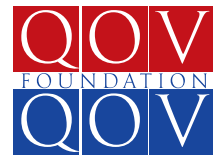


TIMELESS TREASURES

American Valor Collection Stars of Valor Quilt designed by Sandi Irish



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68" x 80"

Fabric Requirements

Fabric A 2½ yards Thanks–C7887 USA (center star, corner stars and border)

Fabric B 5/8 yard Dot–C7600 Royal (center star background)

Fabric C 1⅛ yards Dot–C7600 Red (small star backgrounds, center star border and inner border)

Fabric D 1/2 yard Geo–C7842 White (squares)

Fabric E 1/2 yard Geo–C7841 White (squares)

Fabric F 1/2 yard Geo–C7845 White (squares)

Fabric G 1/4 yard Geo–C7845 Navy (squares)

Fabric H 1/4 yard Geo–C7844 Multi (squares)

Fabric I 1/4 yard Geo–C7843 Multi (squares)

Fabric J 1/4 yard Geo–C7840-Multi (squares)

Fabric K 1/4 yard Geo–C7841 Navy (squares)

Fabric L 1/4 yard Geo–C7842 Navy (squares)

Fabric M 2/3 yard Geo–C7846 Multi (binding)

Backing 4¼ yards

General Directions

- Carefully read all directions before beginning project.
- All seams are a scant 1/4".
- WOF = Width of Fabric
- We recommend that you press all fabrics with spray starch or sizing before cutting. If you prewash your fabrics, don't skip the sizing.
- Press seams in the direction of the arrows.

Star Blocks

Note: All of the star centers and star points are cut from the "Thank You" print. If you want all the words to run in the same direction (as shown in the model quilt), be mindful of the direction of the print when sewing the squares to the rectangles to make the flying geese (star-point units). You will need to rotate the squares to get them correctly placed for the top, bottom, and each side of each star. Refer to the quilt photo as you lay out each unit.

Center Star

1. From fabric A cut two 6½" x width of fabric (WOF) strips. From the remaining LENGTH of fabric cut two 6½" x 70" strips. From the remaining WIDTH of the fabric (approximately 29"), cut two 6½" strips. Set these six pieces aside for borders.
2. From the remaining fabric A cut one 12½" square and eight 6½" squares.
3. From fabric B cut four 6½" x 12½" rectangles and four 6½" squares.
4. You will make four flying-geese units for the center star: Top, Bottom, Right and Left. Remember which unit you are working on as you sew. Right sides together, place a 6½" A square on the corner of a B rectangle. Fold the square back on the diagonal to be sure the words are facing the right direction for that unit. If they are not, rotate the square until you can fold it back and find the words running in the correct direction. Finger crease, unfold and draw

a line on the wrong side of the fabric from corner to corner along the crease (figure 1) Sew on the diagonal line. Press toward the corner. Trim away the back two layers leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. (figure 2) Repeat on the other side of the rectangle. (figure 3) Repeat with the remaining 6½" x 12½" B rectangles and 6½" A squares to make a total of four flying-geese star-point units.

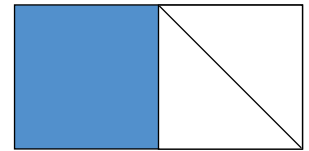


fig. 1

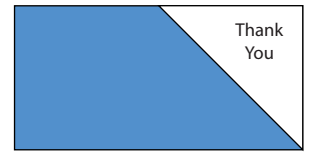


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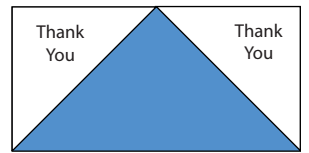


fig. 3

5. Sew the star-point units, the 12½" A square and the four 6½" B squares as shown in figure 4. Be sure to place the flying-geese units so that the "Thank You" print runs in the same direction on all sides of the star center.

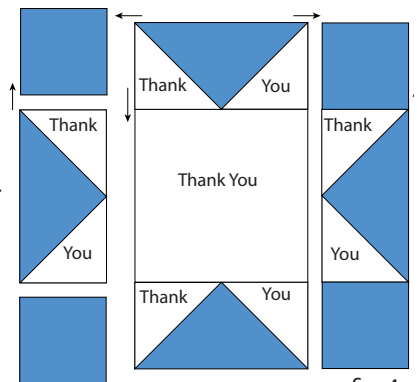


fig. 4

6. From fabric C cut two 24½" x 3½" strips and two 30½" x 3½" strips. Sew the 24½" strips to each side of the star block. Press seams toward the border. Sew the 30½" strips to the top and bottom of the star block. Press seams out. (figure 5)

Corner Stars

7. From fabric A cut four 6½" squares and thirty-two 3½" squares.
8. From fabric C cut sixteen 3½" x 6½" rectangles and sixteen 3½" squares.
9. Right sides together, place a 3½" A square on one side of a C rectangle. Fold the square back on the diagonal and, if the "Thank You" print is running in the correct direction for that unit, finger press a crease on the fold. Draw a line on the wrong side of the fabric from corner to corner along the crease and sew on the drawn line. Press and trim, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Repeat with an A square on the other side of the C rectangle. Continue to sew the remainder of the 3½" A squares on both sides of the 3½" x 6½" C rectangles to make sixteen star-point units. (Refer back to figures 1, 2 and 3.)
10. Sew four star-point units, one 6½" A center square and four 3½" C squares in the same manner as the center star block to make a corner star block. Repeat to make three more corner star blocks.

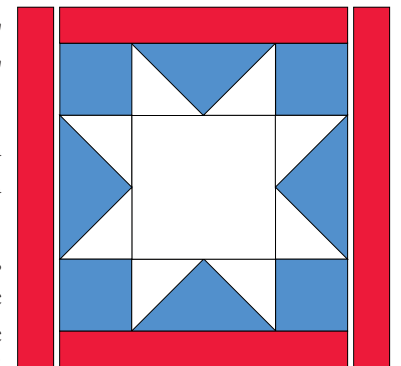


fig. 5

Quilt Top

11. From Fabrics D, E and F (whites) cut a total of twenty-eight $6\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Cut five $6\frac{1}{2}$ " squares EACH of fabrics G-L (blues) for a total of thirty blue squares.

12. Alternating white squares with blue squares, sew the sections shown in figures 6A and 6B. Sew in rows of squares and then join the rows to create the sections. Press seams toward the blue fabrics. Make two of each unit.

13. Sew the star blocks and the square units together as shown in figure 7 on last page.

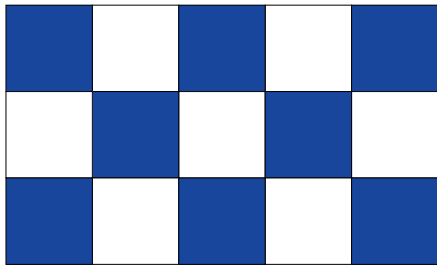


fig. 6A
Make 2.

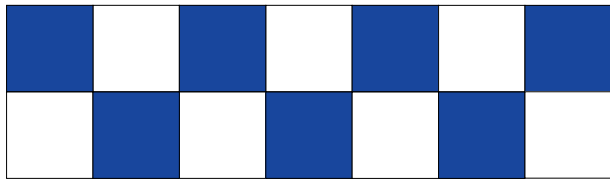


fig. 6B
Make 2.

Borders

Inner borders

14. From fabric C cut seven $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips. Join end to end with 45° seams. Measure the quilt from top to bottom through the center. Cut two strips to this length and sew to the sides of the quilt. Press seams toward the border. Measure the quilt from side to side, through the center. Cut two strips to this length and sew to the top and bottom of the quilt. Press seams out.

Outer borders

15. Measure the quilt from top to bottom, through the center and cut the $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x 70" fabric A strips to this length. Sew to the sides of the quilt making sure the "Thank You" print runs in the same direction as the "Thank You" print in the stars. Press seams toward the inner border.

16. Trim off the selvage edges of the 45" and 29" strips of fabric A. Join a 45" strip to a 31" strip end to end with straight seams. Repeat with the remaining 45" and 31" strips. These are your top and bottom borders. Measure the quilt from side to side through the center and cut the borders to this length. Sew to the top and bottom of the quilt making sure the "Thank You" print runs in the same direction as in the side borders. Press seams toward the inner border.

Finishing

17. Cut two $2\frac{1}{8}$ yard lengths of fabric. Trim selvage edges. Sew the two pieces together along the long side edges.

18. Layer, baste and quilt as desired.

19. Cut seven $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips of fabric M. Join strips end to end with straight seams and press the seams open to reduce bulk. Press the strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Bind quilt in your favorite method. The binding on the model quilt was sewn to the back, pressed toward the front and top stitched in place.

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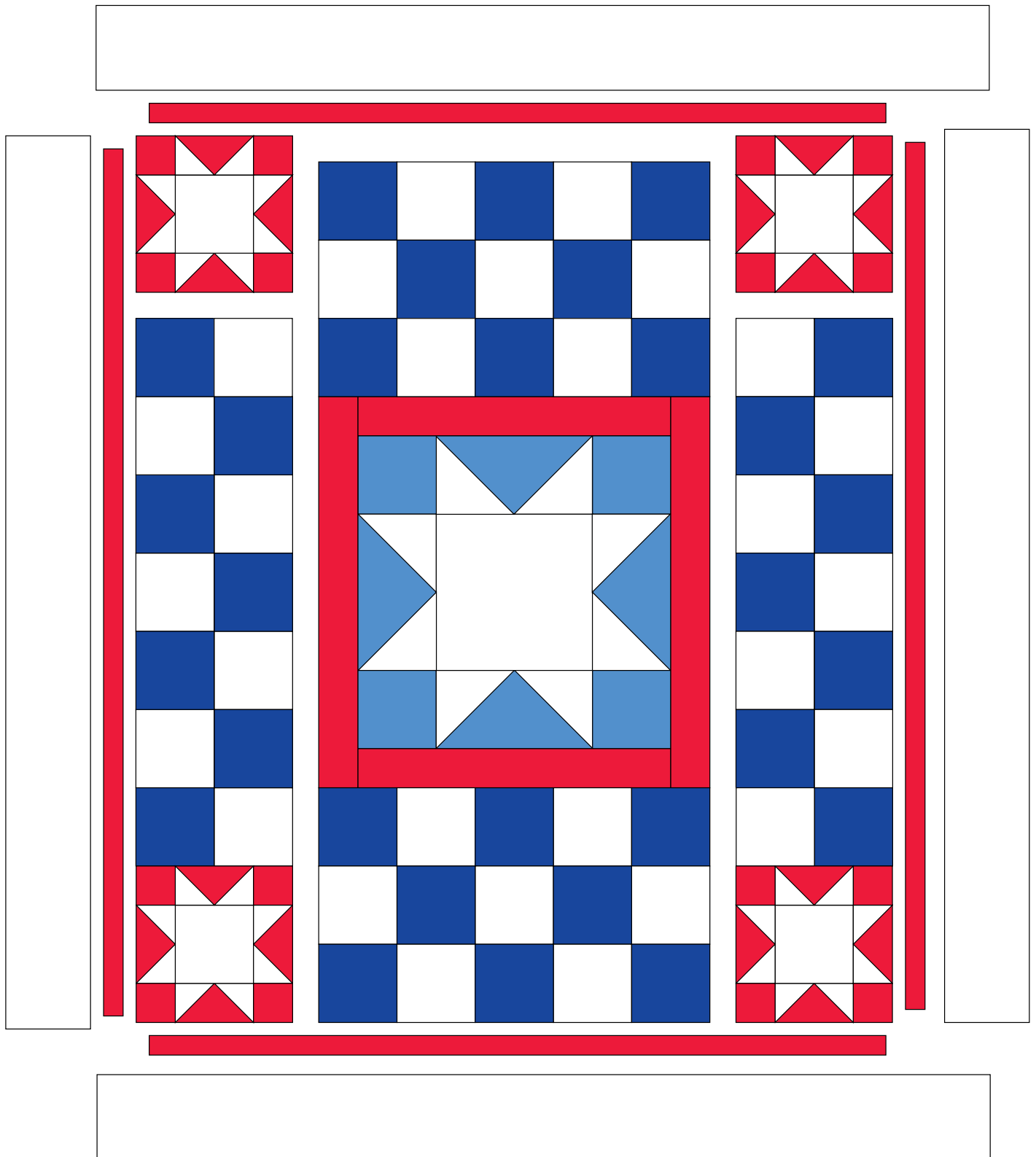


Fig. 4 – Quilt Layout Diagram