

Liberty Lone Star Quilt Pattern

Looking for a quilt project with Wow Factor? Our Liberty Lone Star Quilt is Fat Quarter friendly, and much easier to piece than you'd think. It's the perfect size for a lap or throw quilt, or to hang on your wall as a display piece. This one's a 'keeper'!!

The fabrics we've used are from www.alicecaroline.co.uk - a UK company that specialises in Liberty fabrics, and has the most wonderful range imaginable! The fabrics in our quilt are from a new range of quilting weight cottons that was only recently released by Alice Caroline, and as they say: "This is a lovely collection of quilting fabrics called "The Cottage Garden". Inspiration for the collection of printed quilting fabric comes from the beautiful villages of Buckinghamshire. This area of English countryside is where Liberty's founder, Arthur Liberty, escaped from his London city life. The thatched cottage gardens burst with colourful floral displays filling the winding roads with charm and delight.

Flowers featured in the prints include forget-me-nots, bluebells and anemones, drawn in the London design studio and taking inspiration from Liberty's rich textile archive. The colour palettes include warm dusty pinks, coral tones mixed with lavender, denim and cornflower blues. The warmer tones are inspired by the stone paths on local walking trails. The base quality of these fabrics is 'Lasenby' which is 100% cotton specifically woven with sewers in mind."



This quilt measures approx. 50 inches square.

You Will Need:

A total of 7 Fat Quarters for the pieced Lone Star.

We used the following Liberty designs: Morning Dew Z (white floral on dark blue print), Morning Dew X (white floral on pale blue print), Daisy Shadow Z (darker blue on blue print), Daisy Shadow W (salmon pink tone on tone print), Cosmos Meadow Z (bright floral print), Cosmos Meadow W (pastel floral print).

We also added a fat quarter of plain mid blue to match the blue of the Daisy Shadow Z fabric.



(NOTE – You MUST make sure that your fat Quarters measure the full 18 x 21 inches when squared up, as you will need the full 18 inch width to cut some pieces.)

2 yards/metres plain navy blue fabric for background and binding

Batting measuring at least 58 x 58 inches

Backing fabric measuring at least 58 x 58 inches

A 12½ inch square ruler will be very handy

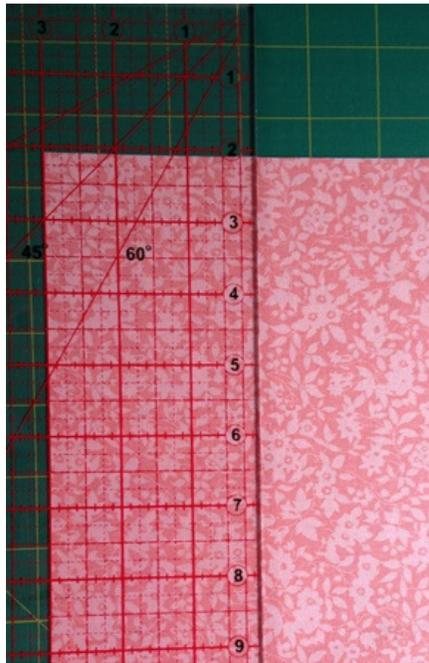
Cutting:

Each of the 8 points of this lone star has 7 ‘rounds’ of colours, in the following order from centre out:

- 1) salmon pink,
- 2) bright floral,
- 3) pale floral,
- 4(a) tone on tone blue print alternating with
- 4(b) plain blue fabric,
- 5) white on dark blue print,
- 6) white on pale blue print,
- 7) (1 repeated) salmon pink.

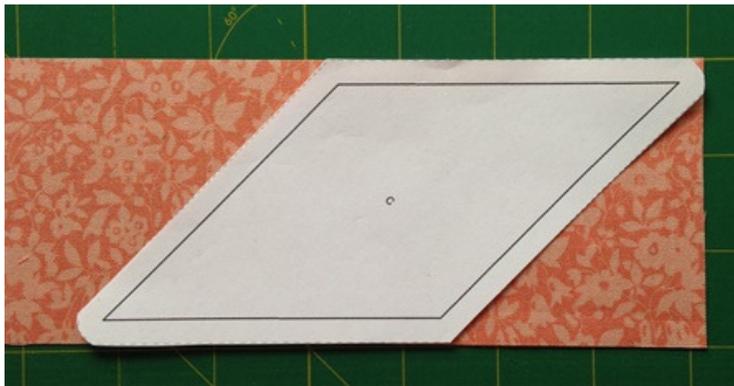
Using the template provided, you will need to cut a total of 16 diamonds from the fat quarters for rows 1 and 7, 2, 4a, 4b, 6.

The two rows (3 and 5) with 3 diamonds of the same colour in a row will need a total of 24 diamonds cut from those fat quarters.



To cut the diamonds, lay your ironed fat quarter on your cutting board, so you are cutting along the 21 inch edge.

Cut 3 inch strips from the fat quarter. You will be able to cut 4 diamonds from each strip, so you will need 4 strips from most fabrics, with 6 strips needed (the full width of the FQ) for the row 3 and 5 diamonds.



Lay the template on your strip as pictured. Use a ruler to cut the 45 degree sides, and make sure to trim off the top and bottom corner points.



Position the template on the cut line from the first diamond and continue cutting for a total of four diamonds per strip.

Piecing:



Lay out the full star point first, so you can be sure of the placement of the small diamonds.

Note that the middle row 4 has the dark blue on blue tone print alternating with the plain blue fabric.

You will make a total of 8 of these star points, all exactly the same.



Piecing your diamonds together is easy, but make sure your seam allowance is consistent throughout.



As shown, flip over the top piece so right sides are together, and the edges and corners match. If you did trim all the corners off the diamonds, this will make this step much easier.



Sew together and open out.



As pictured, sew the star point in rows of 4 small diamonds.

Press the seams in opposite directions alternating between the rows.



Sew the rows together in order. Again, with right sides together, line up the edges and trimmed corners and pin and sew.



Your sewn rows.



Your finished star point all sewn together.

Press well and repeat to make a total of 8 star points like this.

Assembly:

This quilt is assembled in eighths first, then quarters.

From your navy blue background fabric, cut 4 squares measuring $15\frac{1}{2}$ x $15\frac{1}{2}$ inches square, and cross cut diagonally once, to make 8 large triangles.

Also cut 4 squares measuring $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches square, and cross cut diagonally once to make 8 smaller triangles.



You will need to piece 4 star points this way, with one small and one large background triangle, and the remaining 4 star points are pieced with the background triangles the other way around.

As shown, lay out one star point with the centre pointing downwards, and the small background triangle along the top left side, and the large background triangle to the right.



Sew the smaller triangle to the star point first.



Overlap a quarter inch of the point as pictured, so that it makes a straight line with the edge of your pieced diamond when opened out.

Open out and press well.



Now join the larger background diamond.

Sew to match the inner sides – where the background meets the pieced star point, so that the sides are as straight as possible.

You will have some excess background fabric at the top, but this will be trimmed later.

Press well.



Next piece another two background triangles to a second star point as shown (lower point) the other way around, so that they will form a square quarter of the quilt top when the two eighths are sewn together.

Press well.

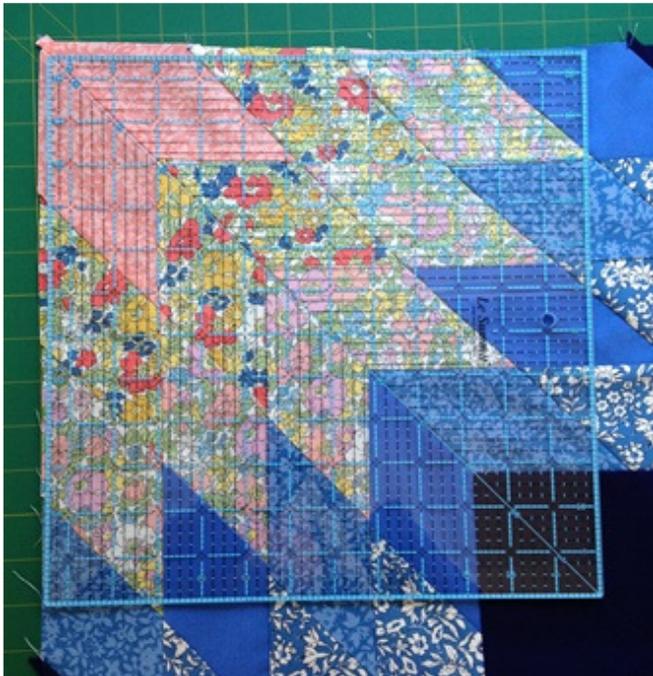


Now join these two star points together to make a quarter of the quilt, as pictured.

Take care with matching the seams as you do this, and try not to stretch the large background triangles as you piece the two together.

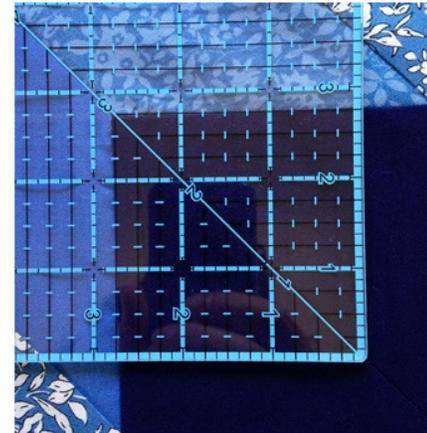
Open the seam allowances and press well before trimming to square up the quarter.

Trim and square off the outer (background fabric) corner first. Line up your ruler so the tips of the star points are a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in from the edge and trim the top and right hand edges.



Use a $12\frac{1}{2}$ inch square ruler to help you trim up the centre.

Line the ruler up so the 45 degree line is on the seam line joining the two points as shown.



Line up the markings on your ruler so that you have an even square of background fabric as shown above. Ours measured $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches on each side of the background fabric corner. This was the point where the top and left edges of the ruler met the outer edges of the pieced unit.

The measurement itself doesn't matter so much, just that you use this figure consistently for the 4 quarters, so it will all come together nicely.

Trim off the excess along the diamond pieced edges. You will not notice this difference when the star is completely joined, and trimming here will ensure that your star quarters will go together really easily and match all seams.



Repeat three more times to make the remaining three quarters of this star.

Trim all quarters the same way.



Join two quarters to piece a half, and open out the seam allowance and press well.

Make two halves.





Finally join the halves together to finish your quilt. Open the seam allowances and press well.

Border:

We added a small navy border to our top. Cut sufficient 2 inch strips from the navy blue fabric (48 – 50 inches) and measure and add strips to both sides and press well before adding strips to top and bottom to finish.

Quilting:

Place your backing fabric face down on a flat surface, then smooth the batting on top. Put your quilt top on top of that, centred and smoothed flat.

Pin the layers together in preparation for quilting.

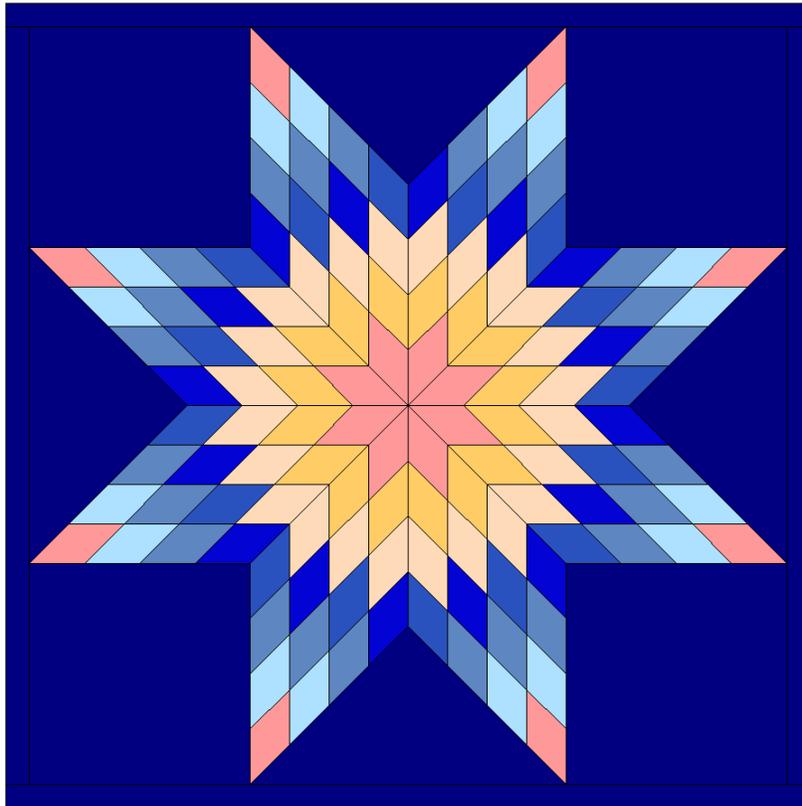
We free motion quilted a slightly curved line on the inside edge of each small diamond within the star, and we used a walking foot to quilt the navy blue background. We quilted an echo a ¼ inch around the outside of the star, then quilted repeated lines an inch apart to fill in the triangles at the sides, and squares in the corners.

The negative space in the background does give you some great space to fill with feathers or other motifs if you like too!

Finishing:

Cut sufficient 2¼ inch navy blue strips for your binding, and join your binding strips together with 45 degree seams. Press the ¼ inch seams open, then fold the strip in half, right sides out and press. (You will need about 210 inches in length.)

Join the binding to the right side of the quilt edge with a quarter inch seam, mitring each corner as you go. Turn the folded edge of the binding to the back and slip stitch it in place with thread that matches the binding to finish.



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Liberty Lone Star Quilt Diamond Template

