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Stars All Around

featuring Laurel by Karen Montgomery



Quilt: 45" x 63"

Materials

1 1/3 yards KM-C1971 BLACK for center
5/8 yard KM-C7966 EVERGREEN for inner and outer borders
3/4 yard KM-C8632 CREAM for block background
1/2 yard KM-C1974 BLACK for corner triangles
1/3 yard KM-C1976 GRASS (leaves)
1/3 yard KM-C1976 GREEN (leaves)
1/3 yard KM-C1973 BERRY (berries)
1/3 yard KM-C1973 WINE (berries)
1/2 yard SUPER BLACK for binding
3 yards for backing (We used KM-C1974 CREAM)
Twin batting
Thread

General Instructions

- All seams are a scant 1/4".
- All strips are cut WOF (width of fabric) unless otherwise specified.

Triangle Tips

- Before cutting triangles, press fabrics with a bit of sizing or spray starch to make it easier to handle the bias edges.
- If you prefer to make half-square triangles by layering two squares, drawing a diagonal line and sewing 1/4" on either side of this line ("stitch-and-trim" method), cut the corner squares 3" instead of 2 7/8". After you cut apart the half-square triangles on the diagonal center line, trim the resulting squares to measure 2 1/2".
- To use the "stitch and trim" method for the Quarter-Square Triangle blocks, increase the 3 1/4" squares to 3 1/2". After the triangles are assembled, measure from the center out and trim the blocks to 2 1/2".

Cutting Instructions

From the large print for the center (KM-C1971 Black, large white floral on black) cut:

- One 27 1/2" x 45 1/2" rectangle

From the inner/outer border fabric (KM-C7966 Evergreen) cut:

- Nine 2" x width of fabric strips

From the block background fabric (small cream diamonds) cut:

- Thirty-two 3 1/4" squares. Cut each in half diagonally twice to yield 128 triangles.

- Sixty-four 2 7/8" squares. Cut each in half diagonally one time to yield 128 triangles.

From EACH of the star fabrics (two pink berry prints and two green leaf prints) cut:

- Twenty-four 3 1/4" squares. Cut each in half diagonally twice to yield ninety-six triangles (star points and accent triangles).

- Eight 2 1/2" squares for star centers

From the corner triangle fabric (black background berry print) cut:

- Sixty-four 2 7/8" squares. Cut each in half diagonally one time to yield 128 triangles.

From the binding fabric (super black) cut:

- Six 2 1/4" x width of fabric strips
- OR 6 1/2 yards of ready-made bias binding

Instructions

1. Pair each of the 128 large background triangles with a corner triangle, right sides together. Stitch the triangles together along the long side to form 128 half-square triangle blocks. (figure 1) Press the seam toward the darker fabric. Your squares will measure 2 1/2" including seam allowance.

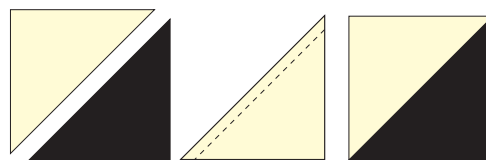


fig. 1

Make 32.

Note: Match up the leaf and berry prints so that you have four different color combinations for the 6" star blocks

in the quilt. (figure 2) You have cut enough pieces to make eight stars from each color combination. You will have two extra stars when the quilt is complete. Follow the instructions below for the first set of eight stars. Then repeat the process with the remaining fabric combinations.

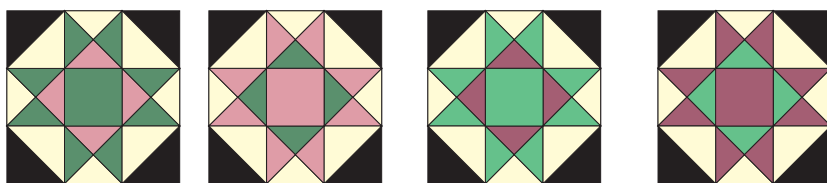


fig. 2

2. Working with the smaller triangles, assemble thirty-two quarter-square triangle blocks. Place matching triangles on the right and left (star points), an accent triangle on the bottom and background triangle at the top. (figure 3) Stitch the triangles together, first in pairs, pressing the seam toward the point fabric. Then, stitch the pairs together, matching the center seams. Press the seams in a consistent direction. The quarter-square triangle blocks should measure 2 1/2", including seam allowance, when complete.

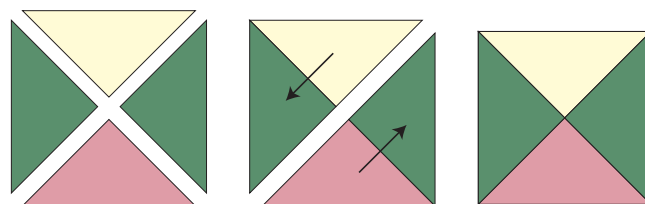


fig. 3

Press in direction of arrows.

3. Arrange the completed quarter-square and half-square triangle blocks around a 2 1/2" square that matches the star points. (figure 4) Stitch the units together, first in rows, pressing the seams away from the quarter-square triangle blocks. Then stitch the rows together, matching

the seams, to form the completed star block. Press. The completed blocks will measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowance.

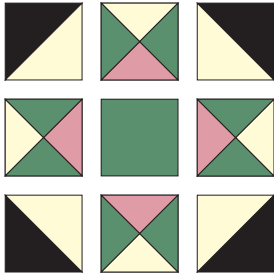
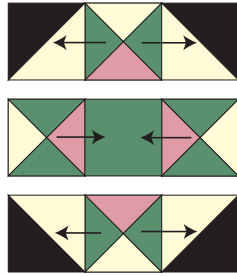
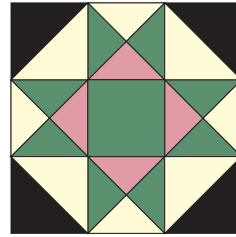


fig. 4



Press in direction of arrows.



Note: Press the final seams in the pink star blocks toward the center of the block and press the seams in the green star blocks toward the outer edge of the block. When you stitch the blocks together to form the outer border, alternate the pink and green stars. The seams will be pressed in opposite directions.

4. Trim the ends of each of the 2" strips for the inner and outer border on a 45° angle. Stitch the strips together end-to-end to form one long strip. Cut the borders from this piece, staggering the joints as you add them to the quilt top.

A. Cut two inner border strips $45\frac{1}{2}$ " for the left and right side.

B. Cut two inner border strips $30\frac{1}{2}$ " for the top and bottom.

C. Stitch the borders to the center panel, adding the side borders first. Press the seams toward the inner border. Your top now measures $30\frac{1}{2}$ " x $48\frac{1}{2}$ ". (figure 5)

5. Arrange the completed star blocks into two groups of eight stars for the left and right borders and two groups of seven stars for the top and bottom borders. Be sure to alternate pink and green stars. Stitch the stars together, side-by-side, to form the border units.

6. Adding The Star Borders

A. Stitch the left and right borders (eight star units each) to the center section. Press the seams toward the inner border. The center unit will now measure $42\frac{1}{2}$ " from side to side including seam allowances. (figure 5)

B. Stitch the top and bottom borders (seven star units each) to the center section, matching the seams in the blocks where necessary. Press the seams toward the inner border. The center unit will now measure $42\frac{1}{2}$ " x $60\frac{1}{2}$ ". (figure 5)

7. Cut the outer borders from the remaining border strip.

A. Cut two $60\frac{1}{2}$ " outer border strips for the left and right side.

B. Cut two $45\frac{1}{2}$ " outer border strips for the top and bottom.

C. Stitch the borders to the center section, adding the side borders first. Press the seams toward the outer

border. Your completed top will measure $45\frac{1}{2}$ " x $63\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowance. (figure 5)

8. Cut the backing fabric in half, lengthwise, to yield two pieces approximately 40 " x 54 ". Stitch the pieces together, removing the selvedge to form a backing that will measure approximately 54 " x 80 ".

A. Layer the quilt top with the backing and batting and baste the layers together. Quilt as desired.

B. Trim the ends of the binding strips on a 45° angle and stitch together end-to-end as you did with the inner and outer borders. Press

the seams open. Fold the binding in half, lengthwise, with the right side out, raw edges even and press.

C. Pin the binding to the front of the quilt, with the raw edges even, mitering the corners. Stitch in place by machine. Fold the binding over the raw edge to the back of the quilt and stitch in place by hand.

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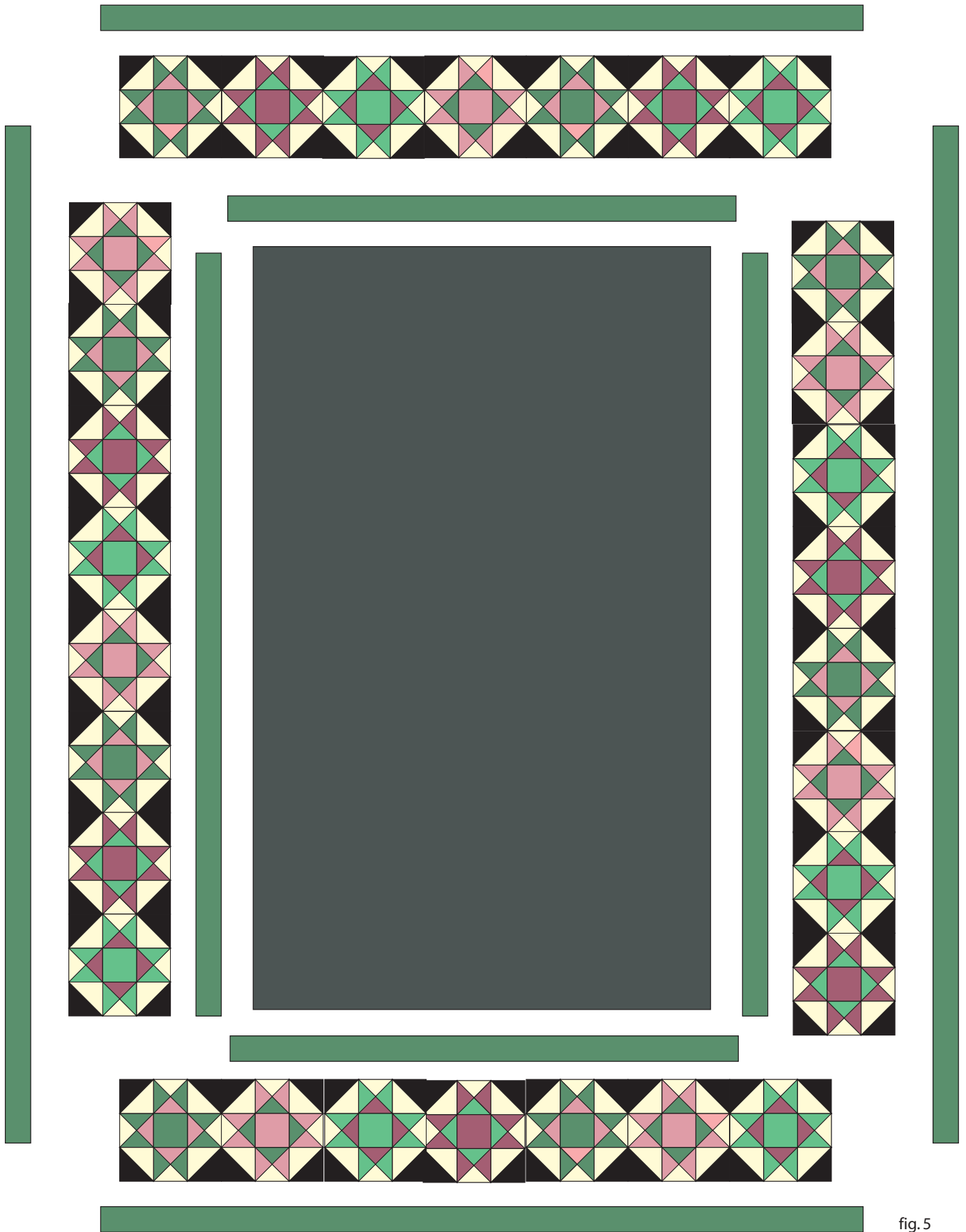


fig. 5