

Web Bonus:

I Love This Quilt: A Banner Day

Designed and
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Plan

Warm and welcoming, this charming banner brings the fun of 3-D stars to any room. *McCall's Quilting* art director Ellie Brown appliquéd the bigger stars in place as usual, before edge-stitching them in contrasting colors. She then fused squares and rectangles of the appropriate fabrics wrong sides together before cutting out the small stars. They were then tacked in place with buttons onto a quilted background for a delightful dimensional effect.



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Show your patriotic colors with these whimsical 3-D stars on a pieced 13-stripe background. It's a great 4th of July decoration or year-round accent piece.

SKILL LEVEL

CONFIDENT BEGINNER

Finished Banner Size

20" x 35"

Note: Appliqué templates are at the end of the pattern, printed without seam allowance.

Fabric Requirements

Red mottle (stripes, stars)	5/8 yd.
Light brown mottle (stripes)	1/2 yd.
Blue mottle (stars, binding)	3/4 yd.
White mottle (stars)	1 fat quarter*
Paper-backed fusible web	1 3/8 yds.
Backing	7/8 yd.**
Batting size	26" x 42"

*A fat quarter is an 18" x 20-22" cut of fabric.

**Yardage based on at least 42" of usable width.

Other Materials

Template plastic
2-hole shirt buttons (1/2"), 7 red
Star buttons (1/2"), 1 each white and blue



Cutting Instructions

(cut in order listed, before cutting appliqué)

Note: Cutting instructions for small stars C and D are in Step 4 (read before cutting) and on templates at end of pattern.

Red mottle
7 strips 2" x 35"
2 rectangles 5" x 7"
Light brown mottle
6 strips 2" x 35"

Blue mottle
4 strips 2 1/2" x width of fabric (binding)
2 squares 11" x 11"
1 Template A
1 Template B
White mottle
2 rectangles 6" x 10"
1 Template B
Paper-backed fusible web
1 square 10 1/2" x 10 1/2"
1 rectangle 5 1/2" x 9 1/2"
1 rectangle 4 1/2" x 6 1/2"

Piecing the Background and Appliquing Stars A and B

1 Referring to **Diagram I**, stitch together red mottle and light brown mottle 35" strips, alternating colors, to make pieced rectangle.

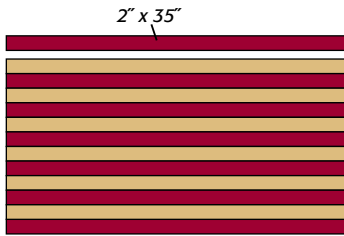


Diagram I

2 Finger-press pieced rectangle in half on both length and width; use folds and strips as placement guide (**Diagram II**). Position A and Bs in alphabetical order and appliqué in place.

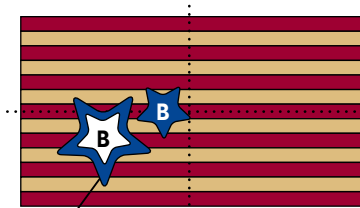


Diagram II



Diagram III

If desired, edge-stitch using machine blind hemstitch and contrasting thread (**Diagram III**) as Ellie did.

Quilting and Binding

3 Layer, baste, and quilt. Ellie used light brown thread to machine quilt straight lines in the center of each strip (**see photos**), leaving appliquéd stars unquilted. Straight lines 1½" apart are stitched perpendicular to the strips, forming a quilted grid. Bind with blue mottle.

Preparing & Appliquing the 3-D Stars

4 **Note:** Fabric squares and rectangles for 3-D stars are fused together using fusible web pieces that are ½" narrower and shorter than corresponding fabric squares and rectangles. Follow manufacturer's instructions for fusible web throughout. Referring to **Diagram IV**, center and fuse fusible web 10½" square to wrong side of blue mottle 11" square. Fuse prepared square to wrong side of 2nd blue square to make double-sided square. Make 1. In similar manner,

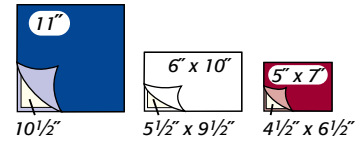


Diagram IV

make double-sided rectangles using red and white rectangles as shown. **Trim** unfused fabric on all edges. Trace C and D shapes on template plastic. Cut out just inside drawn lines. Trace plastic C and D shapes on prepared square/rectangles in quantities indicated on templates. Cut out on drawn lines.

5 Referring to **Diagram V** and **photos**, position prepared C and D shapes in alphabetical order on quilt. Tack shapes in place with buttons as shown.

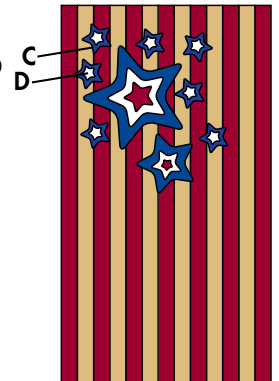


Diagram V

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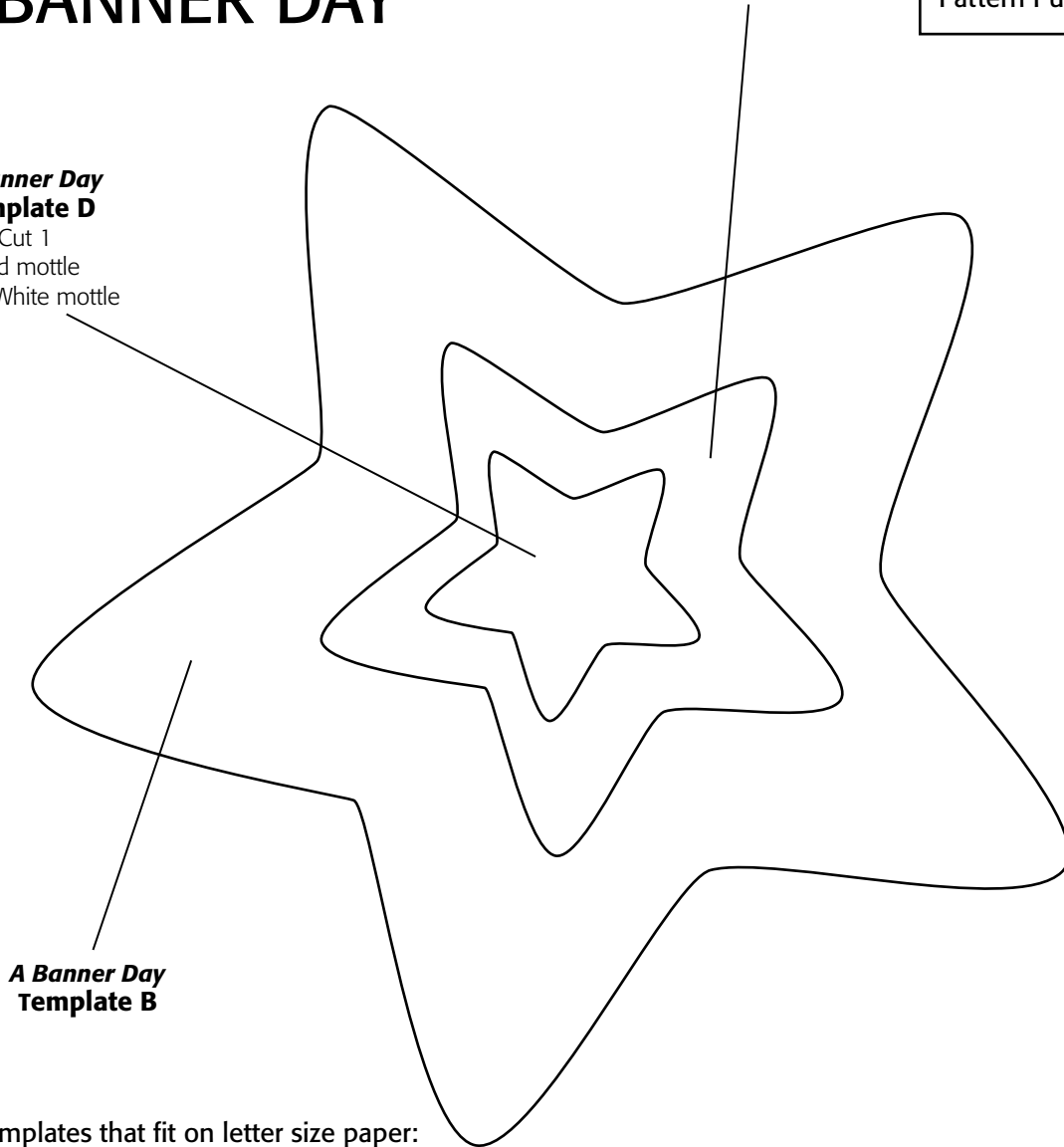
**A Banner Day
Template C**

Cut 1 each
Red mottle and white mottle
Cut 7 Blue mottle

This box measures 2 inches wide by 1 inch high. Use this as a guide for accuracy when printing the Pattern Pull-Out Section.

**A Banner Day
Template D**

Cut 1
Red mottle
Cut 7 White mottle



**A Banner Day
Template B**

For templates that fit on letter size paper:

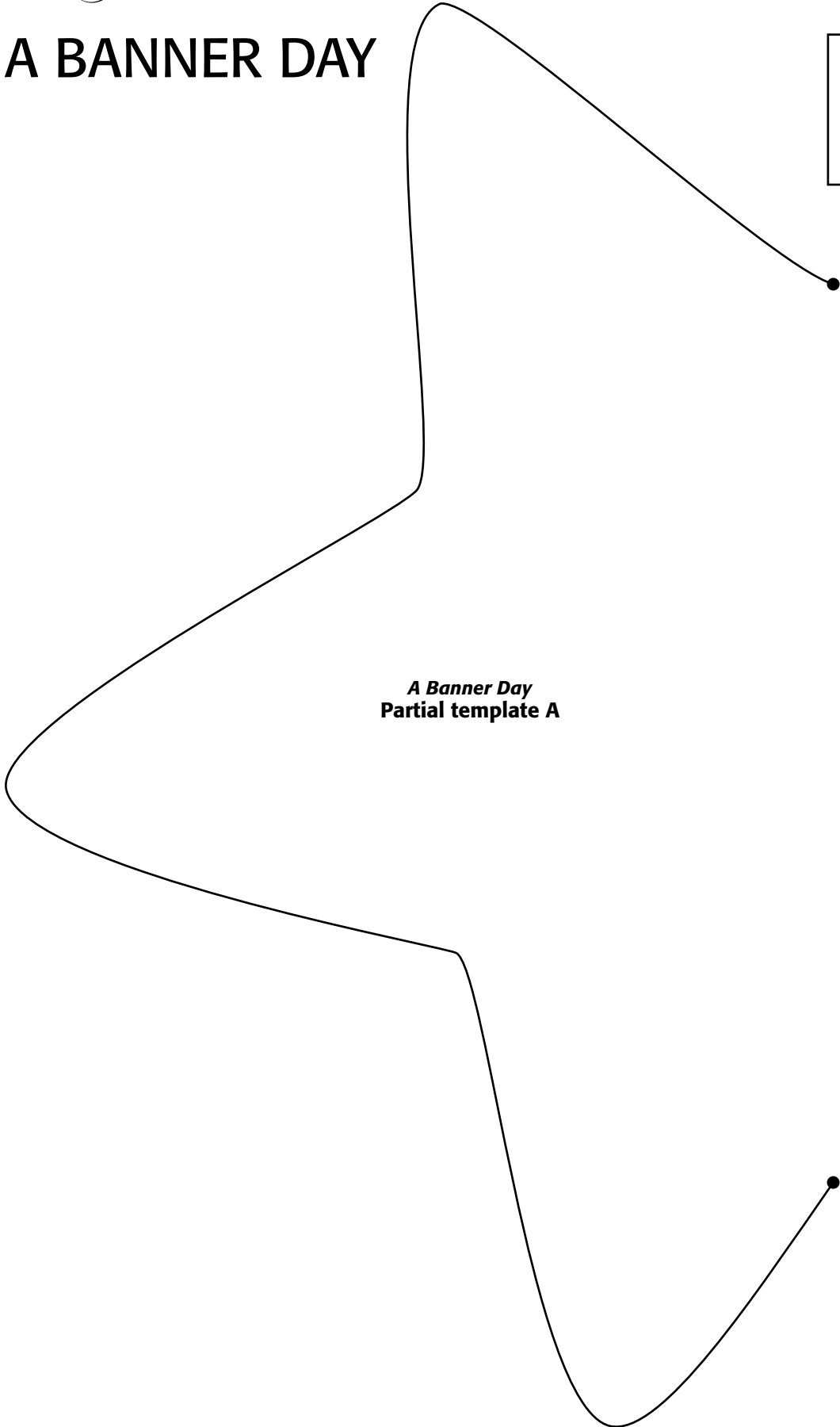
1. Print desired pattern pages at 100% (no scaling) printer setting, unless otherwise noted.

For templates that extend onto more than one letter-size paper sheet:

1. Print desired pattern pages at 100% (no scaling) printer setting.
2. Arrange so that registration marks align on both template pieces.
3. Trim overlapping portion at aligned sets of registration marks, carefully aligning edges of template shapes, and tape securely.

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Partial template A

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