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Old **COUNTRY** Stars

Quilt size: 68" x 84"

Finished block size: 12" x 12"

The sashing gives the stars the appearance of floating and, better yet, results in no points to match! The checkerboard border is also quick, and it frames the quilt nicely.

Made and quilted by the author.

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

Taupe	☆	4 ¹ / ₈ yards
Red Print	★	2 yards
Dark Olive Print	★	5 ⁵ / ₈ yard
Light Olive Print	★	5 ⁵ / ₈ yard
Binding	★	3 ³ / ₄ yard
Backing	★	5 ³ / ₈ yard
Batting	★	76" × 90"

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Use fabric at least 40" wide.

☆ Taupe	<i>Cut into:</i>
6 strips 4 ¹ / ₂ " wide	48 A
11 strips 2 ¹ / ₂ " wide	48 B, 8 strips for checkerboard border
2 strips 5 ¹ / ₄ " wide	12 C
11 strips 3 ¹ / ₂ " wide	6 G, 10 strips for border 1 sides and border 3
12 strips 1 ¹ / ₄ " wide	34 F
3 strips 1 ¹ / ₂ " wide	(pieced sashing)
3 strips 4" wide	(border 1 top & bottom)

★ Red Print	
1 strip 4 ¹ / ₂ " wide	4 A
1 strip 5 ¹ / ₄ " wide	4 C
1 strip 4 ⁷ / ₈ " wide	8 D
1 strip 2 ³ / ₄ " wide	(pieced sashing)
8 strips 2 ¹ / ₂ " wide	(checkerboard border)
8 strips 3 ¹ / ₂ " wide	(border 4)

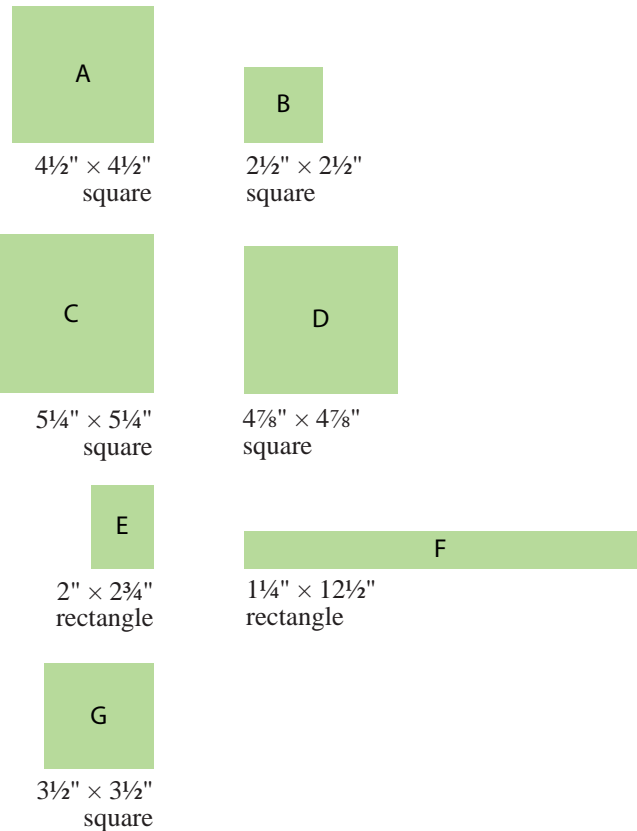
★ Dark Olive Print

1 strip 4 ¹ / ₂ " wide	4 A
1 strip 5 ¹ / ₄ " wide	4 C
1 strip 4 ⁷ / ₈ " wide	8 D
2 strips 2 ³ / ₄ " wide	9 E, 1 strip for pieced sashing

★ Light Olive Print

1 strip 4 ¹ / ₂ " wide	4 A
1 strip 5 ¹ / ₄ " wide	4 C
1 strip 4 ⁷ / ₈ " wide	8 D
2 strips 2 ³ / ₄ " wide	8 E, 1 strip for pieced sashing

★ Binding	9 strips 2 ¹ / ₂ " wide
★ Backing	2 panels 38" × 92"
★ Batting	76" × 92"



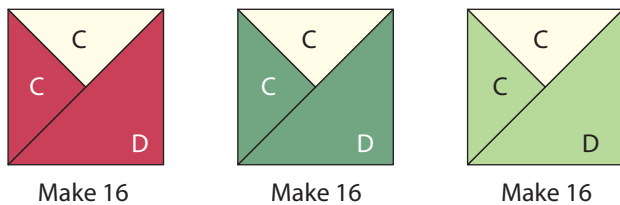
CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES

- Partial Quarter-Square Triangles (page 89)
- Corner-Squares (page 90)
- Border Application (page 91)

BLOCK CONSTRUCTION

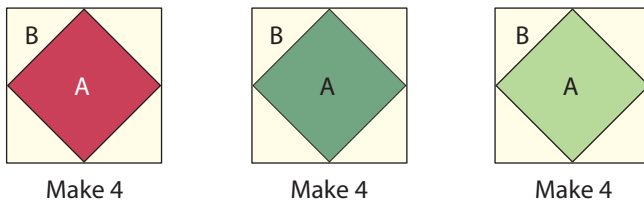
Make 48 partial quarter-square triangles as shown in figure 1.

Figure 1



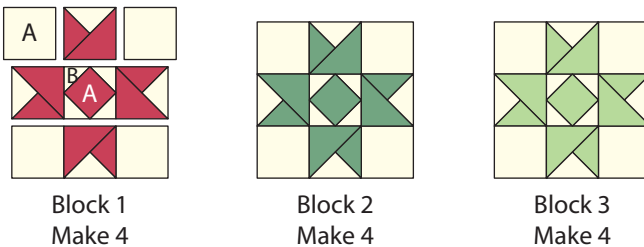
Using the corner-square method, add four taupe B squares to each of the four print A squares to make 12 square-in-a-square units (figure 2).

Figure 2



Referring to figure 3, assemble the blocks.

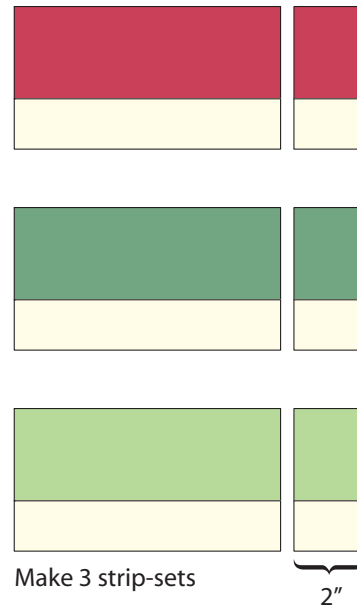
Figure 3



SASHING CONSTRUCTION

Make a strip-set with a 2¾" print strip and a 1½" taupe strip (figure 4). Make two more strip-sets like this, but each with a different print. Cut 2" segments from the three strip-sets for a total of 51 segments.

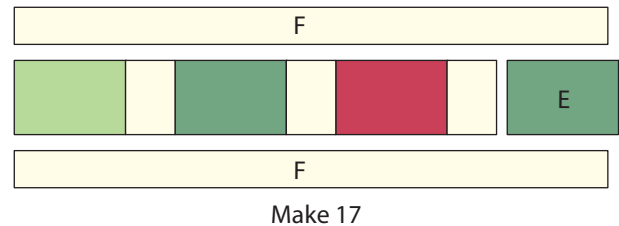
Figure 4



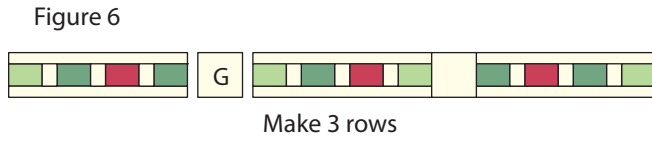
Join three segments plus an E rectangle of dark or light olive in a random arrangement for the sashing (see figure 5). Make 17 segment strips like this.

Add a taupe F rectangle to both sides of the segment strips to create the sashing units (figure 5).

Figure 5

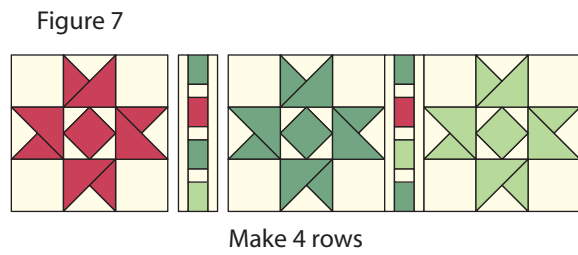


Referring to figure 6, make three sashing rows with 9 sashing units and taupe G squares.



QUILT TOP ASSEMBLY

Arrange the Star blocks, then add the remaining 8 sashing units to make the block rows (figure 7).

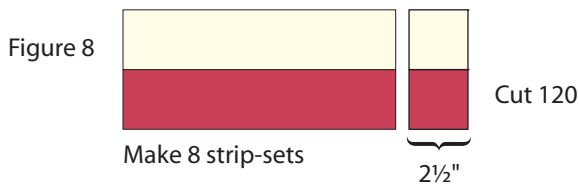


Join the block and sashing rows (see figure 11, page 12).

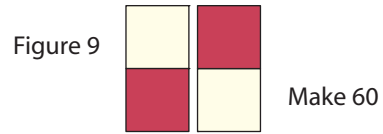
For taupe border 1, add the 3½" strips to the sides of the quilt, then add the 4" strips to the top and bottom (see figure 11, page 12).

The top needs to measure 48½" x 64½", including seam allowances, for the next border to fit.

For the checkerboard border, make eight strip-sets, each with a taupe 2½" strip and a red 2½" strip. Cut 120 segments 2½" (figure 8).



Sew two segments together to make 60 four-patch units (figure 9).



The four-patch units are turned differently for the side borders than for the top and bottom borders. Pay close attention to figure 10.

Join 16 four-patch units for each side border and add them to the quilt. Join 14 four-patch units for the top and bottom borders and add them to the quilt (figure 10).

