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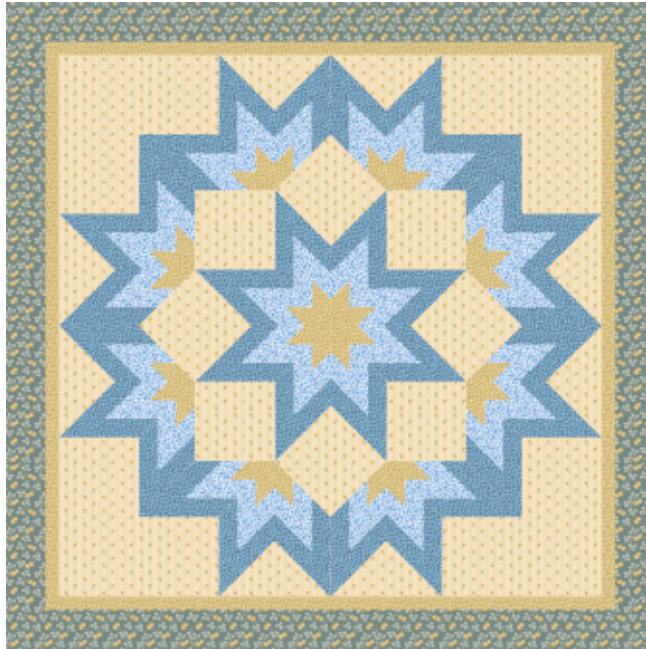
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# Broken Star

## Free Pattern

Approximately 49" x 49"

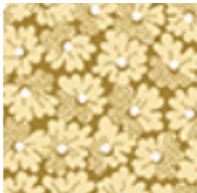
Please read **ALL** instructions  
**BEFORE** beginning your quilt



## Paper Pieces Required

288 - 2" 8 Point Diamonds (Four Packs of 8DIA200)

## Fabric Requirements



### **Tan Flowers A-7949-N**

Total Required for Project: **1/2 yard**

Used for:

- (32) 8 Point Diamonds
- Inner Border

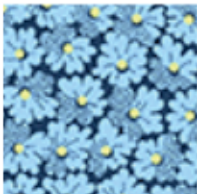


### **Gold Flowers with Teal A-7955-T**

Total Required for Project: **4-3/8 yards**

Used for:

- Outer Border
- Backing
- Binding



### **Blue Flowers A-7949-B**

Total Required for Project: **1-1/4 yards**

Used for:

- (160) 8 Point Diamonds



### **Gold Flowers with Stripes A-7956-TL**

Total Required for Project: **2-5/8 yards**

Used for:

- Background



### **Blue Flowers on White A-7948-B**

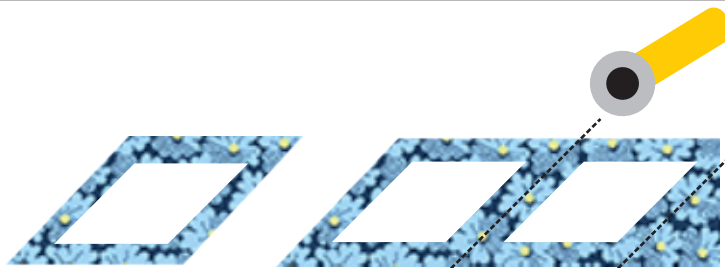
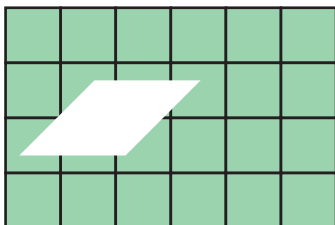
Total Required for Project: **3/4 yard**

Used for:

- (96) 8 Point Diamonds

**\*\*Note a strip is considered the width of the fabric from selvage to selvage.**

## Cutting For Diamonds

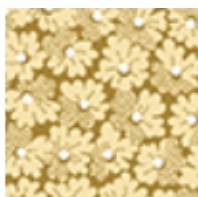


1) Place your diamond on the cutting mat to see what size strip you need to cut. In this case, a 2" 45 degree diamond will take a 2-1/4" strip.

2) Place your diamonds on the cut strip and allow 1/4" to 1/2" from the top and bottom of the piece.

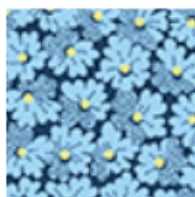
3) Use the 45 degree angle for the 45 degree diamonds on your ruler and sub cut the strips into diamond shapes.

4) Cut the diamonds from the following fabrics:



### **Tan Flowers A-7949-N**

Cut (32) 8 Point Diamonds from the tan flower fabric.



### **Blue Flowers A-7949-B**

Cut (160) 8 Point Diamonds from the blue flower fabric.



### **Blue Flowers on White A-7948-B**

•Cut (96) 8 Point Diamonds from the blue flowers on white fabric.

## Cutting For Background, Borders, Backing and Binding

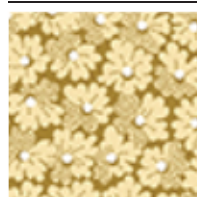
### **Background**



### **Gold Flowers with Stripes A-7956-TL**

Cut and sew the background to a 43" x 43" square.

### **Inner Border**



### **Tan Flowers A-7949-N**

Cut five 1-1/2" strips for inner border.

### **Outer Border, Backing and Binding**



### **Gold Flowers with Teal A-7955-T**

Cut five 3-1/2" strips for outer border.

Cut and sew backing to 53" x 53" square.

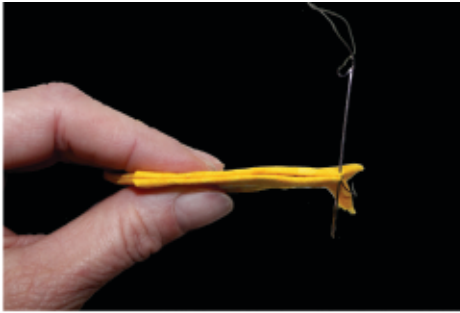
Cut five 2-1/2" strips for binding.

### **Batting**

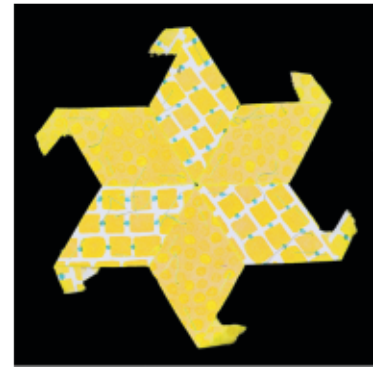
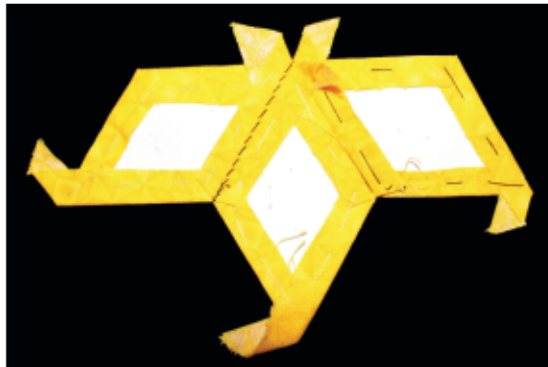
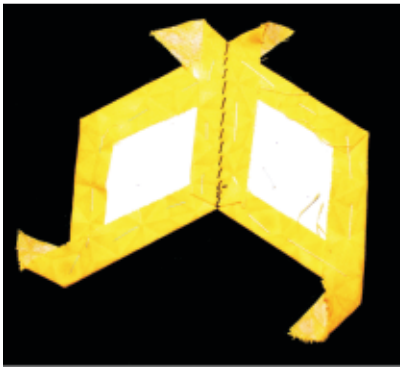
Cut batting to 53" x 53".

## Whipstitching Straight Edges

After you have a number of pieces basted you can start whipping them together. With a matching thread, bury the knot between the paper piece and the seam allowance. If sewing a dark and light colored piece together, match the thread to the darker color.



Take two anchoring stitches when starting and whip stitch until you reach the next corner. Do not sew through the paper when joining the pieces. Your needle should slide next to the paper between the edge of the paper piece and the fabric, just catching the edge of the fabric.



We recommend about 6-10 stitches per inch. When you reach the "corner", secure it by taking two stitches together. If your whip stitches are showing on the right side of the fabric, tighten the stitch slightly and catch less fabric. The stitching should be taut and even, but not pulling. Continue whipping pieces together to finish the block.

## Adding Borders

### Cutting the Borders

Once your quilt top is squared off, measure the long side of your quilt. Add 4" to this number to get the total for your long borders. Cut two borders this size. Match the middles of the borders with the middle of the quilt top and pin borders in place. Sew them to your quilt top (Fig. 1). Repeat the process for the short borders. (Fig. 2). Once both sets of borders are attached, square off the corners and trim away any excess bulk from behind. (Fig. 3).

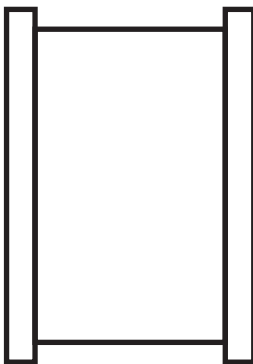


Fig. 1

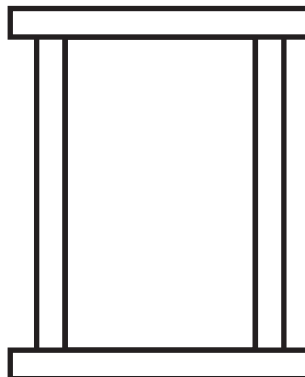


Fig. 2

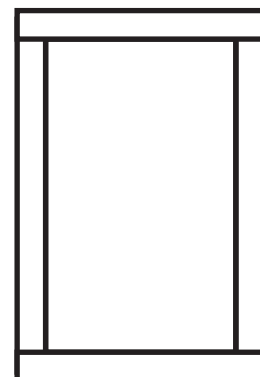


Fig. 3

# Assembly Instructions

1) Baste the fabric to the Paper Pieces according to the basic instructions. I like to baste "on the go" and whip at home in my easy chair.

*Hint for 8 Point Diamonds:* When basting the 8 pointed diamonds, do not finish the points. Fold the seam allowance along one side and baste to the point. At the point, fold the opposite seam allowance over and baste it down. Leave the excess seam allowance at the point sticking out. When sewing the 8 pointed diamonds together, hold these small "tails" out of the way and stitch according to the instructions. These "tails" will spiral, on the wrong side, at the center of the star and the center point will have less bulk.

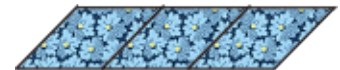
2) Make the following units by whipstitching three 8 point diamonds together.



**Unit A**  
Blue Flowers,  
Blue Flowers on White,  
Tan Flowers  
Make 32

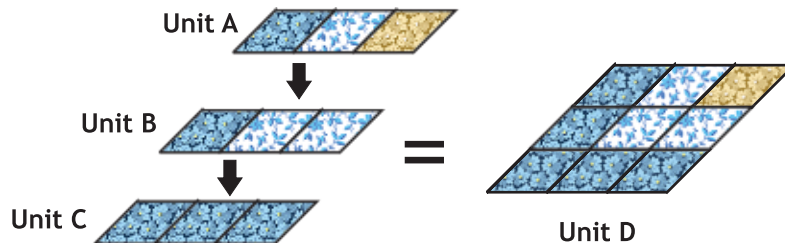


**Unit B**  
Blue Flowers,  
Blue Flowers on White,  
Blue Flowers on White  
Make 32



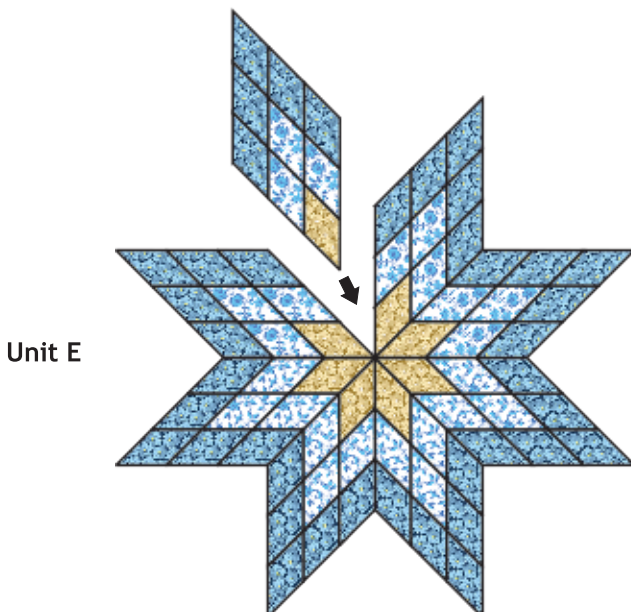
**Unit C**  
Blue Flowers,  
Blue Flowers,  
Blue Flowers  
Make 32

3) Make Unit D by sewing Units A, B and C together.



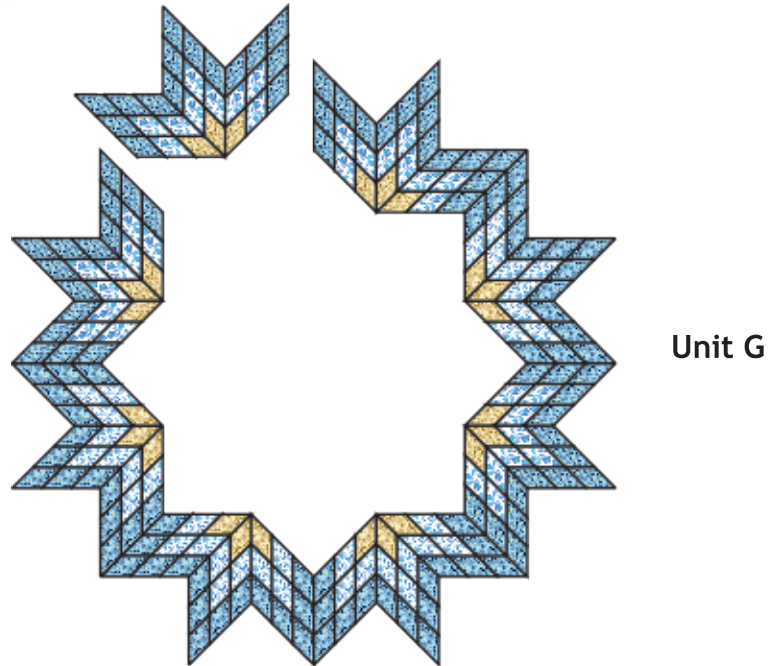
4) Take eight Unit D and sew them together to form an 8 pointed star. This is the center of the quilt.

5) Take three Unit D and sew them together to form Unit F. Make 8 Unit F.

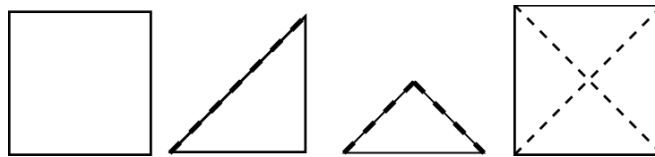


## Assembly Instructions Continued

6) Sew the 8 Unit F into a ring to make Unit G.

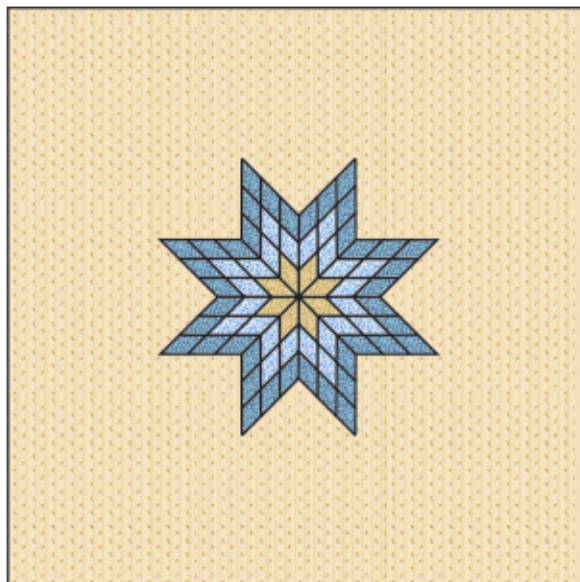


7) Find the center of the background square. To center your applique work, fold the background square in half diagonally and finger press the fold line. Now fold again crosswise and finger press the fold. Use these lightly folded lines as guidelines for centering your applique.



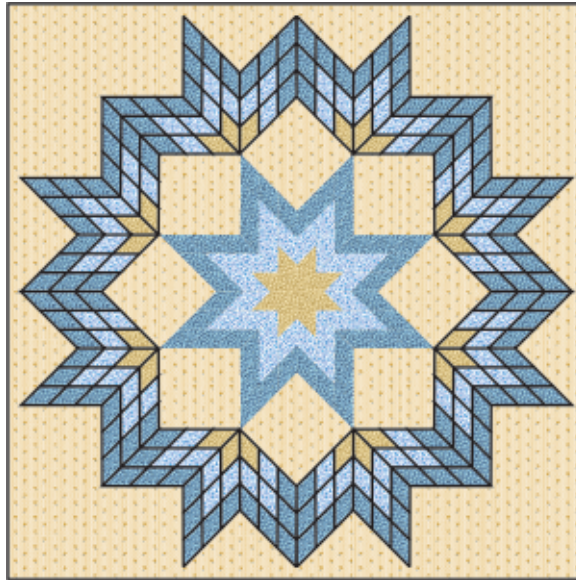
— — — — Finger Press Lines

8) Take Unit E and place it into the center of the background square. Pin in place and run a basting stitch around the edges to hold it in place in order to applique it down. Once appliqued down carefully remove basting stitches.



## Assembly Instructions Continued

- 9) Take Unit G and place it on the background square. Be sure to match up the points from the applied center star to the points in the broken stars. Pin in place and run a basting stitch around the edges to hold it in place in order to applique it down. Once applied down carefully remove basting stitches.



- 10) Square off the background to 41-1/4" x 41-1/4" before adding borders.

- 11) Remove Paper Pieces. After everything has been applied onto a background square, turn to the back side and cut the background fabric 1/4" inside the applique stitching lines and remove it. (It is easy to do as the papers will keep you from cutting through the front fabric.) Pull the basting threads and remove the papers from the back side. These papers can be used again.

- 12) Add borders. See Adding Borders for more information.

- 13) Layer top, batting, and backing. Quilt as desired. Bind.

