

## A Star Spangled Quilt



Show your patriotic spirit by using red, white and blue fabrics to create this simple eight point star block pattern quilt Display your American pride and to support the brave men and women who protect us.

**Skill Level: Beginner**

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## Supplies:

Baby Lock® Sewing Machine  
Baby Lock Crown Jewel Machine  
1/2 yard of 45" wide red print cotton fabric  
3 3/4 yards of 45" wide ivory cotton fabric  
7-9 patriotic fat quarters  
1 3/4 yards of 90" cotton backing fabric  
Quilt batting  
Water soluble marker  
All purpose thread  
Rotary cutting system  
Basic sewing supplies

## Instructions:

1. Cut the following:
  - Cut three red fabric strips 4½" x WOF (Width of Fabric)
    - Cut strips into 25 squares-4½" x 4½"
  - Cut six ivory fabric strips 2½" x WOF
    - Cut strips into 100 squares-2½" x 2½"
  - Cut six ivory fabric strips 4½" x WOF
    - Cut strips into 100 rectangles-2½" x 4½"
  - Cut strips from the patriotic fat quarters, 2½" x WOF
    - Cut the strips into 200 squares-2½" x 2½"
    - (Eight matching squares per block)
  - Cut sashing strips from ivory fabric 3" x WOF
    - Cut the strips into 20 strips-3" x 8½"
    - And the remaining strips pieced and cut to-  
3" x 50½"
  - Cut six border strips from ivory fabric 5½" x WOF
    - Piece and cut 2 strips-5½" x 50½"
    - And 2 strips-5½" x 60½"
2. To make the star block, begin by marking the 2½" patriotic squares. Use a water soluble maker to draw a diagonal stitching line on the wrong side of fabric.
3. Next, place one 2½" patriotic square atop the left corner of the ivory 2½" x 4½" rectangle, right sides together. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim the excess, allowing a ¼" seam allowance. Press the seam towards the outer triangle. Repeat with another square on the opposite end of the rectangle. Make four matching patriotic units for each star.
4. Stitch two of the above matching patriotic units to opposite sides of one red square; press the seams toward the red square.
5. To the remaining pieced patriotic units, stitch a 2½" ivory square to each end; press the seams towards the ivory squares.
6. Complete the star block by stitching one of the above patriotic units to opposite sides of the block with the red center. Press the seams away from the red center squares.
7. Repeat the above steps until all 25 blocks are complete.
8. Lay the blocks out into five rows of five blocks.

9. Stitch the 3" x 8½" sashing strips to the right sides of the first four blocks in each row. Press the seams toward the sashing.
10. Stitch the blocks together into rows and press.
11. Stitch the sashing (3" x 50½") strips between each of the five rows. Press the seams toward the sashing.
12. Sew the borders to the quilt by first sewing the top and bottom (5½" x 50½") strips to the quilt and then the side borders (5½" x 60½") to the quilt. Press the quilt top well.
13. Roll the batting to the roller for the batting. Roll the backing fabric to the backing roller. Roll the quilt top to the roller for the quilt top. While rolling each of the three layers, be sure to smooth the fabric on the rollers removing all creases. Pin the backing, batting and the quilted top to the top roller. Baste together all layers across the top edge of the quilt.
14. Quilt as desired. In the sample, free motion quilting was used.
15. Remove the quilt from the frame and bind the quilt.

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