

4. When the units have been assembled, press them with a warm iron.
5. Complete each block by arranging four units following Diagram 5, rotating each unit a quarter turn to form the star.
6. Join two units to form half the block and press the seam allowances towards the long edge of the C piece.
7. Join the other two units in the same manner. Join the two halves, butting the C pieces together at the intersection. Press the block.

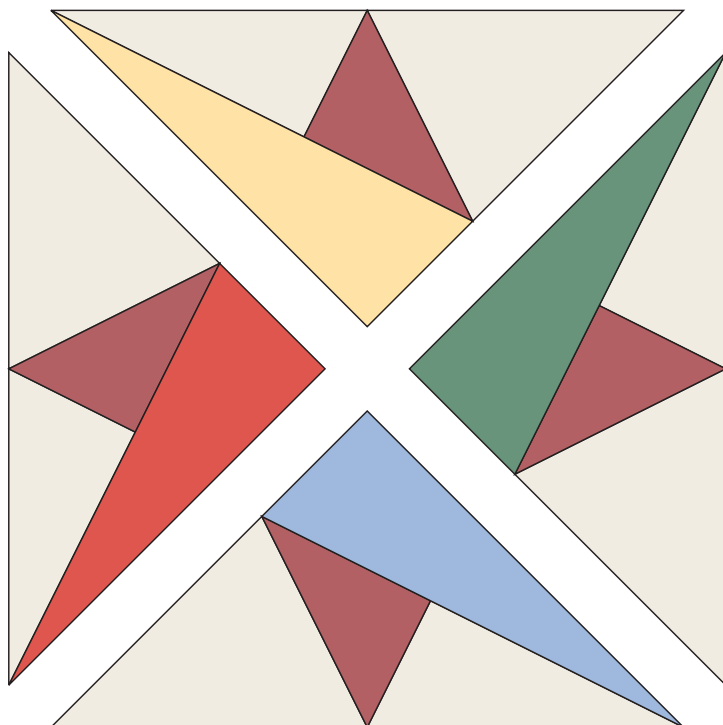


Diagram 5


Make the horizontal sashing strips

1. To make each of the six horizontal sashing strips, join six red cornerstones alternately with five blue sashing strips, beginning and ending with cornerstones.
2. Press the seam allowances towards the sashing strips.

Assemble the quilt

1. Arrange the blocks into five rows of five blocks following the photograph of the quilt.
2. Place vertical sashing strips between the blocks and on either side of the rows. Place the pieced horizontal strips between the rows.
3. Join the blocks and vertical strips and press the seam allowances towards the strips.
4. Join the rows and horizontal sashing strips, butting the seam allowances together at the intersections.

Finish the quilt

1. Cut the length of backing fabric in half and cut a strip 28in wide from the full length of each piece. Remove the selvages and join the two pieces. Press the seam allowance open.
2. Following the instructions for Preparing the Quilt Sandwich in Basics on page 110, pin or baste the quilt top, batting and backing together.
3. Meredith's quilt was professionally machine quilted with a continuous scallop design by Paul Styles of Seams Like Yesterday.
4. Following Binding the Quilt in Basics on page 110, use the six, 2½in strips to bind the quilt. 

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