

Completing the Quilt

1. Stitch $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $42\frac{1}{2}$ " cream strips to the top and bottom of the panel. Press seams toward the strips. Sew $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $33\frac{1}{2}$ " strips to the sides to complete the $46\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide x $33\frac{1}{2}$ "-tall framed panel. Press seams toward the strips.

2. Sew the short border units to the sides of the framed panel with the dark blue strips to the outside. Press seams toward the border units.

3. Stitch a Star block to each end of the long border units to make (2) $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x $60\frac{1}{2}$ " borders, turning the blocks to match dark star points to the dark border strip and light star points to the light border strip. Press seams toward the border units. Sew to the top and bottom of the panel section to complete the $60\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide x $47\frac{1}{2}$ "-tall quilt center.

Press seams toward the panel section. *Note that the side border strips match dark to dark and medium to medium with the Star blocks.*



4. Sew the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF cream strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to 1 side. Cut into 2 strips each $64\frac{1}{2}$ " and $47\frac{1}{2}$ ". Stitch the shorter strips to the sides of the quilt center and the longer strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.

5. If using 42" backing fabric, remove the selvage edges from the backing pieces. Join the pieces on the long edges with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Press seam open. Trim to make the 80"-wide x 67"-tall backing piece.

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

7. Join the bright blue solid 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.