

# ☞ Bethlehem Star ☞

Quilt by Deb Mosa

Finished Quilt Approximately: 68" x 68" - Finished Center Size: 50" x 50"

**Midnight Magic** fabrics by Exclusively Quilters - Style #3685

**Fabric Requirements:** Based on 44" wide fabric

1-3/4 yards cream solid (Classic Cotton Solid #400-904 Ivory)

1-7/8 yards navy paisley floral (#6479-26)

1 yard rust paisley floral (#6479-15)

1/3 yard rust floral (#6460-15)

3/4 yard blue sprig (#6401-26)

7/8 yard red sprig (#6401-15)

3/4 yard tan sprig (#6401-95)

1-1/4 yards red large leaf (#8479-1)

5/8 yard cream plaid (#8481-1)

1/2 yard navy paisley (#6476-26)

2-1/4 yards 108" wide fabric for backing (#8478-9 suggested)

76" x 76" quilt batting

template plastic and 3 yards 12" wide fusible web

An additional 1/8 to 1/2 yard is added to all yardages to account for shrinkage, straightening, cutting errors and prints that may require special cutting to get the best results.

You should protect your investment in time and fabric by making sample blocks before cutting into your fabric because Exclusively Quilters will take no responsibility for replacing fabrics.

Shops who wish to kit this design are responsible for figuring yardage for their kits if they wish to reduce yardages.

**Make Template:** Trace template onto template plastic. Cut out and label.

**Cutting Directions:** All measurements based on a 1/4" seam allowance.

From **cream solid** fabric cut:

One 22-1/2" x 44" strips recut into one 22-1/2" square

Two 14-7/8" x 44" strips recut into four 14-7/8" squares

From **navy paisley floral** fabric cut:

Three 2-5/8" x 44" strips

Six 3" x 44" strips for border

Eight 1-1/2" x 44" strips for border

Seven 2-1/2" x 44" strips for binding

From **rust paisley floral** fabric cut:

One 2-5/8" x 44" strip

Two 12-1/4" x 44" strips recut into five 12-1/4" squares

From **rust floral** cut:

Two 2-5/8" x 44" strips

From **blue sprig** fabric cut:

Four 2-5/8" x 44" strips

From **red sprig** fabric cut:

Four 2-5/8" x 44" strips

From **red large leaf** fabric cut:

Two 2-5/8" x 44" strips

Two 12-1/4" x 44" strips recut into six 12-1/4" squares

One 6" x 44" strip recut into four 6" squares

From **cream plaid** fabric cut:

Five 2-5/8" x 44" strips

From **navy paisley** fabric cut:

Four 2-5/8" x 44" strips

***NOTE: This is a quilt that requires an advanced knowledge of quilting. It is NOT a beginner project.***

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## Applique Blocks:

1. Trace the following shapes *template face down* on the paper side of fusible web with at least 1/4" between tracings:

Clover Template four times  
Stem Template sixteen times  
Circle Template sixteen times  
Flower Template sixteen times  
Small Leaf Template thirty-two times  
Medium Leaf Template thirty-two times  
Large Leaf Template sixteen times

2. Roughly cut out each shape leaving about 1/8" around the marked lines.

3. Lay the fused shapes web side down on wrong side of each fabric as listed:

RED SPRIG: 8 Flower, 4 Clover,  
4 Small Leaf and 12 Medium Leaf  
TAN SPRIG: 16 Stem, 24 Small Leaf,  
8 Medium Leaf and 8 Large Leaf  
BLUE SPRIG: 8 Flower, 4 Small Leaf,  
12 Medium Leaf and 8 Large Leaf  
NAVY PAISLEY FLORAL: 16 Circle

4. Lightly press shapes to wrong side of applique fabrics as listed above. Cut out each shape along marked lines.

5. Lay out the pieces for each of the four blocks on the 14-7/8" cream solid squares. A block layout diagram is given on Page 6. It is one fourth its finished size so you will need to enlarge it 400% on a copy machine. See Applique Block Layout in the next column for fabric placement and layering.

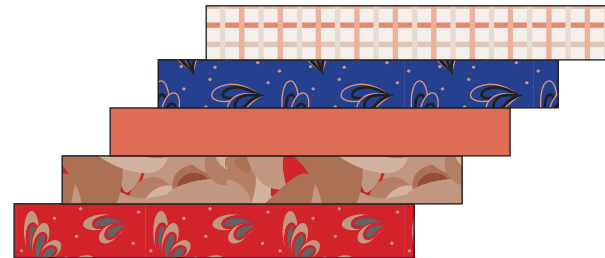
6. Permanently fuse the appliques in place according to the web manufacturer's directions.

6. Machine stitch around the raw edges of applique. Use a clear nylon thread through the needle and a neutral all-purpose thread in the bobbin. Set the machine to a short narrow zigzag stitch. Line with a tear-away stabilizer if desired.

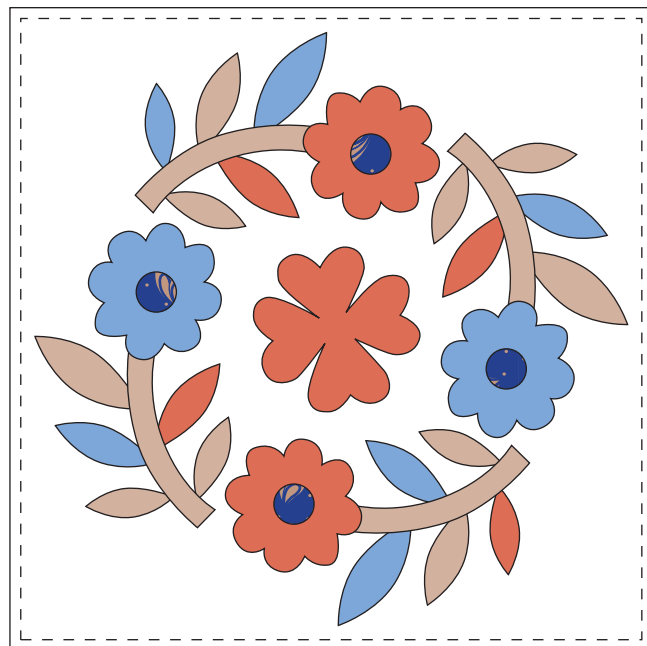
## Lone Star Center:

1. Pieced panels of strips are made from five 2-5/8" x 22" lengths (full-strips cut in half). Each strip is off-set from the previous strip by 2".

2. Piece the first panel with the fabrics in the following order from the bottom up: rust paisley floral, red large leaf, red sprig, navy paisley, cream plaid.



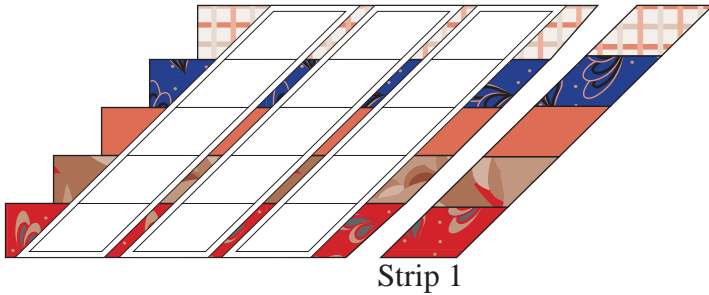
Applique Block Layout



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## Lone Star Center: (continued)

3. Using the Diamond Strip Template, cut four strips from the panel of fabrics.



4. Make four more strips sets of 2-5/8" x 22" strips in the following orders (from bottom up):

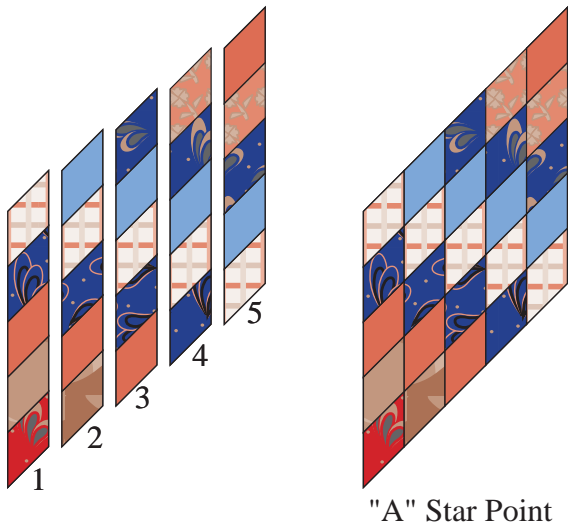
**Strip 2:** red large leaf, red sprig, navy paisley, cream plaid, blue sprig

**Strip 3:** red sprig, navy paisley, cream plaid, blue sprig, navy paisley floral

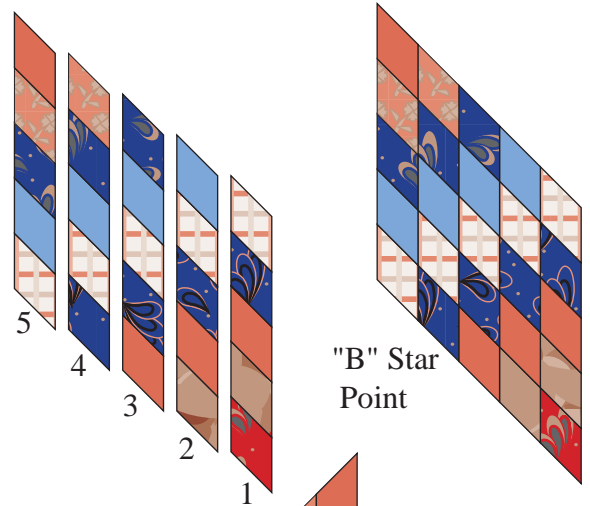
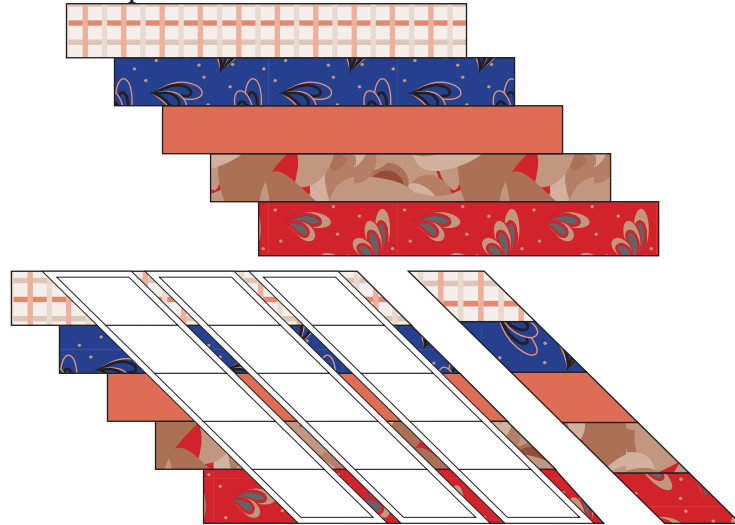
**Strip 4:** navy paisley, cream plaid, blue sprig, navy paisley floral, rust floral

**Strip 5:** cream plaid, blue sprig, navy paisley floral, rust floral, red sprig

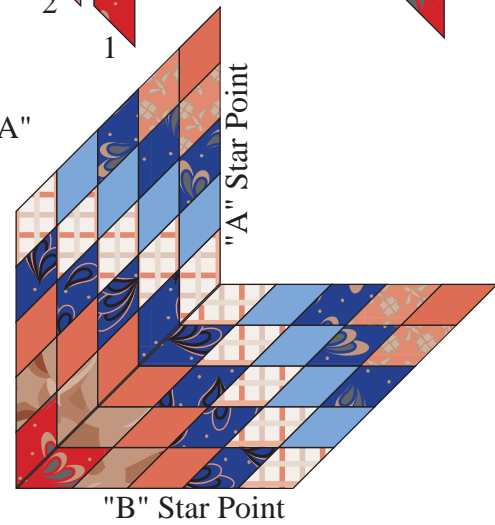
5. Lay out one of each strip into an "A" Star Point. Sew the strips together matching seam allowances. Make a total of four "A" Star Points



6. Make four "B" Star Points in the same manner as the "A" Star Points were made - EXCEPT reversing the off-set of the fabric strips and turning the Diamond Strip Template upside down. The basic graphics are below. Order of the fabrics in each strip are the same.



7. Stitch each "A" Star Point to a "B" Star Point. Make four quarter stars.

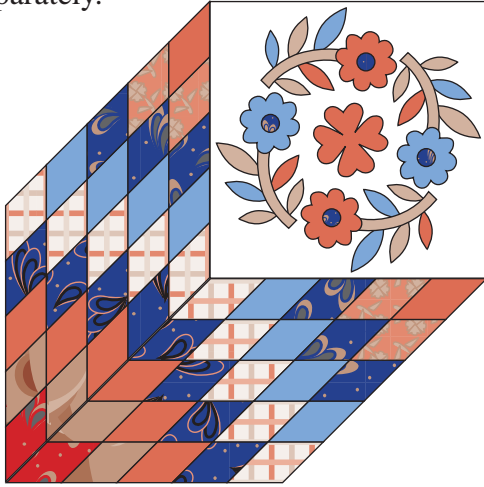


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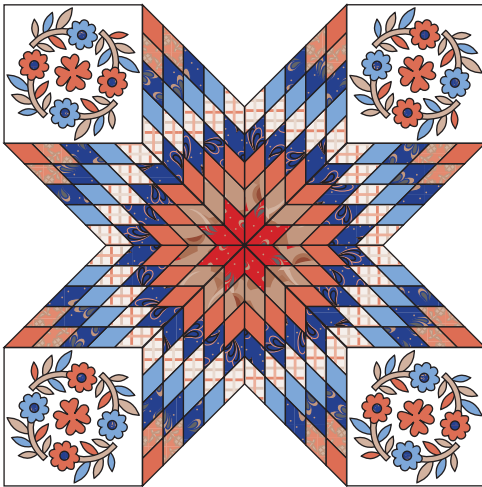
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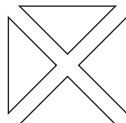
8. Stitch an applique block into corner of each quarter star unit. You will need to use a partial seam piecing technique. First sew one seam in place, then adjust your fabric and stitch the other seam separately.



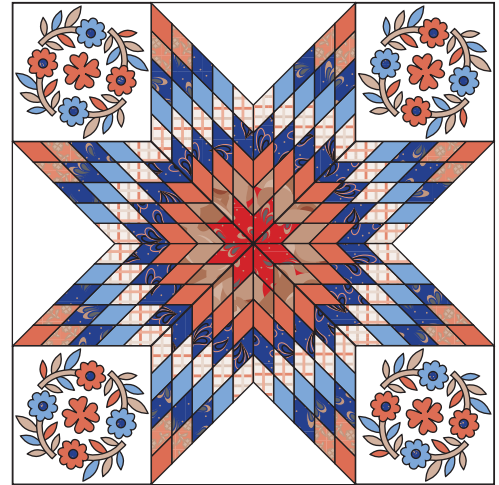
9. Sew the four quarter squares together as shown:



10. Cut the 22-1/2" cream solid square in half diagonally twice into four equal triangles.



Using the same partial seam technique as above, sew the large cream triangles into the sides of the star. (shown above on right)



## Borders:

1. Cut two 3" navy paisley floral strips each into two equal lengths. Sew each half-length strip end-to-end with a 3" full-length strip. Sew border strips to the right and left sides of the quilt. Press and trim excess from these and all successive border additions. Add remaining strips to the top and bottom of quilt.

2. Cut each of the rust paisley floral and red large leaf 12-1/4" squares in half diagonally twice into four triangles.

3. Piece four border strips, each with five rust paisley floral and six red large leaf floral triangles.



4. Pieced borders are tricky. Size the border if needed, then trim a border even with each of the four edges of the quilt.



5. Add a 6" red large leaf square to the ends of the top and bottom borders. Add right and left borders then the top and bottom borders.

6. Make four borders each with two 1-1/2" navy paisley floral strips sewn together end-to-end. Add borders to sides then top and bottom.

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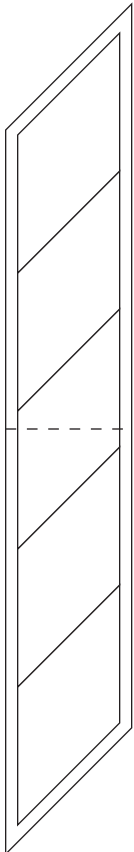
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## Finishing:

1. Layer backing, batting and quilt top. Baste then quilt or tie as desired.
2. Make binding from seven 2-1/2" x 44" strips of navy paisley floral and add to finish quilt edge.

This box is 2" square. Measure the box. If it is not 2" square, reduce or enlarge the entire page of templates until it is.

When top and bottom of Diamond Strip Template are combined they will look like this.



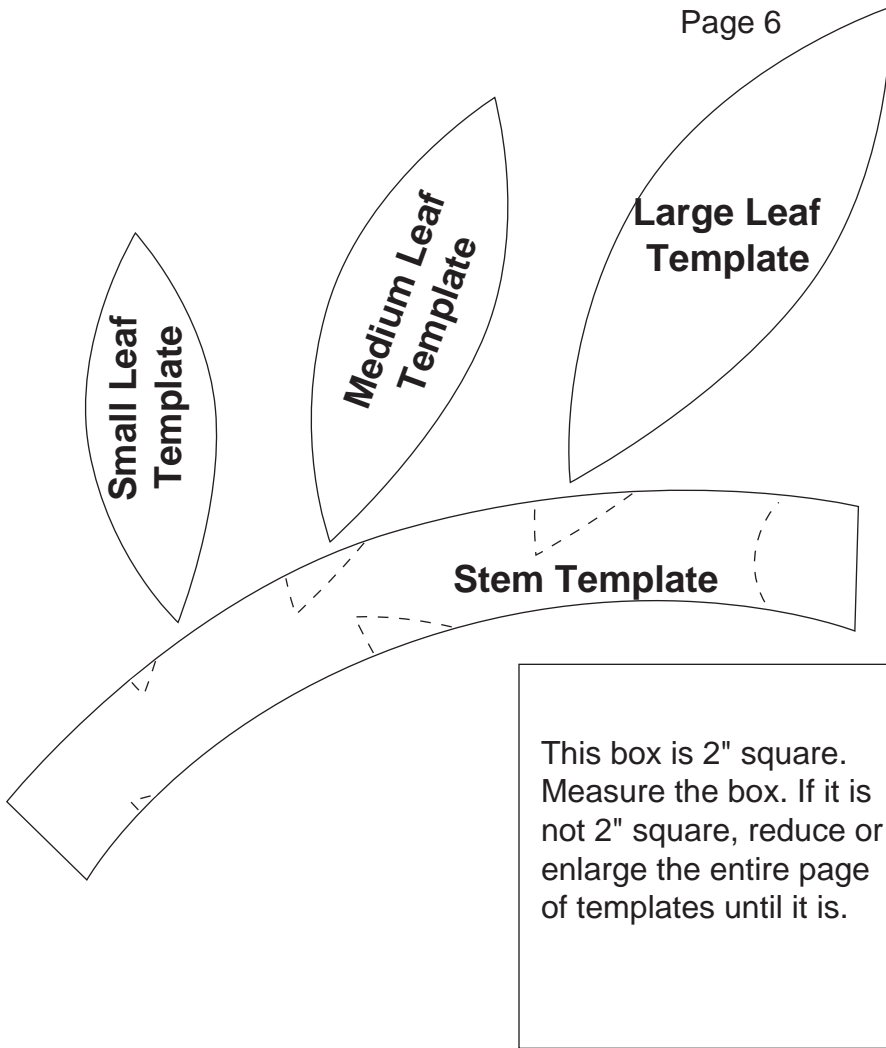
**Diamond Strip Template  
TOP**

**Diamond Strip Template  
BOTTOM**

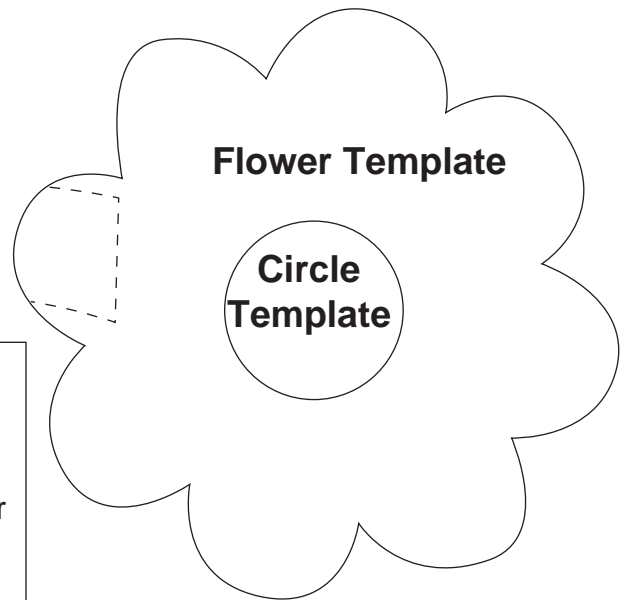
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Block Layout - 1/4 size - enlarge 400%

