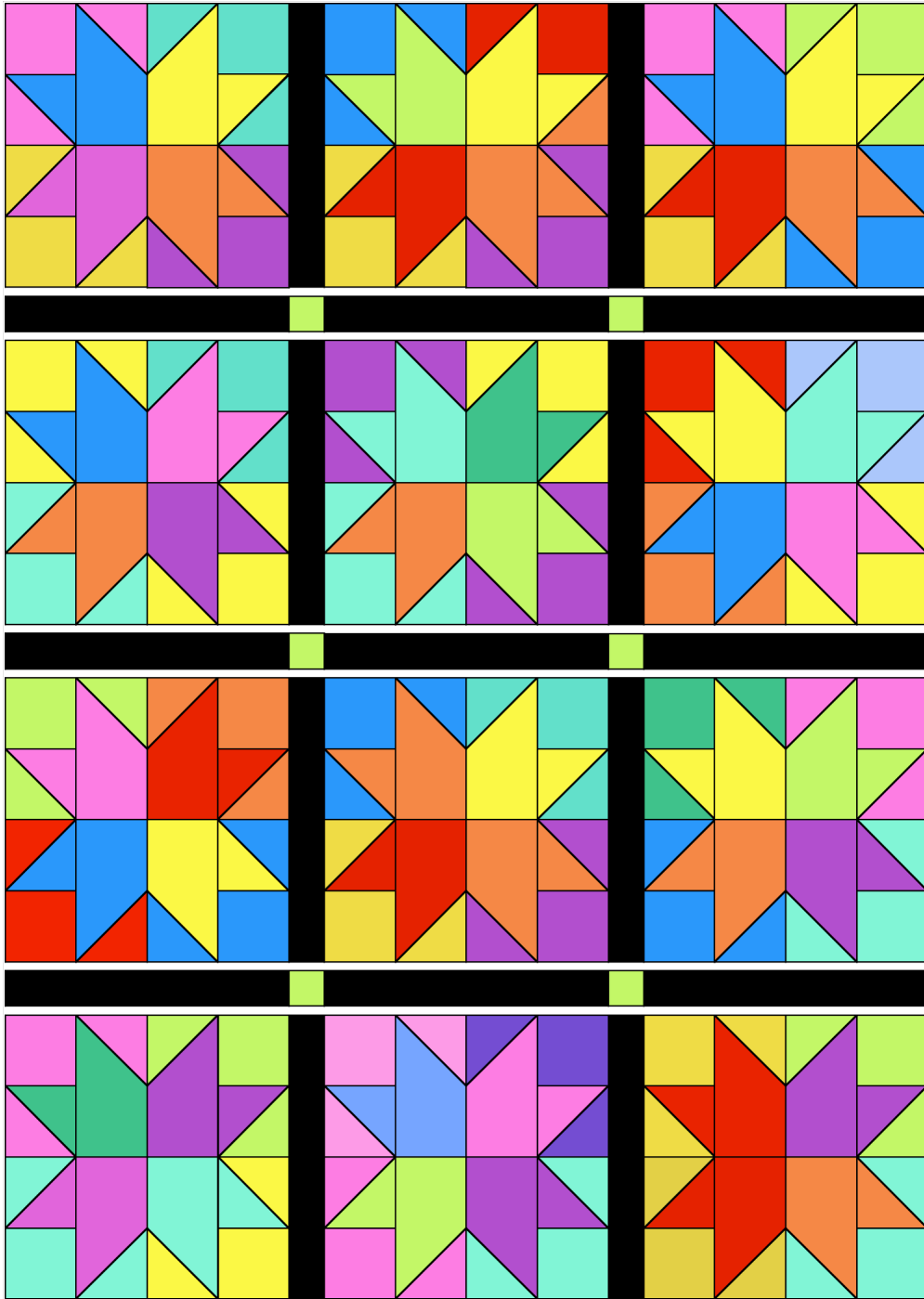


7. Sew your quilt top, including the inner border, according the VELVET STAR Diagram .

Finishing Your Quilt

1. For the inner border, measure the quilt from side to side through the center. Cut two inner-border strips to that length and sew these to the quilt top and bottom. Press seams toward the border.
2. Sew the remaining inner-border strips together end-to-end. Measure the quilt from top to bottom through the center. Cut the inner-border strips to that length and sew these to the quilt sides. Press seams toward border.
3. Repeat Steps 1 and 2 for the outer border.
4. Layer the quilt top, batting, and backing. Baste the layers together and quilt as desired.
6. Sew your binding strips together end-to-end. Fold the binding strip in half lengthwise, right sides together, and press the fold line.
7. 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.





VELVET STAR quilt diagram