International Quilt Study Center & Museum

Broken Star

This is a lovely example of a mid-20th century Broken Star quilt from the IQSC. We sized it up a bit from the original quilt to make it bed-size.



Finished Size: 72¹/₂" × 87"

MATERIALS

31/2 yards yellow solid 21/4 yards green solid 11/4 yard white solid 11/4 yards blue solid 1 yard pink solid 3% yard white print 63/4 yards backing fabric Full-size quilt batting

CUTTING ⁺

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Pattern for Diamond is on page 4.

NOTE: Refer to *Strip Set Diagrams* to cut strip set segments. Cut left end of each strip set at 45° angle. From strip sets, cut required number of (2"-wide) segments by placing 2" line on ruler along angled cut edge.

FROM YELLOW SOLID, CUT:

- 7 (11¹/₈"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 20 (11¹/₈") A squares.
- 1 (16¹/₄"-wide) strip. From strip, cut 2 (16¹/₄") squares. Cut squares in half diagonally in both directions to make 8 quartersquare B triangles.
- 6 (2⁵/₈"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 80 (2⁵/₈") C squares.
- 3 (4¼"-wide) strips. From strips, cut 20 (4¼") squares. Cut squares in half diagonally in both directions to make 80 quartersquare D triangles.

FROM GREEN SOLID, CUT:

- 17 (2"-wide) strips. From 4 strips, cut 40 Diamonds. Remaining strips are for strip sets.
- 9 (4½"-wide) strips for binding. NOTE: Binding on this quilt is 1"-wide.

FROM WHITE SOLID, CUT:

• 21 (2"-wide) strips for strip sets.

FROM BLUE SOLID, CUT:

• 21 (2"-wide) strips. From 5 strips, cut 64 Diamonds. Remaining strips are for strip sets.

FROM PINK SOLID, CUT:

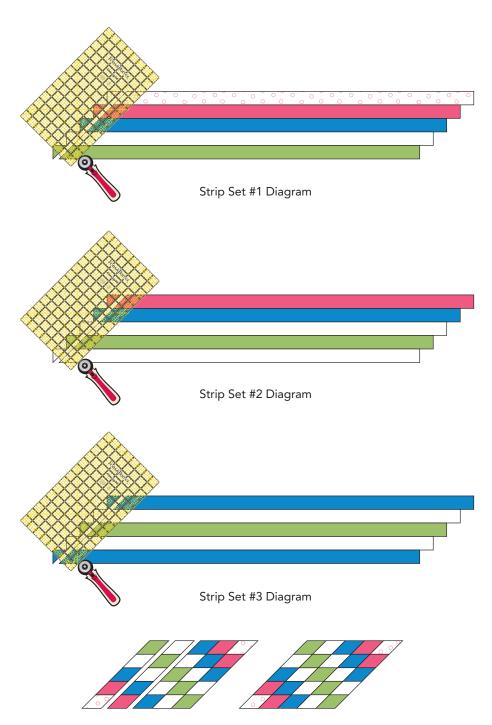
• 15 (2"-wide) strips. From 5 strips, cut 56 Diamonds. Remaining strips are for strip sets.

FROM WHITE PRINT, CUT:

• 5 (2"-wide) strips for strip sets.

PIECED DIAMOND ASSEMBLY

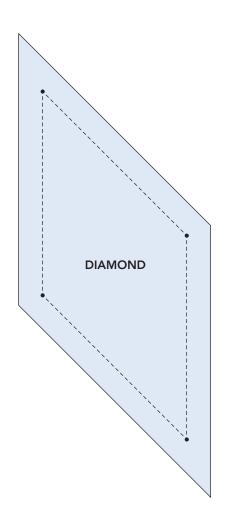
- Join 1 white print strip, 1 pink strip, 1 blue strip, 1 white strip, and 1 green strip, offsetting strips about 2" as shown in *Strip Set #1 Diagram*. Make 5 Strip Set #1. From strip sets, cut 64 (2"-wide) segments.
- Join 1 pink strip, 1 blue strip, 2 white strips, and 1 green strip, offsetting strips about 2" as shown in *Strip Set #2 Diagram*. Make 5 Strip Set #2. From strip sets, cut 64 (2"-wide) segments.
- Join 2 blue strips, 2 white strips, and 1 green strip, offsetting strips about 2" as shown in *Strip Set #3 Diagram*. Make 3 Strip Set #3. From strip sets, cut 32 (2"-wide) segments.
- Join 2 #1 segments, 2 #2 segments, and 1 #3 segment as shown in *Pieced Diamond Diagrams* to complete 1 Pieced Diamond. Make 32 Pieced Diamonds.

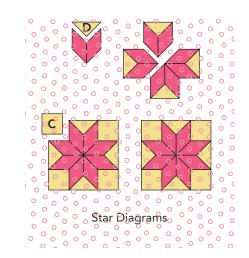


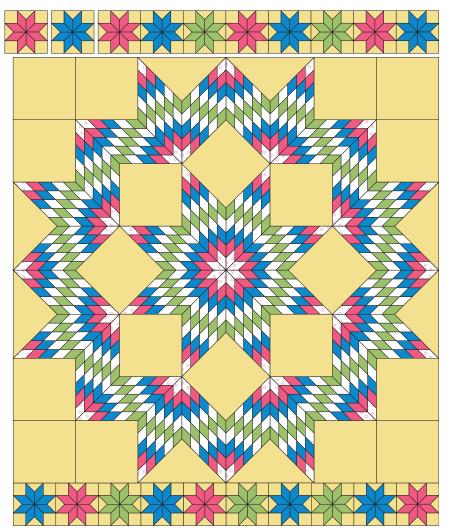
Pieced Diamond Diagrams

BORDER ASSEMBLY

- Lay out 8 pink Diamonds, 4 yellow C squares, and 4 yellow D triangles as shown in *Star Diagrams*. Join, setting in C squares and D triangles to complete 1 pink Star. Make 7 pink Stars.
- **2.** In the same manner, make 8 blue Stars and 5 green Stars.
- **3.** Lay out 10 Stars as shown in *Quilt Top Assembly Diagram*. Join Stars make top border. Repeat to make bottom border.







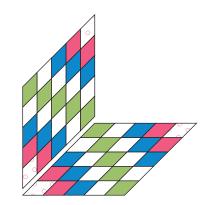
Quilt Top Assembly Diagram

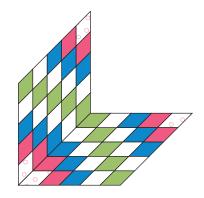
QUILT ASSEMBLY

- Join 2 Pieced Diamonds as shown in *Star Point Diagrams*, stitching dot to dot; backstitch at each dot to make 1 Star Point. Make 16 Star Points.
- Lay out Star Points, yellow A squares, and yellow B triangles as shown in *Center Assembly Diagram*. Join Star Points. Set in A squares and B triangles to complete Quilt Center.
- **3.** Add borders to complete quilt top.

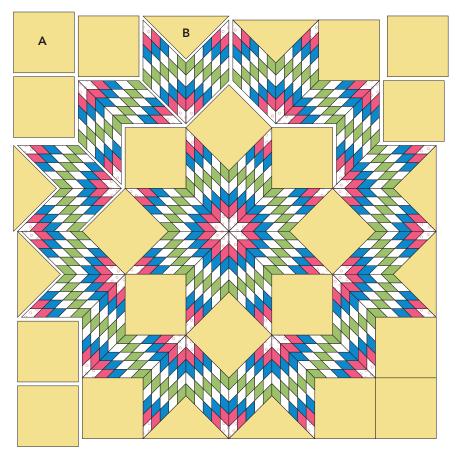
FINISHING

- **1.** Divide backing into 3 (2¹/₄-yard) lengths. Join panels lengthwise.
- **2.** Layer backing, batting, and quilt top; baste. Quilt as desired.
- Join 4½"-wide green strips into 1 continuous piece for straightgrain French-fold binding. Add binding to quilt.





Star Point Diagrams



Center Assembly Diagram