

Songbird Christmas Star Quilt

51" x 73" quilt designed by Debbie Beaves



Songbird Christmas Collection by Pez Costa for Maywood Studio

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DIRECTIONS

1. Sew the fabric 3 and fabric 5 strips together to make 7 strip sets. Press as indicated by the arrow. Cut the strip sets into 28— $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle units.



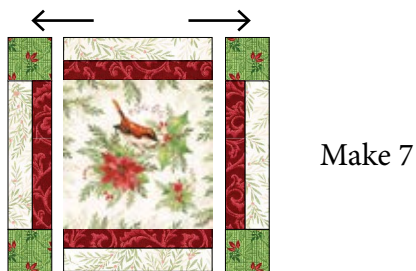
2. Sew a rectangle unit from Step 1 to the top and bottom of each block. Press. Repeat for a total of 7 blocks.



3. Sew the fabric 8 squares to both ends of the remaining strip set rectangles from Step 1. Press.



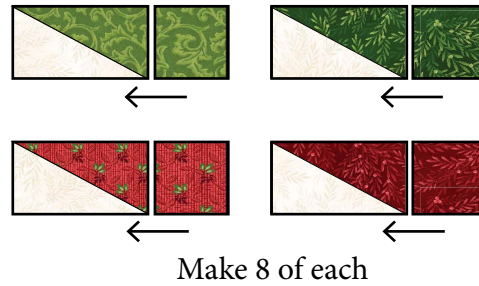
Sew to the sides of the blocks. Press. Blocks should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Trim if needed.



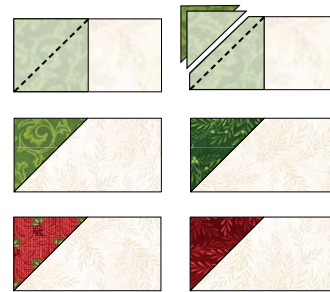
4. Sew all the Recs triangles together, aligning the cut-off tip for sewing. Press toward the darker fabric. Make 8 of each color combination shown below. At this point the units should measure $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".



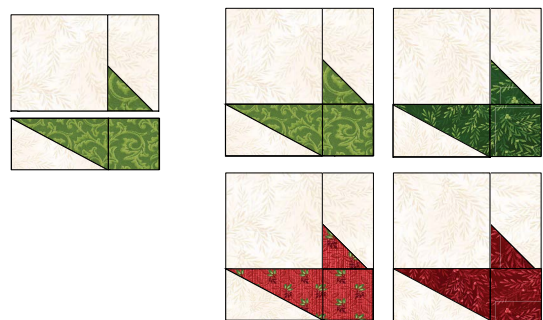
5. Matching prints, sew one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square of fabrics 4, 6, 7 and 9 to each unit from Step 4 as shown below. Press away from the squares.



6. Sew the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of fabrics 4, 6, 7 and 9 to the fabric 2 rectangles exactly as shown below. Sew on the diagonal line, trim the excess seam allowance and press toward the darker fabric. Units should measure $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ". Trim if necessary.



7. Using matching prints, sew together a $4\frac{1}{2}$ " background square, matching Step 5 and 6 units, and a matching $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square. At this point the unit should measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Repeat for all the colors of fabrics 4, 6, 7 and 9.

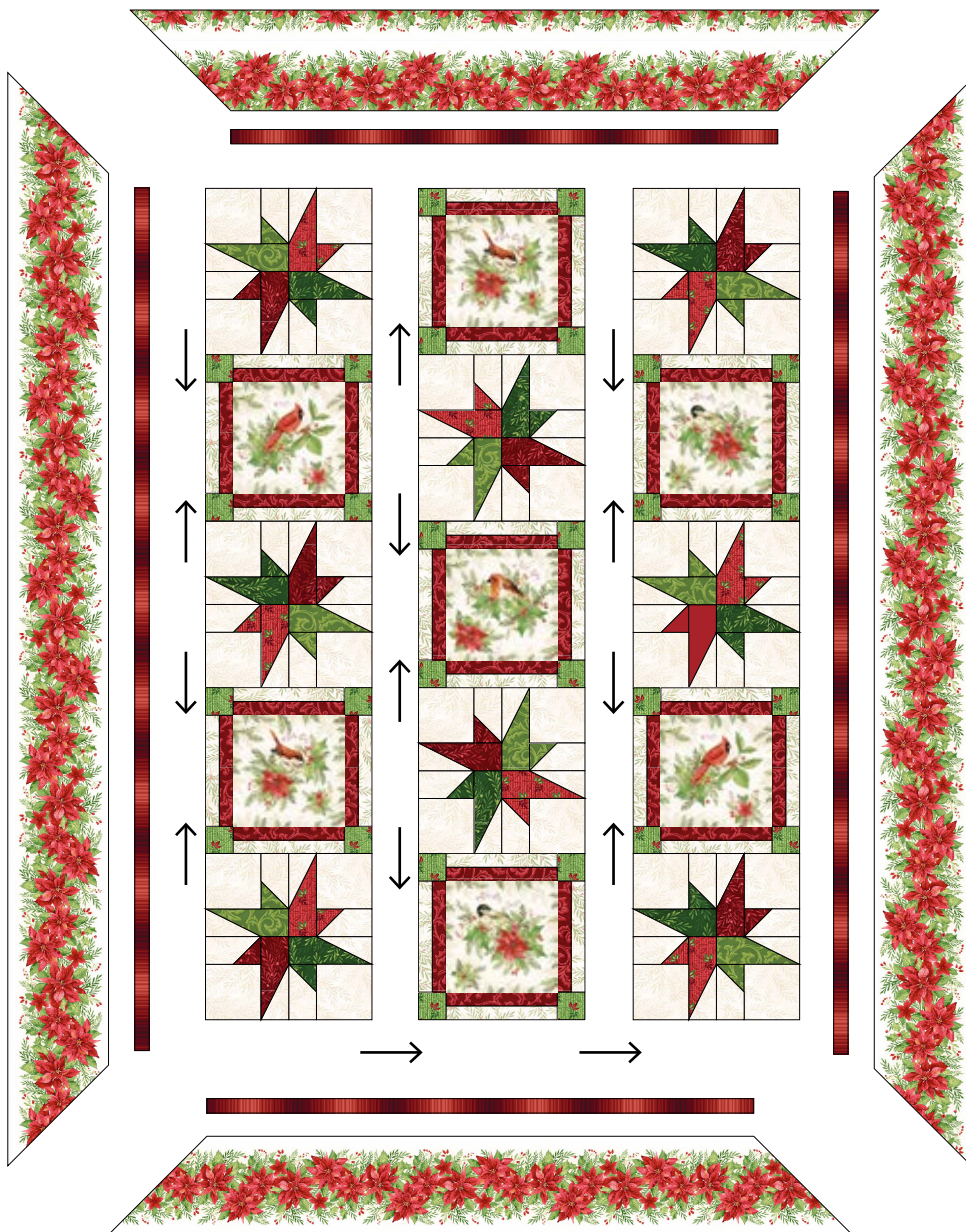


8. Sew four different units from Step 7 together to make the star block. Make 8 blocks. At this point the blocks should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



Make 8

9. Sew the star blocks and the bird blocks together in 3 rows of 5 blocks, referring to the quilt diagram. Press the seams toward the bird blocks.

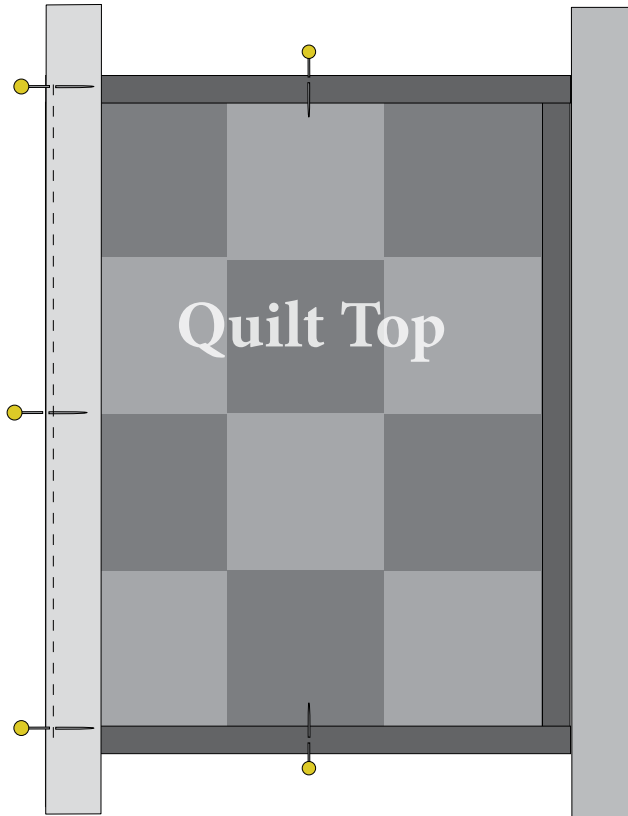


10. Matching and pinning seam intersections, sew the rows together. Press all in one direction.
11. Sew the inner border strips together end-to-end. Measure and trim two borders the length of the quilt. Sew to the sides of the quilt. Repeat for the top and bottom borders. Press toward the borders.
12. For mitered outer borders, follow instructions on next page, then continue to Step 13. For optional basic borders, measure and trim two outer border strips the length of the quilt. Sew to the sides of the quilt. Press toward the borders just added. Repeat for the top and bottom borders.
13. Piece the backing. Layer the backing wrong side up, the batting and the quilt top right side up. Baste, then quilt as desired.
14. Prepare the binding by joining the binding ends with diagonal seams pressed open. Fold the binding in half, wrong sides together and press to make a double binding.
15. Sew the binding to the quilt with a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam, mitering the corners. Trim the excess batting and backing, turn the binding to the back side and stitch down by hand with matching thread.

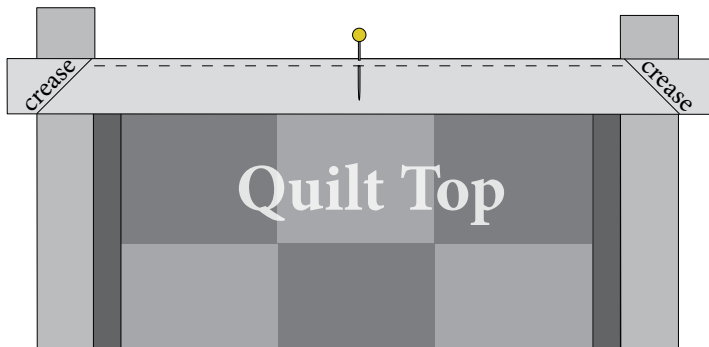
Mitered Borders Instructions

1. Fold the quilt top in half lengthwise. Place a straight pin at each fold to mark the center. Fold the quilt top in half widthwise and pin at each fold. Fold each border strip in half and pin at the folds.

2. Center the long border strips on the opposite long sides of the quilt RST by matching pinned center points. Repin layers together. Sew the border to the quilt top **starting and stopping 1/4" away from the edges of the quilt top**. Press toward darker fabric.

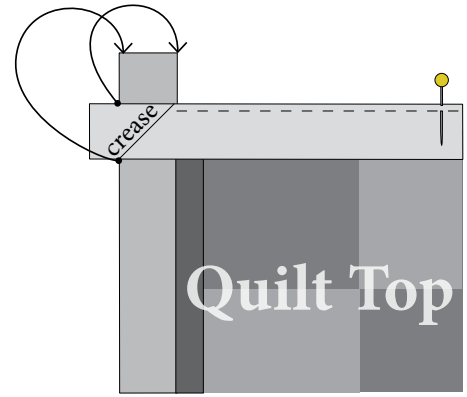


3. Place a short border strip onto the quilt top RST. Match the center points and repin.

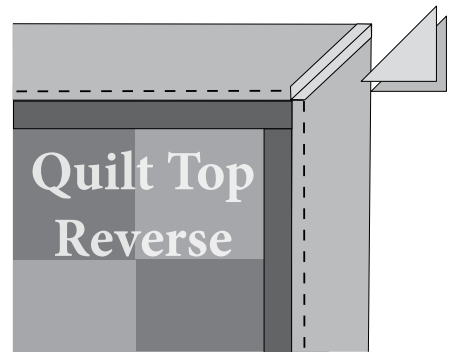


4. Press the ends of each short border strip at a 45° angle. Sew the short border strips to the top and bottom of the quilt. **Start and stop the stitches 1/4" away from the edges of the pieced top.**

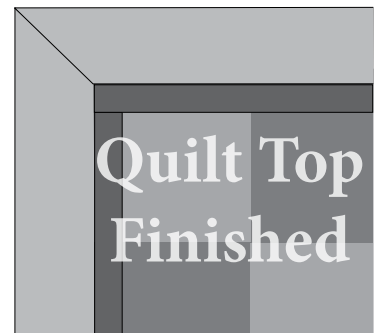
5. Bring the short edges of the border strips together.

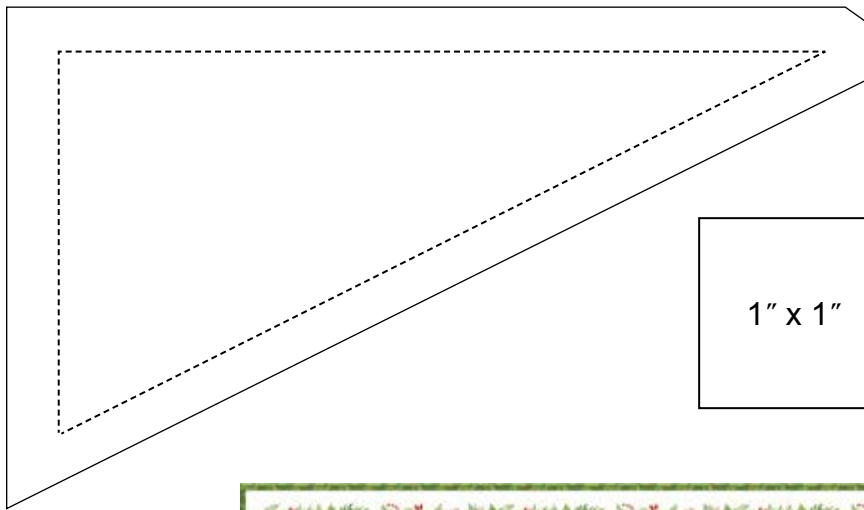


6. Sew along the pressed creases. Press open. Trim excess fabric.



7. Repeat the process for the remaining corners.



















1" x 1"

**We recommend using the Recs Tool™ from EZ Quilting to cut Recs Triangles. Or, you may use this template as a guide.

When printing, make sure this box measures one inch wide x one inch high. If so, the template will be the correct size. If not, adjust printing settings.



FABRIC		CUTTING	FABRIC		CUTTING
	Fabric 1 MAS8130-E 20" approx. there will be 1 bird left over.	From Fabric 1: fussy-cut 8½" squares, 2 blocks each of the four birds (one is not used)		Fabric 8 MAS8138-G 1/4 yd	From Fabric 8, cut: 2—2½" x 42" strips into 28—2½" squares
	Fabric 2 MAS8140-E 1 1/8 yds	From Fabric 2, cut: 4—4½" x 42" strips into 32—4½" squares 4—2½" x 42" strips into 32—2½" x 4½" rectangles 2—4½" x 42" strips into 32—Recs triangles**		Fabric 9 MAS8138-R 1/3 yd	From Fabric 9, cut: 1—4½" x 42" strip into 8—Recs triangles** 1—2½" x 42" strip into 16—2½" squares
	Fabric 3 MAS8134-E2 3/8 yd	From Fabric 3, cut: 7—1½" x 42" strips for strip sets		Fabric 10 MAS8139-R 1/3 yd	From Fabric 10, cut: 6—1½" x 42" strips for inner border
	Fabric 4 MAS8137-G 1/3 yd	From Fabric 4, cut: 1—4½" x 42" strip into 8—Recs triangles** 1—2½" x 42" strip into 16—2½" squares		Fabric 11 MAS8132-E 2-1/4 yds	From Fabric 11, cut: 4—7½" strips cut lengthwise for outer borders
	Fabric 5 MAS8137-R 3/8 yd	From Fabric 5, cut: 7—1½" x 42" strips for strip sets		Backing MAS8133-E 3-1/4 yds	
	Fabric 6 MAS8140-G 1/3 yd	From Fabric 6, cut: 1—4½" x 42" strip into 8—Recs triangles** 1—2½" x 42" strip into 16—2½" squares		Binding MAS8137-G 5/8 yd	From Binding Fabric, cut: 7—2½" x 42" strips
	Fabric 7 MAS8140-R 1/3 yd	From Fabric 7, cut: 1—4½" x 42" strip into 8—Recs triangles** 1—2½" x 42" strip into 16—2½" squares		Suggested Tool Tri-Recs EZ Quilting WRI8823753	**IMPORTANT! When cutting the Recs triangles, layer a red or green 4½" strip and a 4½" background strip both WRONG SIDES UP, with the green or red strip on the top, and cut pairs. Be sure to trim the "magic angle" from Recs triangles.