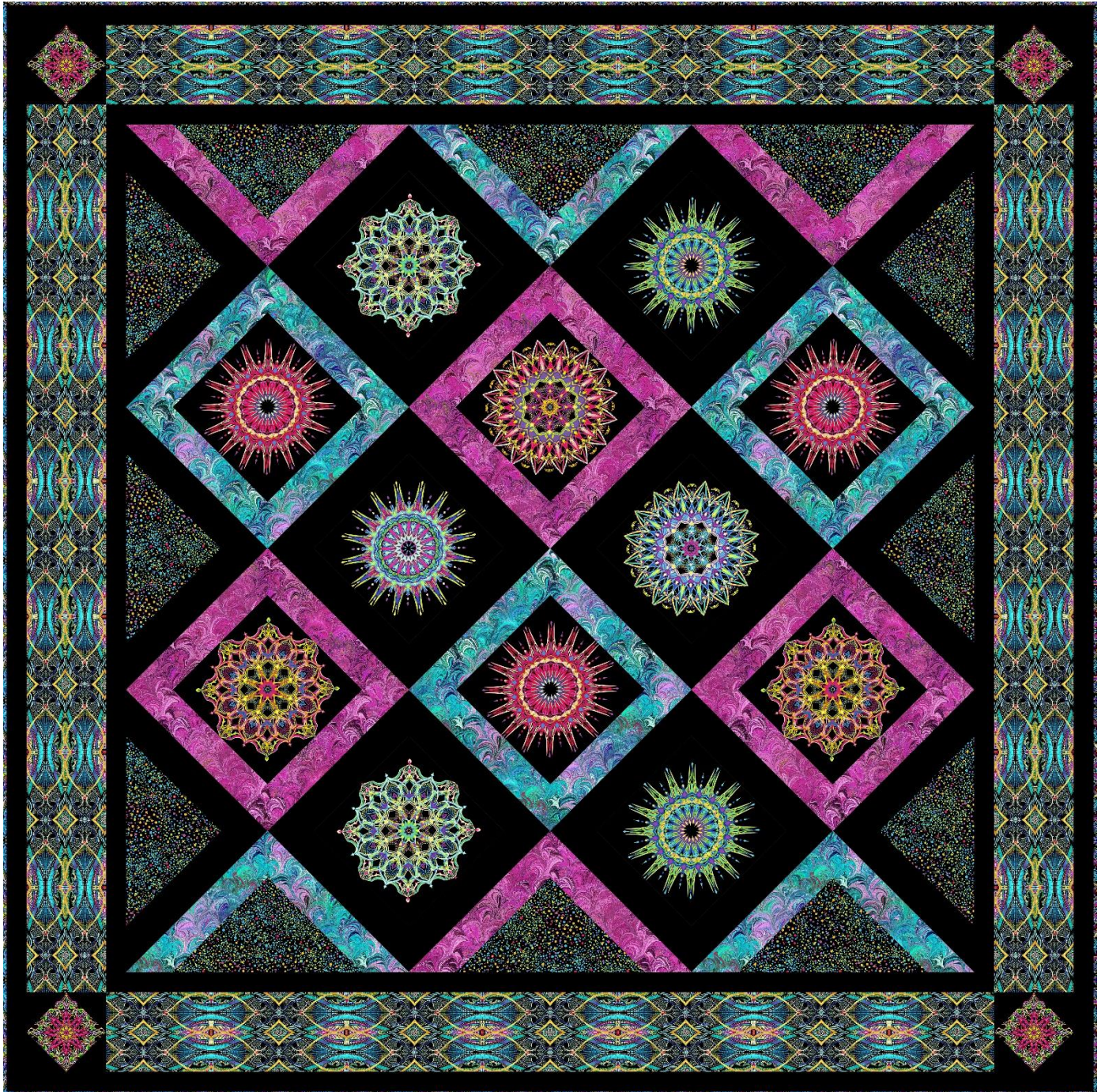


Needle Stars

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



81 3/4" x 81 3/4"

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Quilt Size: 81 3/4" x 81 3/4"

Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing NOT recommended.

Yardages and Cutting

WOF is 42" width of fabric from selvage edge to selvage edge. Length of fabric is length of fabric, parallel to the selvage edges. Remove as little fabric as possible when removing selvages and squaring strip ends.

2 yards window medallion print

- Fussy-cut 4 strips 6 1/2" x LOF, referring to the cover quilt for the section to center in each strip. Trim strips to 67 1/4" for border.

Red medallions panel

Blue medallions panel

From each panel, cut the following:

- (6) 10 1/2" squares with a large medallion centered in each square.

1/2 yard red allover medallion print

Apply a heavy coat of spray starch to the wrong side of the yardage and press dry before cutting. Prepare a 6 1/2"-square clear template.

- Fussy-cut (4) 6 1/2" squares with a medallion centered in each.

3/4 yard stardust print

- 2 strips 10 7/8" x WOF; cut into (6) 10 7/8" squares. Cut each square in half diagonally to make 12 triangles.

3/4 yard purple swirls

3/4 yard aqua swirls

From each fabric, cut the following:

- 7 strips 3" x WOF; cut into (3) 3" x 16 1/2" strips, (6) 3" x 15 1/2" strips, (3) 3" x 14" strips and (6) 3" x 10 1/2" strips.

7/8 yard blue allover medallion print

- 9 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

2 1/4 yards black solid

- 1 strip 16 1/2" x WOF; cut into (6) 3" x 16 1/2" strips. Trim remainder to 15 1/2" and cut into (8) 3" x 15 1/2" strips.
- 1 strip 14" x WOF; cut into (6) 3" x 14" strips. Trim remainder to 10 1/2" and cut into (8) 3" x 10 1/2" strips.
- 3 strips 3" x WOF; cut into (4) 3" x 15 1/2" strips and (4) 3" x 10 1/2" strips.
- 2 strips 3 1/2" x WOF; cut into (16) 3 1/2" squares.
- 14 strips 2" x WOF for borders.

8 1/4 yards of 42" backing fabric

- 3 strips 97" x WOF

OR

2 3/4 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 97" x 97"

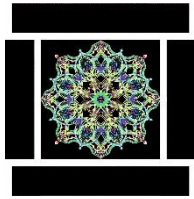
Batting

- 1 piece 97" x 97"

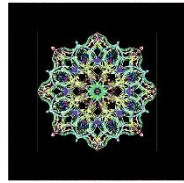
Piecing the Units

Use a 1/4" seam allowance for all stitching. Press seams as directed.

1. Sew 3" x 10 1/2" black strips to opposite sides of each blue large medallion square. Press seams toward the square. Repeat with 3" x 15 1/2" strips on the remaining sides to complete (6) 15 1/2" x 15 1/2" black units.
2. Repeat step 1 with 3 red large medallion squares and aqua swirls strips to make 3 aqua units. Repeat with the 3 remaining red large medallion squares and purple swirls strips to make 3 purple units.



Black Unit — Make 6

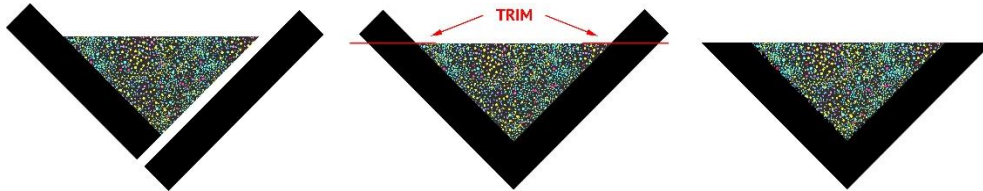


Aqua Unit — Make 3



Purple Unit — Make 3

3. Stitch a 3" x 14" black strip to 1 short edge of each stardust triangle, aligning 1 end of the strip with the square corner of the triangle. Press seam toward the strip. Sew a 3" x 16 1/2" black strip to the remaining short edge, aligning 1 end of the strip with the square corner of the pieced unit. Press seam toward the strip. Trim the strip ends even with the edge of the stardust triangle to complete (6) 22 1/2" x 15 7/8" x 15 7/8" black triangle units.



Black Triangle Unit — Make 6

4. Repeat step 3 with aqua strips to make 3 aqua triangle units and with purple strips to make 3 purple triangle units.



Aqua Triangle Unit — Make 3

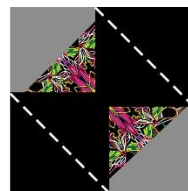


Purple Triangle Unit — Make 3

5. Machine-baste 1/8" from the long edge of each triangle to stabilize the bias edges.

6. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 3 1/2" black squares.

7. Place a marked square right sides together on the top left and bottom right corners of a red all-over medallion square. Sew on the lines. Trim seam allowance 1/4" out from the stitching. Press the black triangles open with seams toward the black. Repeat on the remaining corners of the square to complete (1) 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" corner unit, except press seams away from the black. Repeat to make 4 corner units.



Corner Unit — Make 4

Completing the Quilt

Refer to the exploded quilt diagram on the next page throughout the following steps.

1. Arrange the black, purple and aqua units with the black, purple and aqua triangle units in 6 diagonal rows as shown. Press all seams away from the aqua and purple units. Join the rows to complete the 64 1/4" x 64 1/4" quilt center. Press seams to one side.

2. Sew the 2" x WOF black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 82 1/4", 79 1/4", 67 1/4" and 64 1/4". Stitch the 64 1/4" strips to opposite sides of the quilt center and the 67 1/4" strips to the remaining sides. Press seams toward the strips.

3. Stitch 6 1/2" x 67 1/4" window medallion print strips to opposite sides of the quilt center. Press seams toward the strips.

4. Sew a red corner to both ends of the 2 remaining window medallion print strips. Press seams toward the strips. Stitch the pieced strips to the remaining sides of the quilt center. Press seams toward the strips.

5. Stitch the 79 1/4" black strips from step 2 to opposite sides of the quilt center and the 82 1/4" strips to the remaining sides to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.

6. If using 42" backing fabric, remove the selvage edges from the backing pieces. Join the pieces on the long edges with a 1/2" seam allowance. Press seams open. Trim to make the 97" x 97" backing piece.

7. Layer the quilt top with the backing and batting pieces. Quilt as desired. Trim batting and backing even with the top.

8. Join the blue all-over medallion binding strips on the short ends with diagonal seams to make a long strip. Press seams in one direction. Press the strip in half along the length with wrong sides together. Bind the quilt edges using your favorite method to complete the quilt.

