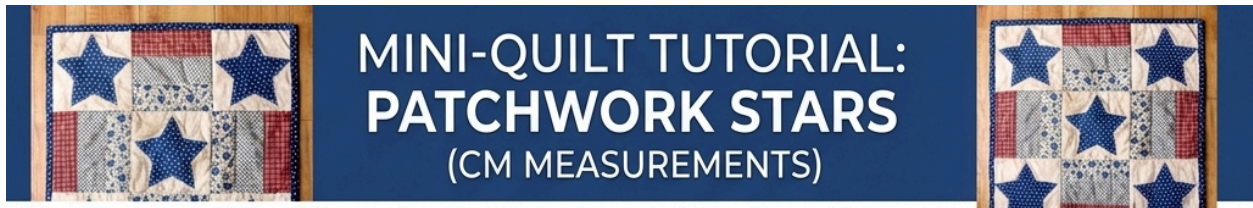
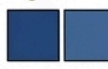



Finished Quilt Overview



GETTING STARTED: PLANNING & FABRIC PREP

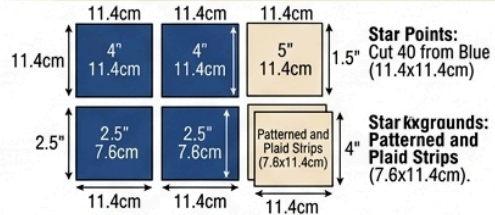
 **Fat Quarters of Blue**
 (Stars/Binding)
 Cream (Star background)
 Pre-washed 1/4brics (Star each, CM)
 **Red Check** (Plaid strips)
 Patterned fabric (Floral & Geometric)

Pre-wash & iron. Prepare rotary cutter, mat, ruler, and a 1/4-inch seam presser foot.

MATERIALS:
 • 1/4 meter each
 • Batting (48x48cm)
 • Backing (48x48cm)
 • Thread

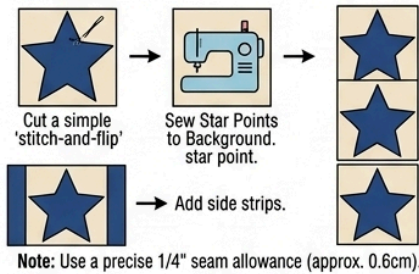


CUTTING YOUR PIECES

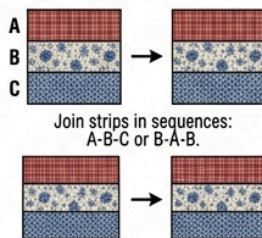


ASSEMBLY: BLOCK BY BLOCK

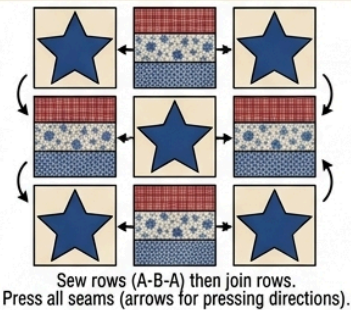
A: STAR BLOCK



B: STRIP BLOCK



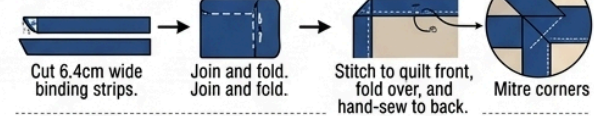
FORMING THE TOP: THE 9-PATCH GRID



QUILTING (THE QUILT SANDWICH & STITCHING)



FINISHING: BINDING



GLOSSARY: US QUILTING & SEWING METHODS

- QUILT-IN-THE-DITCH**
 Stitching exactly inside the seam line for a clean look.
- PATCHWORK:** The process of sewing small pieces of fabric together to form a pattern.
- APPLIQUÉ (STITCH-AND-FLIP STYLE)**
 Applying shapes (star points) onto a larger piece by sewing over them and cutting away excess. Over their own and cutting away excess.
- US QUILTING**
 Historical style utilizing piecing, patchwork, and functional/decorative stitching (like in-the-ditch and overall motifs).
- MITRED CORNER**
 A neat, precise corner finish for binding.

This beautiful patchwork quilt features a classic red, white, and blue color palette then with a patriotic feel. The design combines **appliqué stars** and **striped patchwork blocks**, arranged in a balanced grid and finished with a coordinated border. This tutorial will guide you step by step so you can recreate it from start to finish with confidence 😊

COMPLETE ALL-IN-ONE TECHNICAL DIAGRAM: PATCHWORK STARS MINI-QUILT

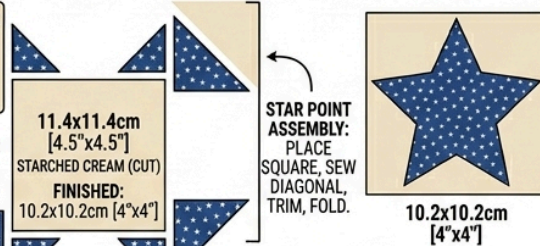
ALL MEASUREMENTS IN CM & [INCHES]. INCLUDES FINISHED & CUTTING SIZES. USE 1/4" (0.6CM) SEAM ALLOWANCE THROUGHOUT.

STAR BLOCK

STITCH-AND-FLIP POINT:
CUT 8.3x8.3cm
[3.25"x3.25"]
(FOLDED TO 4.1cm
[1.6" right angle side])

STAR POINT ASSEMBLY:
PLACE SQUARE, SEW
DIAGONAL, TRIM, FOLD.

STITCH-AND-FLIP POINT:
CUT 8.3x8.3cm
[3.25"x3.25"]
(FOLDED TO 4.1cm
[1.6" right angle side])



STRIP BLOCK

RED CHECK
(CUT: 11.4x3.8cm [4.5"x1.5"])

BLUE PATTERN A
(CUT: 11.4x3.8cm
[4.5"x1.5"])

BLUE PATTERN B
(CUT: 11.4x3.8cm
[4.5"x1.5"])

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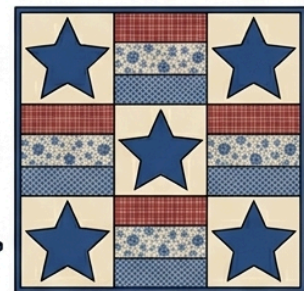
BLUE PATTERN A
(CUT: 11.4x3.8cm
[4.5"x1.5"])

BLUE PATTERN B
(CUT: 11.4x3.8cm
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10.2x10.2cm [4"x4"]

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[4"x4"]

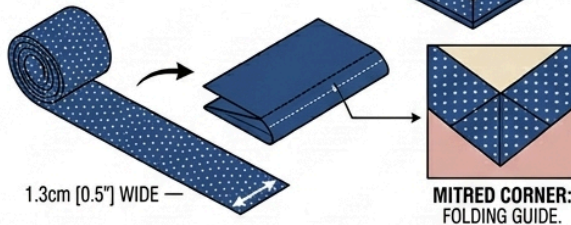
3x3 GRID LAYOUT



FINISHED TOP: 30.5x30.5cm [12"x12"]

BINDING

BINDING STRIP (CUT): 6.4cm [2.5"]
WIDTH, APPROX. 140cm [55"] TOTAL LENGTH.



QUILT SANDWICH

BACKING (CUT):
40.6x40.6cm
[16"x16"]

BATTING (CUT):
38x38cm [15"x15"]

FINISHED TOP
(from main grid)

a. QUILT-IN-THE-DITCH
(STITCH LINE THROUGH SEAMS)

b. DECORATIVE TOP-STITCHING
(OVER STAR POINTS)

MASTER CUTTING LIST (Total Pieces):

STAR POINTS (Blue Check): 40 (Size from detailed block)
STAR BACKGROUNDS (Cream): 5 (Size from detailed block)
PLAID STRIPS (Red Check): 12 (Size from detailed block)

BLUE STRIPS A & B: 12 each (Size from detailed block)

BINDING (Blue Pin-Dot): 1 strip 6.4cm x 140cm
OVERALL FINISHED QUILT (Excl. Binding): 30.5x30.5cm [12"x12"]
OVERALL FINISHED QUILT (Incl. Binding): 33x33cm [13"x13"]

Materials You Will Need

Before starting, gather all your materials so your process flows smoothly:

- Cotton fabrics in three main styles:
 - Solid or neutral (cream/white background)
 - Blue with small star prints
 - Red plaid or striped prints
 - Blue floral or small patterned prints
- Fabric for binding (blue with stars recommended)

- Batting (same size as your quilt)
- Backing fabric
- Sewing machine
- Thread (neutral color like white or cream)
- Fabric scissors or rotary cutter
- Cutting mat and ruler
- Pins or clips
- Iron and ironing board

Cutting Your Fabric Pieces

Take your time here—accurate cutting makes everything easier later.

Background Squares (for star blocks)

Cut **5 squares** of neutral fabric (same size, for example 12" x 12").

Star Appliqué Pieces

Cut **5 star shapes** from blue star fabric.

- You can trace a star template onto the fabric.
- Make sure all stars are the same size and centered nicely within the squares.

Patchwork Strip Blocks

You will need to create **4 strip blocks** using mixed fabrics.

Cut strips like:

- 2–3 strips of red plaid
- 2–3 strips of blue floral
- 2–3 strips of small patterned blue

Each strip should be the same length (matching your block width), and about 2"–3" wide.

Border Strips

Cut long strips (about 2.5" wide) from your blue star fabric for the outer border.

Making the Star Appliqué Blocks

Now let's create the most eye-catching part of the quilt.

Place each blue star centered on a neutral square.

- Use pins or fabric glue to hold it in place.

Using your sewing machine:

- Stitch around the edge of the star using a **zigzag stitch or blanket stitch**.
- Sew slowly and carefully, especially around the points of the star.

Repeat this for all 5 blocks.

Once finished, press each block flat with your iron.

Creating the Patchwork Strip Blocks

Take your fabric strips and arrange them side by side.

Play with the order until it looks balanced and visually pleasing. Alternate colors and patterns for contrast.

Sew the strips together:

- Place right sides together
- Sew with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance
- Continue adding strips one by one

Once all strips are sewn:

- Press seams in one direction
- Trim the block so it matches the size of your star blocks

Repeat until you have 4 patchwork blocks.

Assembling the Quilt Top

Lay out all your blocks before sewing. Arrange them like this:

- Top row: Star – Patchwork – Star
- Middle row: Patchwork – Star – Patchwork
- Bottom row: Star – Patchwork – Star

This creates a balanced 3x3 grid.

Now sew the blocks together row by row:

- Join each row first
- Press seams flat

Then sew the rows together to complete the quilt top.

Adding the Border

Take your border strips and sew them around the quilt:

- Start with the top and bottom edges
- Then attach the side borders

Make sure everything is aligned and smooth.
Press all seams carefully.

Quilting the Layers

Now it's time to turn your top into a quilt.

Layer in this order:

1. Backing (right side down)
2. Batting
3. Quilt top (right side up)

Pin or clip all layers together.

Quilt through all layers:

- You can stitch around the stars
- Sew along seam lines (stitch-in-the-ditch)
- Or do simple straight-line quilting

Take your time to keep lines straight and even.

Trimming and Binding

Trim excess batting and backing so edges are even.

Attach the binding:

- Fold binding strip in half lengthwise
- Sew around the edges of the quilt
- Fold over and stitch down on the back

Miter the corners neatly for a professional finish.