



Be Merry And Bright

Featuring *Mid-Century Christmas by Designer Essentials*

Blue and white star blocks sparkle amid large squares of the Winter Village and Tree prints from the Mid-Century Christmas collection in this quilt design. Use a quick method to make the Flying Geese Units that alternate with Stepping Stone Units around the center square in each star. May your days “Be Merry and Bright” as you stitch up this wintry quilt project!

Collection:	Mid- Century Christmas by Designer Essentials
Technique:	Piecing, Quilting
Skill Level:	Intermediate
Crafting Time:	Longer Term*
Finished Size:	Finished Size of Project: 80" x 80" (203.20cm x 203.20cm)
	Finished Size of Block: 16" x 16" (40.64cm x 40.64cm)

*Crafting time based on Longer Term skill level

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Fabric Requirements

DESIGN	COLOR	ARTICLE CODE	YARDAGE
(A) Trees	Blue	PWFS050.BLUEX	7/8 yard (80.01cm)
(B) Winter Village	Blue	PWFS045.BLUEX	7/8 yard (80.01cm)
(C) Christmas Words	Blue	PWFS048.BLUEX	1 3/4 yards (1.60m)
(D) Snowflakes	Silver	PWFS047.SILVE	2/3 yard (60.96cm)
(E) Candles	Blue	PWFS046.BLUEX	1 1/2 yards (1.53m)*
(F) Snowflakes	Blue	PWFS047.BLUEX	1 yard (.91m)
(G) Designer Essential Solids	White	CSFSESS.WINTE	2 1/4 yards (2.06m)

* includes binding

Backing (Purchased Separately)

44" (111.76cm)

Snowbirds Silver PWFS049.SILVE 7 1/2 yards (6.86m)

OR

108" (274.32cm) 2 1/2 yards (2.29cm)

Additional Requirements

- 100% cotton thread in colors to match
- 88" x 88" (2.24m x 2.24m) quilt batting



(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)



(E)



(F)



(A)



Backing
44"
(111.76cm)

Cutting

WOF = Width of Fabric

From Fabric A, cut:

(2) 12½" x WOF (57.15cm x WOF) strips. Sub-cut (6) 12½" (57.15cm) squares for the Bordered Blocks.

From Fabric B, cut:

(2) 12½" x WOF (57.15cm x WOF) strips. Sub-cut (6) 12½" (57.15cm) squares for the Bordered Blocks.

From Fabric C, cut:

(2) 12½" x WOF (57.15cm x WOF) strips. Sub-cut (24) 2½" x 12½" (6.35cm x 57.15cm) strips for the Bordered Blocks.
 (2) 16½" x WOF (67.31cm x WOF) strips. Sub-cut (24) 2½" x 16½" (6.35cm x 57.15cm) strips for the Bordered Blocks.

From Fabric D, cut:

(2) 4½" x WOF (11.43cm x WOF) strips. Sub-cut (13) 4½" (11.43cm) squares for the Star Blocks.
 (4) 2⅞" x WOF (7.30cm x WOF) strips. Sub-cut (52) 2⅞" (7.30cm) squares for the Flying Geese Units. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of each square.

From Fabric E, cut:

(6) 5¼" x WOF (13.34cm x WOF) strips. Sub-cut (39) 5¼" (13.34cm) squares for the Star Blocks.
 (9) 2½" x WOF (6.35cm x WOF) strips for the binding.

From Fabric F, cut:

(11) 2½" x WOF (6.35cm x WOF) strips for the Star Blocks.

From Fabric G, cut:

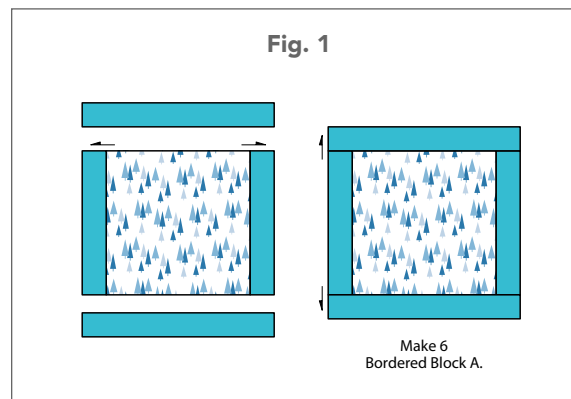
(8) 2⅞" x WOF (7.30cm x WOF) strips. Sub-cut (104) 2⅞" (7.30cm) squares for the Star Blocks. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of each square.
 (7) 4½" x WOF (11.43cm x WOF) strips for the Star Blocks.
 (8) 2½" x WOF (6.35cm x WOF) strips for the Star Blocks.

Sewing Instructions

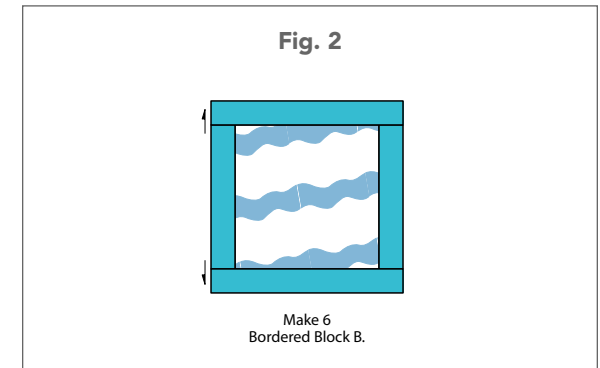
Note: All seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm). Sew all pieces with right sides together.

Bordered Blocks A and B

1. Pin a **Fabric C** 2½" x 12½" (6.35cm x 57.15cm) strip to opposite edges of a 12½" (57.15cm) **Fabric A** square. Sew together and press the triangles away from the strip. Pin and sew a **Fabric C** 2½" x 16½" (6.35cm x 57.15cm) strip to the remaining opposite edges and press (**Fig. 1**). Repeat to make a total of 6 Bordered Block A.



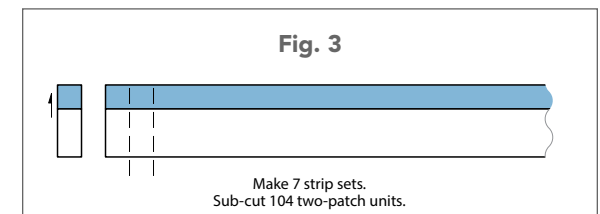
2. Repeat step 1 with the remaining **Fabric C** strips and the **Fabric B** 12½" (57.15cm) squares to make 6 Bordered Block B (**Fig. 2**).



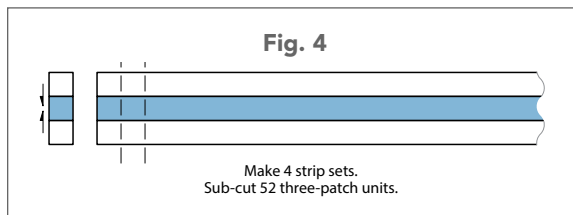
Star Block

Stepping Stone Units

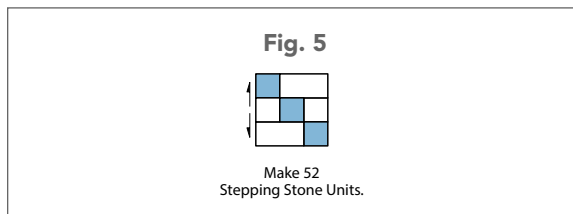
3. Sew 1 **Fabric F** 2½" x WOF (6.35cm x WOF) strip to 1 **Fabric G** 4½" x WOF (11.43cm x WOF) **Fabric G** 4½" (11.43cm) strip and press the seam allowances toward the **Fabric F** strip. Repeat with the remaining **Fabric F** and **Fabric G** 2½" x WOF strips to make a total of 7 strip sets. Sub-cut (104) 2½"-wide (6.35cm) two-patch units from the strip sets (**Fig. 3**).



4. Sew 2 **Fabric F** 2½" x WOF (6.35cm x WOF) strips to opposite edges of (1) 2½" x WOF (6.35cm x WOF) **Fabric G** strip. Press the seam allowances toward the **Fabric F** strip. Repeat with the remaining 2½" x WOF (6.35cm x WOF) strips of **Fabrics F** and **G** to make a total of 4 strips sets. Press. Sub-cut (52) 2½" x 6½" (6.35cm x 16.51cm) 3-patch units from the strip sets (**Fig. 4**).

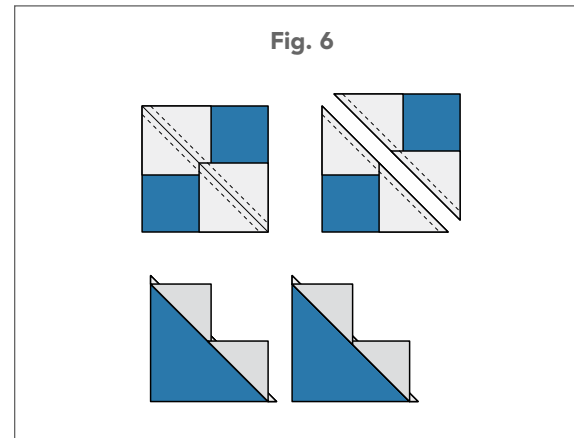


5. Arrange the 3-patch units from steps 3 and 4 in 3 rows to make a total of 52 Stepping Stone Units. Press as directed by the arrows (**Fig. 5**).

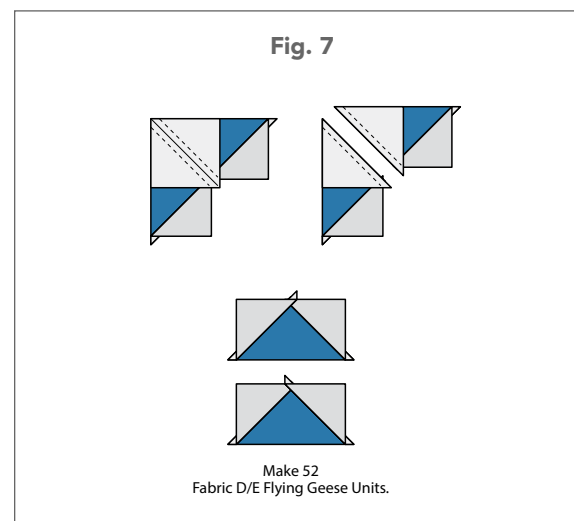


Flying Geese Units

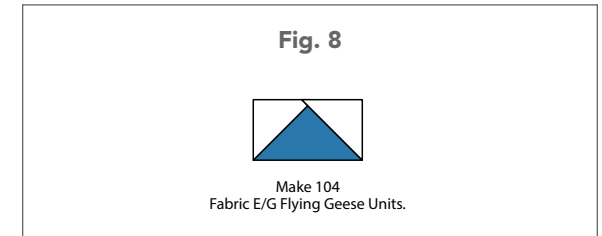
6. Place 2 **Fabric D** 2⅞" (7.30cm) squares face down on the right side of 1 **Fabric E** 5¼" (13.34cm) square, with the center corners overlapping and the marked lines meeting on the diagonal. Pin in place and then stitch a scant ¼" (.64cm) from the marked diagonal line on both sides of the line. Cut on the diagonal line to make 2 partial flying geese units (**Fig. 6**).



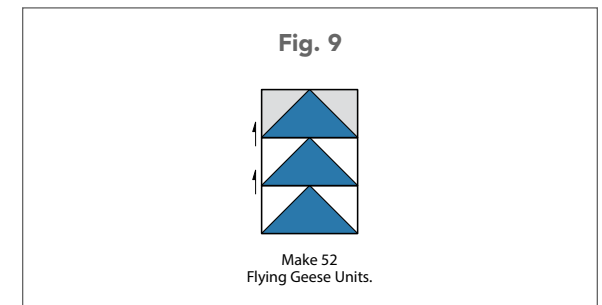
7. Pin a **Fabric D** 2⅞" (7.30cm) square to the corner of the large triangle in each unit and stitch a scant ¼" (.64cm) from the line on opposite sides. Cut apart on the diagonal line for a total of 2 completed Flying Geese Units. Repeat with the remaining units to make 52 **Fabric D/E** Flying Geese Units (**Fig. 7**).



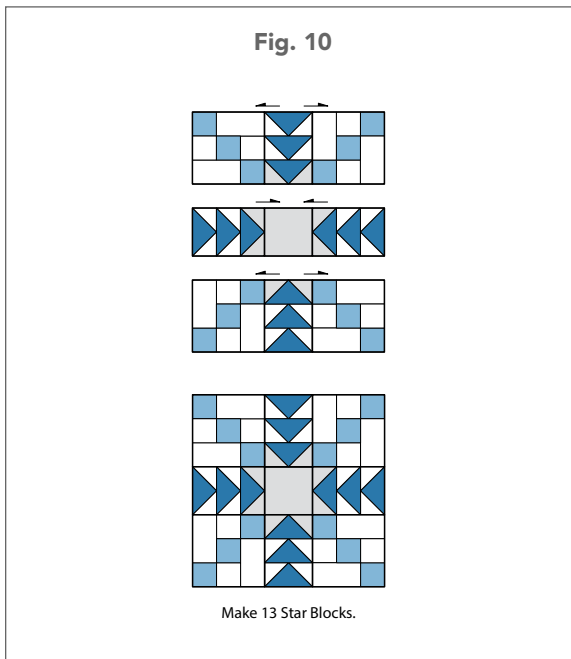
8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 to make a total of (104) **Fabric E/G** Flying Geese Units (**Fig. 8**).



9. Arrange and sew together 1 **Fabric D/E** Flying Geese Unit from step 7 and 2 **Fabric E/G** Flying Geese Units from step 8 to make 52 Flying Geese Units. Press as directed by the arrows (**Fig. 9**).



10. Arrange 4 Stepping Stone Units from step 5 and 4 Flying Geese units from step 9 with a **Fabric D** 4½" (11.43cm) square in 3 horizontal rows to form the Star Block. Sew the rows together and press the seam allowances toward the center row (**Fig. 10**). Repeat to make 13 Star Blocks.



Finishing

13. Prepare an 88" x 88" (223.52cm x 223.52cm) backing panel. Trim any stray threads on the back of the quilt top and press the backing and quilt top to remove any wrinkles.
14. Layer the backing, batting, and quilt top and baste the layers together. Quilt as desired and then trim the batting and backing even with the quilt-top edges.
15. Using diagonal seams, sew the **Fabric E** binding strips together to make one continuous piece. Press the seams open. Fold the binding in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press.
16. Sew the binding to the quilt top, mitering the corners as you reach them. Turn the binding to the back of the quilt and hand-stitch in place.

Quilt Top Assembly

11. Refer to the **Quilt Layout**. Arrange Bordered Blocks A and B with the Star blocks in 5 horizontal rows of 5 blocks, making sure the trees and rooftops in the bordered blocks are all oriented toward the upper edge of top of the quilt layout.
12. Sew the blocks together in each row and press all seam allowances away from the Star Blocks. Sew the rows together, matching adjacent seams, to make complete the quilt top. Press.

