

sun ray



advanced beginner

Finished block size: 6", 3"



Sun Ray, 58" x 62", made by Alex Anderson and machine quilted by Susanne M. Rasmussen



Stripes and polka dots are the best! I love putting them into my quilts. When I saw this group of fabrics I knew it had my name written all over it. I usually shy away from working with an entire collection because the quilts made entirely from these fabrics can end up looking prepackaged. However, you can solve this dilemma by introducing other fabrics into the set. In this case, I chose to add solids and a few pieces of black-and-white fabric. Even on the gloomiest day this quilt puts a smile on my face!

Materials

The following instructions give the total yardage needed to complete your quilt.

Stars: 2 yards

Background: 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards

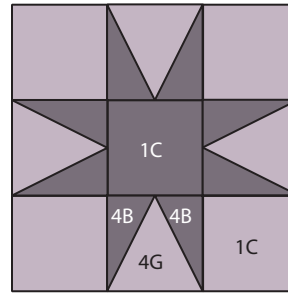
Inner Border: $\frac{1}{4}$ yard

Outer Border: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards

Backing: 4 yards

Cutting

6" SUN RAY

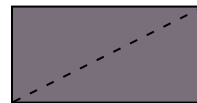


The following numbers are for one 6" Sun Ray star. You will need 56 in all.

Star Body

Cut one 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Cut a strip 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " by at least 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Fold and press end to end, like sides together. Cut 4 rectangles 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " \times 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Then cut on the diagonal as shown.

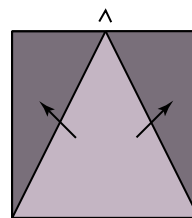


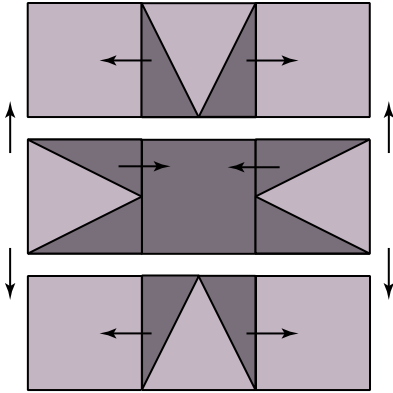
Background

Cut 4 squares 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ ", then cut as shown under Background on page 42.

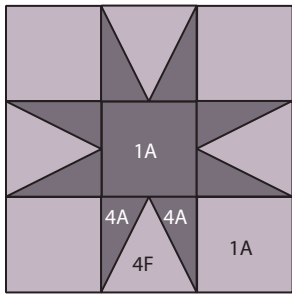
Cut 4 squares 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Follow the diagram below for piecing sequence. The ^ indicates which edge or point to line up (see All-Star Lineup, page 103). The arrows indicate which way to press.





3" SUN RAY

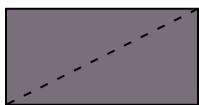


The following numbers are for one 3" Sun Ray star.
You will need 16 in all.

Star Body

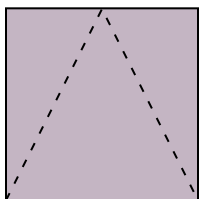
Cut 1 square $1\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Cut a strip $1\frac{1}{4}$ " by at least $9\frac{1}{2}$ ". Fold and press end to end, like sides together. Cut 4 rectangles $1\frac{1}{4}$ " \times $2\frac{1}{4}$ ". Then cut on the diagonal as shown.



Background

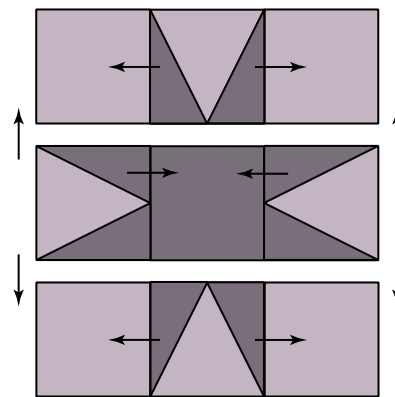
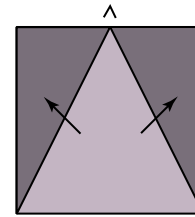
Cut 4 squares $1\frac{7}{8}$ ", then cut as shown.



Cut 4 squares (1A) $1\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Making the Blocks

Follow the diagram below for piecing sequence. The \wedge indicates which edge or point to line up. The arrows indicate which way to press.



Inner Border

The inner border is 2 different widths in order to accommodate the outer border, which is made up of 2" blocks.

Cut 2 strips 1 " \times $48\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Cut 2 strips $1\frac{1}{2}$ " \times $46\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Outer Border

Cut 324 squares $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Using the photo on page 40 as your guide, arrange and sew the squares into 3 strips of 25 squares each for the side borders. Press the seams in opposite directions and sew the strips together. Repeat for the top and bottom borders making strips of 29 squares each.



Putting the Quilt Top Together

1. Arrange your blocks as shown.
2. Join your blocks in a straight set, row by row.
3. Sew on the inner borders, making sure the narrow strips are on the sides and the wide strips are on the top and bottom.
4. Sew on the outer checked side borders. Then sew on the outer top and bottom borders.

Quilting and Finishing

Refer to pages 106–108 for quilting and finishing instructions.

1. Layer and baste the quilt. Quilt by hand or machine.
2. Finish the quilt.

