

Star Delight

A wallhanging by Alex Anderson, quilted by Diane Schweikert, 40" x 40", featuring fabrics by Kaffe Fassett for Westminster Fabrics



Star Delight instructions

Sawtooth Star block 8" x 8" finished, make 16 **Border block** 4" x 4" finished, make 36

Materials

Multicolor print scraps	2 ¹ / ₈ yds. total
Light background	$1^{1}/8$ yds.
Binding	³ /8 yd.
Backing	2 ⁷ / ₈ yds.
Batting	48″ x 48″

Also needed: Quilters Select Soft Machine Batting

Cutting

Multicolor print scraps

- Cut 64 squares 21/2" x 21/2" for A patches
- Cut 136 squares 27/8" x 27/8"; cut each square in half diagonally to make 272 B

Light background fabric

- Cut 64 squares 2¹/₂" x 2¹/₂" for A patches
- \bullet Cut 34 squares $5^1/4^{\prime\prime}$ x $5^1/4^{\prime\prime};$ cut each square in half diagonally twice to make 136 C

Backing fabric

• Cut 2 panels each 241/2" x 48"

Binding fabric

• Cut 5 strips 21/8" x width of fabric (WOF)

Patches

 $A = 2^{1/2}$ " x $2^{1/2}$ "

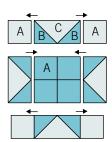
 $B = 2^7/8^{\circ} \times 2^7/8^{\circ}$ square cut in half diagonally

 $C = 5^{1/4}$ square cut in half diagonally twice

Block piecing

Refer to the block piecing diagrams for piecing order and pressing directions.

- 1 Choose 4 print A's and sew them together to make a Four Patch for the center of the Sawtooth Star. Make 16.
- 2 Make a Flying Geese by sewing 1 light C between 2 print B's. Make 64.
- 3 Sew 2 Flying Geese to the sides of the Four Patch, making sure the C's point toward the Four Patch. Press seam allowances toward the Four Patch.



Star Block Piecing + Pressing Make 16





Border Block Piecing + Pressing Make 36

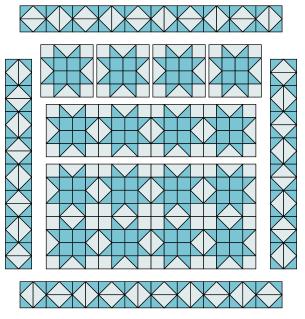
- 4 Sew light A's to both sides of a Flying Geese. Press toward the A's. Make 2 units like this. Join these to the top and bottom of the sewn unit. Press toward the Four Patch.
- 5 Repeat steps 3 and 4 to make 16 Sawtooth Star blocks.
- 6 Make 72 more Flying Geese. If you make 2 for each border block using B's from the same color family, you can recreate the color changes as shown in Alex's quilt. Join 2 Flying Geese to make each border block. Press seam allowances open. Make 36.

Quilt assembly

- 1 Arrange the Sawtooth Star blocks in 4 rows of 4 blocks each. Sew the blocks into rows. Alternate the pressing direction for each row.
- 2 Join the rows, alternating pressing direction as you go.
- 3 Sew 8 border blocks together to make each side border. Sew them to the sides of the quilt and press toward the center of the quilt.
- 4 Sew 10 border blocks together to make the top and bottom borders. Join them to the quilt.

Quilting and finishing

- 1 Sew the backing panels together and press open.
- 2 Refer to the manufacturer's instructions for helpful tips for fusing Select Soft Machine Batting. Set your iron for a rayon/polyester setting. Lay Select Soft Machine Batting on the ironing board or work surface. Mist the batting lightly and evenly with water. Layer the backing fabric on the batting. Press evenly with the iron, one section at a time. Let cool to room temperature. After the backing is adhered, flip the batting over and repeat to fuse the quilt top.
- 3 Quilt as desired. Alex's quilt was machine-quilted with cross-hatching in the blocks and a large cable design in the outer border.
- 4 Join the binding strips with diagonal seams. Trim seam allowances and press open. Fold lengthwise wrong sides together, press, and bind the edges of the quilt.



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