

“A Walk in the Stars” Quilt Along - Fall 2023 FINISHING INSTRUCTIONS

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QUILT ALONG SUMMARY

This quilt is a star block sampler quilt. The block patterns will be released weekly during Sept. and Oct. 2023. Go to my Blog at [DKohndesigns.com](#) for the Quilt Along schedule and overall fabric requirements. The block patterns and layout directions are free through Nov. 30, 2023. Beginning Dec. 1, 2023, all of the block patterns will be removed and consolidated into one pattern with the addition of directions for several additional sizes of quilts and then the pattern will be for sale in my Shop at [DKohndesigns.com](#)

PATTERN ASSUMPTIONS: 1) ¼” Seams used throughout the pattern. 2) RST means right sides together. 3) HST means half square triangle. 4) Fat quarters are 18” x 21”. 5) Drawings are NOT to scale. 6) Read the entire pattern before cutting fabrics. 7) Arrows within the block indicate pressing direction.

QUILT LAYOUT:

BABY/CRIB SIZE DIRECTIONS – **Approximately 49 ½” wide x 48 ½” long finished.** The quilt has THREE rows. Each row has one of each of the five different stars. Blocks #1 - #4 have a “spacer” unit sewn to the TOP of each block to create the “zig-zag” effect in the quilt. See photos below. But there are NO sashing rows or borders for the baby size. Cut Fabrics A – D from the chart below. Then follow Steps #1 – #4 to create quilt.

THROW/QUILT OF VALOR SIZE – **Approximately 55 ½” X 73 ½” finished.** The quilt has FOUR rows. Each row has one of each of the five different stars. Blocks #1 - #4 have a “spacer” unit sewn to the TOP of each block to create the “zig-zag” effect in the quilt. There is sashing between the rows and 1 or 2 borders (quilter’s choice). See photos below.



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1) **SQUARE THE BLOCKS:**

A) **Start with Block #5** (Starflower Block). This is the largest block. The height of each row is determined by the height of the Starflower Block. Square all of the Starflower Blocks to 16 1/2" square. See Troubleshooting tips below if one or more Starflower blocks are smaller than 16 1/2" when squared.

Troubleshooting Tips: If a Starflower block is 1/8" or less smaller than the correct size after squaring it, then mark it at the edge(s) so you know to compensate in the seam for the shortage when sewing it to another block. If a Starflower block is MORE THAN 1/8" smaller than the correct size, then square it to the next smaller 1/4" and note the new size. This new size will be the total height for each of the other blocks (including their corresponding spacers) for that entire row.

B) **Blocks #1 - #4** – Square each block to the correct size. See chart below. See Troubleshooting Tips below if one or more blocks are more than 1/8" smaller than the correct size when squared.

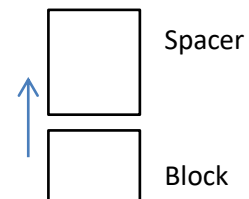
BLOCK #/NAME	B #1 – Friendship Star	B #2 – Ohio Star	B #3 – Reverse Sawtooth Star	B #4 – Missouri Star
SQUARED SIZE	5" X 5" unfinished	8" X 8" unfinished	9 1/2" X 9 1/2" unfinished	12 1/2" X 12 1/2" unfin.

Troubleshooting Tip: If a block is 1/8" or less smaller than the correct size after squaring it, then mark the edge(s) so you know to compensate in the seam for the shortage when sewing it to another block. If the block is MORE THAN 1/8" smaller than the correct size after squaring it, then square it to the next smaller 1/4" and note the new size. Then ADD the shortage amount to the height of the spacer unit for that block to bring the total height of the block (including the spacer) to 16 1/2" tall. Then cut the spacer unit for that block only, to the revised size.

2) **CUT THE SPACER UNITS** – Cut the spacer unit for each block as shown in the chart below. (Note: The cut size height of each spacer unit is 1/2" taller than 16 1/2" to allow for minor squaring/sewing errors.) Once all blocks in the row are sewn together, the entire row will be trimmed to the correct height in Step 3 below.

SPACER UNITS CUTTING CHART			
LETTER	BLOCK/UNIT	CRIB SIZE	THROW SIZE
A	Block 1 (Friendship Star) Spacer units	3 – 5" X 12"	4 – 5" X 12"
B	Block 2 (Ohio Star) Spacer units	3 – 8" X 9"	4 – 8" X 9"
C	Block 3 (Reverse Sawtooth Star) Spacer units	3 – 9 1/2" X 8"	4 – 9 1/2" X 8"
D	Block 4 (Missouri Star) Spacer units	3 – 12 1/2" X 4 1/2"	4 – 12 1/2" X 8"
E	Row Sashing	NONE	4 – 1 1/2" X WOF strips

3) **SEW SPACER UNITS TO BLOCKS #1 - #4** – Pin and sew each block RST to its corresponding spacer unit. Each spacer unit is sewn to the TOP of its corresponding block. NOTE: For faster assembly, you may want to chain piece sew the spacer units to the blocks all at one time. Press all seams toward the spacer unit of each Block/Spacer section of the row.



4) **SEW BLOCK/SPACER SECTIONS INTO ROWS:**

A) For each row, pin and sew Blocks #1 - #5 (with their attached spacers) RST to each other according to the photos on pg. 1. Note: the order of the blocks is different, depending on the row. For best results, pin adjoining blocks together from the bottom of the block so excess spacer unit fabric is at the top.

B) Press joining seams toward the larger stars. Once the entire row is sewn together, trim top of row (Blocks #1 - #4) so the height of the row is even with the height of Block #5 (Starflower).

C) Repeat Steps 4A and 4B for the remaining rows. There is a total of 4 rows for throw size, 3 rows for baby size.

NOTE: FOR BABY/WALL HANGING SIZE – SKIP TO BATTING/BACKING TO FINISH THE QUILT.

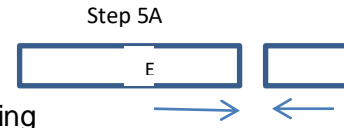
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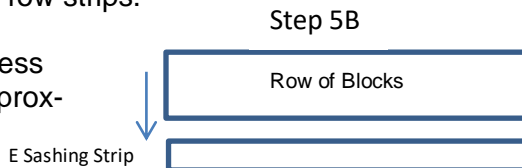


5) SEW ON SASHING ROWS:

A) Subcut one Fabric E strip into 4 - 1 1/2" x 10" strips. Sew 1 long Fabric E strip RST to 1 subcut Fabric E strip end to end. The combined sashing strip should be approximately 51 inches long. Press seam open. Repeat for remaining Fabric E long and subcut strips for a total of 3 combined sashing row strips.

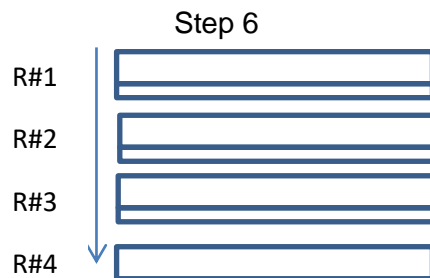


B) Pin and sew 1 sashing strip RST to the BOTTOM of Row #1. Press seam toward sashing. Trim sashing strip ends to Row width (approximately 49 1/2") as needed.



C) Repeat Step 5B for Row #2 and Row #3.

6) SEW THE SASHED ROWS TOGETHER - Press joining row seams open. See Step 6 Diagram at right.



7) TRIM ALL FOUR QUILT SIDES TO EVEN THEM UP - Doing this now will help ensure borders are straight when sewn on in in Step 8.

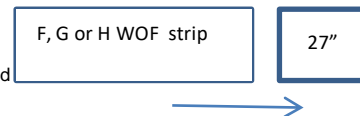
8) SEW ON BORDERS:

A) For each desired width of borders, cut the Fabric(s) according to the chart below. On page 1, the quilt photo with the light background has 2 borders (1 - 1/2" light fabric, 1 - 2 1/2" dark fabric). The quilt with the dark background has 1 border (1 - 4" dark fabric).

BORDERS CUTTING CHART			
BORDER SIZE:	1 1/2"	2 1/2"	4"
FABRIC F	8 - 1 1/2" X WOF	8 - 1 1/2" X WOF	NONE
FABRIC G	8 - 1 1/2" X WOF	8 - 1 1/2" X WOF	NONE
FABRIC H	none	none	8 - 4" X WOF

B) SIDE BORDERS -

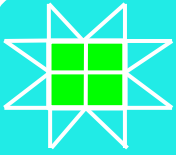
- 1) Subcut 1 WOF strip (Fabric F, G, or H) into 1 - 27"* strip and save the remainder of the strip for another project. Repeat with a 2nd WOF strip. For the sides, you will have 2 WOF strips and 2 - 27" strips.
- 2) Sew 1 WOF strip and 1 - 27" strip RST end to end to make 1 Side Border strip.
- 3) Repeat Step 8B1 and 8B2 to make 1 more WOF/27" Side Border strip.
- 4) Sew 1 Side Border strip RST to left side of quilt top. Press seam toward border strip.
- 5) Sew 2nd Side Border strip RST to right side of quilt top. Press seam toward border strip.
- 6) Trim Side Border strips to height of quilt (approximately 67 1/2") before adding the Top and Bottom borders (see next page).



*27" is the maximum length needed for the 4" border. 1 1/2" and 2 1/2" border subcut strips will be a little bit shorter so just cut off the excess.

See Diagram on the next page for both side borders and top/bottom borders.

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C) TOP/BOTTOM BORDERS –

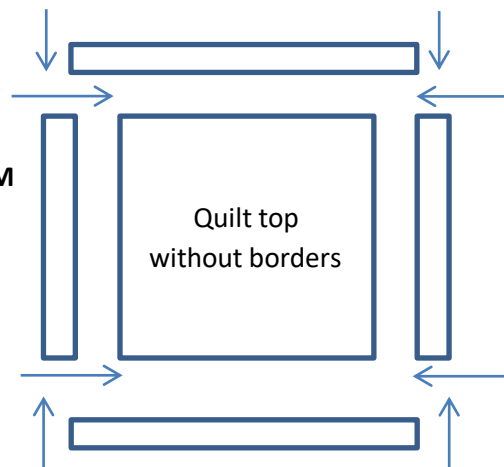
- 1) Subcut 1 WOF strip (Fabric F, G, or H) into 1 – 17"* strip and save the remainder of the strip for another project. Repeat with 2nd WOF strip. For the sides, you will have 2 WOF strips and 2 - 17" strips.
- 2) Sew 1 WOF strip and 1 - 17" strip RST end to end to make 1 Top/Bottom Border strip.
- 3) Repeat Step 8C1 and 8C2 to make 1 more WOF/17" Side Border strip.
- 4) Sew 1 Top/Bottom Border Strip RST to top of quilt top. Press seam toward border strip.
- 5) Sew 2nd Side Border strip RST to bottom side of quilt top. Press seam toward border strip.
- 6) Trim top and bottom border strips to width of quilt.

F, G or H WOF strip

17"

*17" is the maximum length needed for the 4" border. 1 ½" and 2 ½" border subcut strips will be a little bit shorter so just cut off the excess.

ATTACHING BORDERS DIAGRAM



BATTING/BACKING: Cut desired batting and backing several inches larger than quilt top all the way around. Exact size depends on quilting method and quilter. Adhere quilt top, batting and backing using desired method.

QUILT USING DESIRED METHOD

BINDING: Square quilt again after quilting the top but before sewing on the binding. Sew 7 – 2 ½" X WOF strips end to end RST using desired joining method. Cut off excess. Fold binding strip and attach to quilt using desired method.

Throw/Quilt of Valor Size: Approximately 55 ½" X 73 ½" finished.