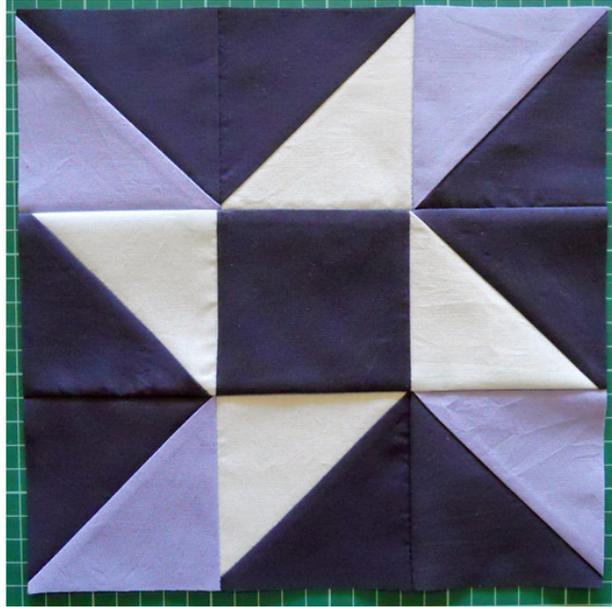


"Fire and Ice" Quilt – Month 7

This month you will sew the final set of nine blocks, and assemble your "Fire and Ice" quilt to finish.



You will need:

Fabric in blue colours 7, 8 and 9

Red fabric

Orange fabric

Yellow fabric

Lemon Fabric

Batting to measure approximately 76 x 95 inches

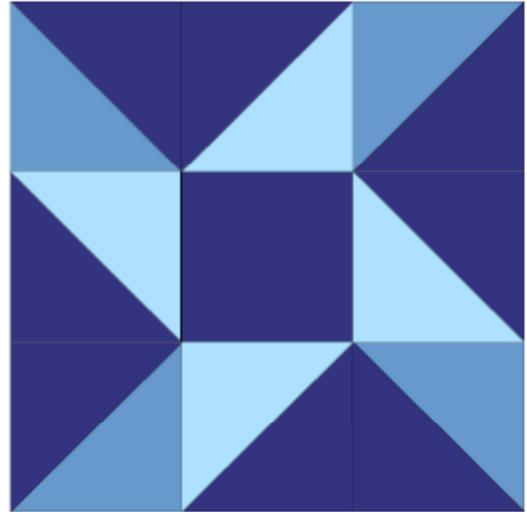
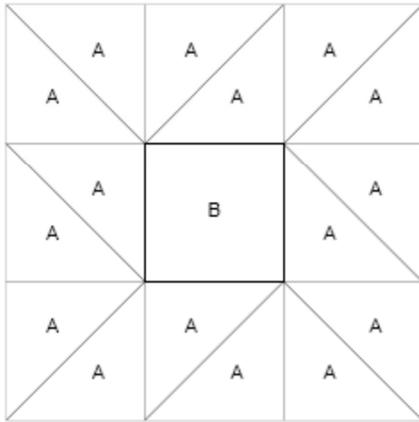
Backing fabric to measure at least 76 x 95 inches also

There are 9 of these pieced Eccentric Star blocks to make this month. Five are completely in the blue colourway, and four have the bright fiery colours incorporated as well. The finished size of all blocks is 9 inches, although they should be 9 ½ inches until all joined together.

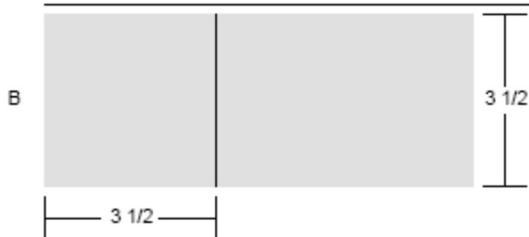
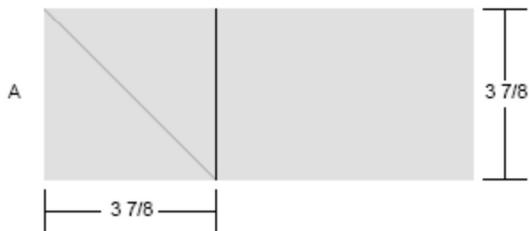
Refer to the following rotary cutting guide for this block, and also the separate images of the bright coloured blocks. Piece each block with ¼ inch seams and press well.

Eccentric Star

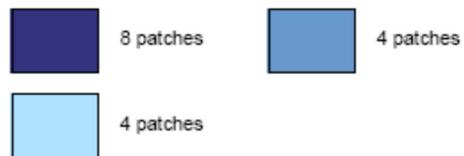
Key Block (27/100 actual size)



Cutting Diagrams



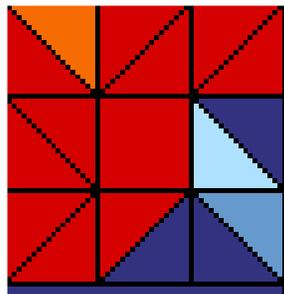
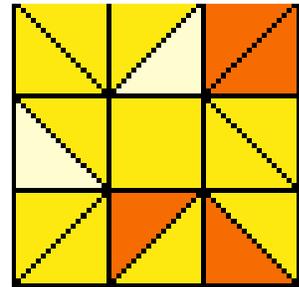
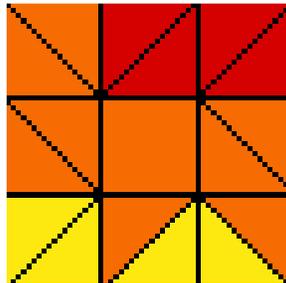
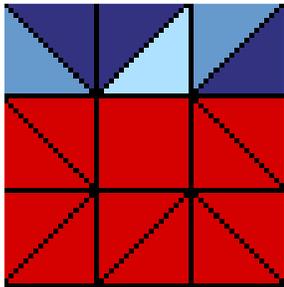
Patch Count



As the number of patches required is listed in the cutting guide above for a single block, the following table may help you cut all the pieces you'll need for these nine blocks:

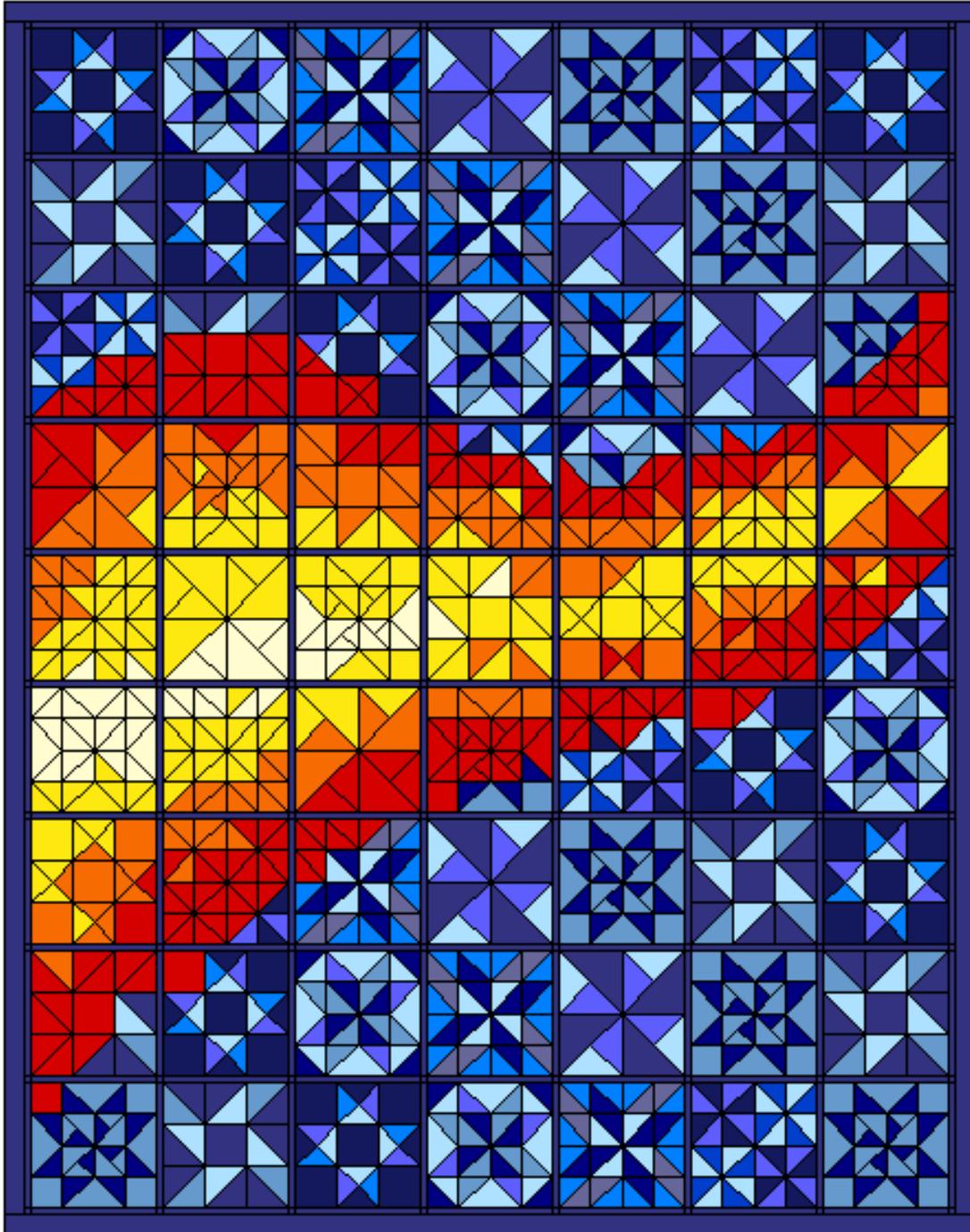
	Piece A	Piece B
Blue 7	Cut 11 squares and crosscut	n/a
Blue 8	Cut 12 squares and crosscut	n/a
Blue 9	Cut 23 squares and crosscut	Cut 5 squares
Red	Cut 12 squares and crosscut	Cut 2 squares
Orange	Cut 7 squares and crosscut	Cut 1 square
Yellow	Cut 7 squares and crosscut	Cut 1 square
Lemon	Cut 1 square and crosscut	n/a

Eccentric Star – Block Colour Variations



Quilt Assembly

The quilt is laid out with the blocks running diagonally, as detailed in this diagram:



Sashing

There is ½ inch sashing between all blocks. From Blue colour 9, cut 72, 1 inch x 9 ½ inch strips for the sashing between the blocks running horizontally.

Before joining the blocks together, take the time to square up all of your pieced blocks first. They should measure 9 ½ inches square. You will find it easier to lay out your blocks before adding the sashing, to check they are in the correct positions and the right way around. Take especial care with the placement of the blocks with the bright colours.

Join the blocks together in rows with the sashing at the start, end, and in between all blocks. You will need 8 strips of sashing per row.

Press well.

For the sashing strips to join the rows together, from Blue colour 9 cut 10 strips measuring 1 inch x 67 inches. (Check your measurements first of the length of the pieced rows.)

As before, start (and end) with a sashing strip, then join the rows together in order. Press well.

Border

The border is a simple one cut from the same Blue colour 9 fabric. Finished border size is 1 ½ inches.

Cut two strips measuring 2 inches wide x 86 inches long and join them down the sides of the quilt top. (Make sure you double check the length measurement before cutting all border strips.)

Then cut another two strips, 2 inches x 71 inches to fit across the top and bottom of the quilt.

Press well.

Quilting:

Place the backing face down on a large flat surface and tape the edges out flat, then lay the batting and quilt top right side up over it, smoothing out any wrinkles as you go. Pin or thread-baste the layers together in a four inch grid.

Our quilt was machine quilted, with a flame design on the bright red and orange swirl, and a simple wavy / circular design on the blue block areas. Quilt as you choose.

Binding:

We used the same Blue Colour 9 fabric for binding the quilt.

Cut 2 ½ inch wide strips and join them with 45 degree seams. Press the ¼ inch seams open, then fold the strip in half, right sides out and press.

Beginning about halfway along one side of the quilt, join the binding to the edge with a quarter inch seam, mitring each corner as you go. Trim the batting and backing a quarter inch beyond the edge of the quilt top. Turn the folded edge of the binding to the back of the quilt and slip stitch it in place with thread that matches the binding.

Label & Hanging Sleeve:

It is important to attach a rod pocket and label to each quilt you make with the date, your name and details like the name of the Quilt and for whom it was made. Labels can be as simple as just writing with a colourfast fabric marker on a square of pale coloured fabric, or you might choose to embroider those details.

Congratulations – You've Finished!

You must be thrilled with your new quilt and we're certain that you will receive many great compliments on your work.

Don't forget to take a photo and email it through to us at info@3dollarquiltbom.com as we'd love to see your finished quilt.

And don't forget, if you haven't already, visit www.3DollarQuiltBom.com again and select your next quilt project so you can get started right away!