

Project: Star Spangled Banner

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Top your summer table with this star-studded runner.



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### Materials

- 12" square cream felted wool (appliqués)
- ½ yard red-and-cream print (blocks, binding)
- 1 yard total assorted cream prints (blocks)
- 1 yard total assorted navy blue prints, plaids, and stripes (blocks)
- ¾ yard total assorted dark red prints and stripes (border)
- 1⅓ yards backing fabric
- 24×72" batting
- 12" square fusible web

Finished quilt: 17½×65½"

Finished block: 12" square

Quantities are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

### Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order. The Star Pattern is on page 5. To felt wool, machine-wash it in a hot-water-wash, cold-rinse cycle. Machine-dry on high heat and steam-press.

To use fusible web for appliquing, complete the following steps.

1. Lay fusible web, paper side up, over Star Pattern. Use a pencil to trace the pattern eight times, leaving ½" between tracings. Cut out fusible-web shapes roughly ¼" outside traced lines.
2. Following the manufacturer's instructions, press fusible-web shapes onto cream felted wool 12" square; let cool. Cut out wool shapes on drawn lines and peel off paper backings.

### From red-and-cream print, cut:

- 5—2½×42" binding strips
- 5—2½" squares for block centers

### From assorted cream prints, cut:

- 10—1½×10½" rectangles for position 9
- 10—1½×8½" rectangles for position 7
- 10—1½×6½" rectangles for position 5
- 10—1½×4½" rectangles for position 3
- 10—1½×2½" rectangles for position 1

### From assorted navy blue prints, plaids, and stripes, cut:

- 10—1½×12½" rectangles for position 10
- 10—1½×10½" rectangles for position 8
- 10—1½×8½" rectangles for position 6
- 10—1½×6½" rectangles for position 4
- 10—1½×4½" rectangles for position 2

### From assorted dark red prints and stripes, cut:

- 2—3×17½" border strips
- 8—3×15½" strips for border

### Assemble Blocks

1. Referring to **Block Assembly Diagram**, lay out a red-and-cream print 2½" square and two assorted cream print rectangles or assorted navy blue print, plaid, or stripe rectangles for each of the 10 positions.
2. Sew cream print position 1 rectangles to opposite edges of red-and-cream print square (**Diagram 1**). Press seams toward rectangles.
3. Add navy blue print, plaid, or stripe position 2 rectangles

to remaining edges of Step 2 unit (**Diagram 2**). Press seams toward rectangles.

4. Join cream print position 3 rectangles to opposite edges of Step 3 unit (**Diagram 3**); press seams as before. Continue in the same manner, adding remaining pairs of rectangles in numerical sequence, to make a Courthouse Steps block. The Courthouse Steps block should be 12½" square including seam allowances.
5. Repeat steps 1 through 4 to make five Courthouse Steps blocks total.

### Assemble Quilt Center

Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, lay out blocks in a vertical row, rotating alternate blocks as shown. Join blocks to make quilt center. Press seams in one direction. The quilt center should be 12½×60½" including seam allowances.

### Assemble and Add Borders

1. Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, sew together four dark red print or stripe 3×15½" strips along short ends to make a pieced border strip. Press seams in one direction. The pieced border strip should be 3×60½" including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second pieced border strip.
2. Join pieced border strips to long edges of quilt center. Sew dark red print or stripe 3×17½" border strips to remaining edges to complete quilt top. Press all seams toward border.

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### Finish Quilt

1. Layer quilt top, batting, and backing; baste.
2. Quilt as desired. Designer Tammy Johnson used tan thread to machine-quilt a wavy line in concentric squares, following the seams within each block. Using red thread, she stitched the same design in the center of the border.
3. Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, position prepared star appliqués on quilt top. Fuse all pieces in place. Using matching thread, machine-blanket-stitch around each star appliqué.
4. Use red-and-cream print binding strips to bind quilt.

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DIAGRAM 1

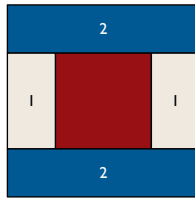


DIAGRAM 2

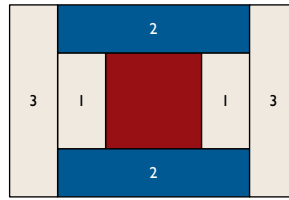
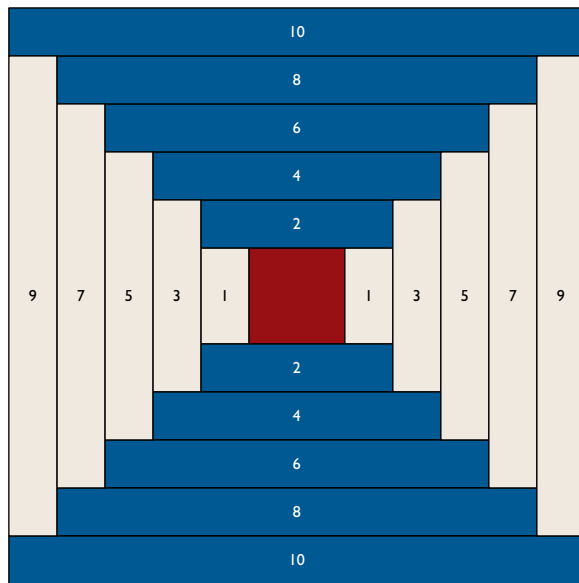
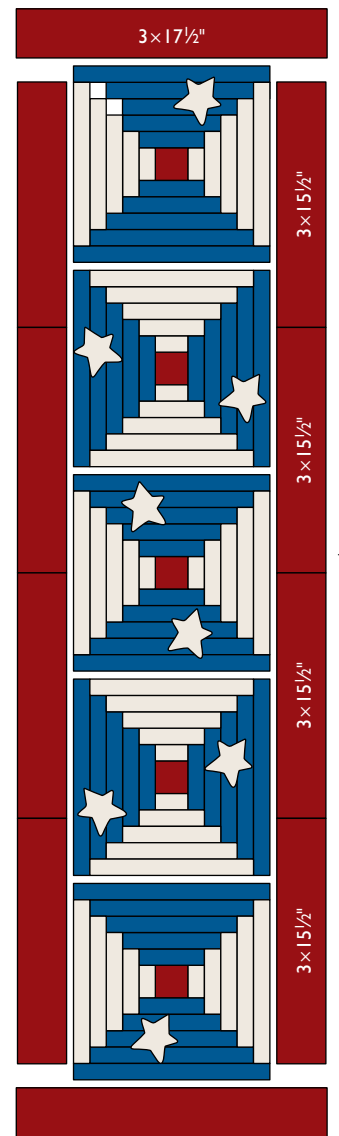


DIAGRAM 3



BLOCK ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

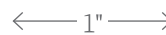


QUILT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

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This box should  
measure 1".



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