

# Journey to the Stars



Finished Quilt Size: 96" x 113"

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### Supplies Needed:

- ◆ Rotary cutter and mat (min. 18" x 24")
- ◆ Rulers: 6" x 24", 6" x 12" & 12" square
- ◆ 8" Bias Square
- ◆ Basic sewing supplies

### Fabric requirements:

- ◆ (A) Light (background) 6" x 20"
- ◆ (B) Medium (yellow) 7" x 20"
- ◆ (C) Dark (purple) 7" x 20"

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**MONTH # 9**

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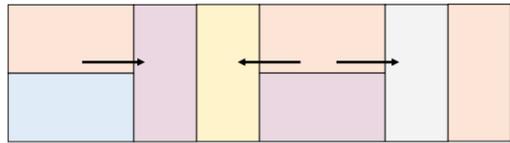
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**Note:**

*Single row general pressing rule, always press away from the horizontal rail into the rail with no seam.*



**Cutting:**

**Fabric A (background)**



- a) 1 - 5" x 5" square
- b) 4 - 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" squares
- c) 1 - 2" x 3 1/2" rectangle

**Fabric B (medium)**



- a) 1 - 1 1/2" x 13" strip
- b) 4 - 1 1/8" x 5" rectangles
- c) 4 - 1 1/8" x 4" rectangle
- d) 8 - 3/4" x 3 1/2" rectangle

**Fabric C (dark)**



- a) 1 - 1 1/2" x 13" strip
- b) 4 - 1 1/8" x 5" rectangles
- c) 4 - 1 1/8" x 4" rectangle
- d) 8 - 3/4" x 3 1/2" rectangle
- e) 1 - 2" x 3 1/2" rectangle or any dark fabric.

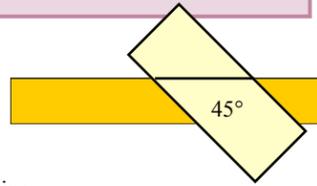
**Note:**

*For this Month you need 13 dark rails and 26 light rails using leftover fabric / rails from Month # 2 and 1 that is different (instructions to follow).*

**Month # 9**

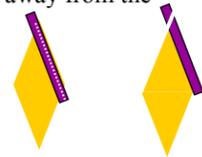
*Hint: When working with tiny bits and bias edge pieces, DO NOT use an iron! Rather, use your finger or finger nail to gently press your fabric to the outside. Press with an iron when the block is done.*

- From the 1 1/2" x 13" strips of Fabrics B & C cut four 1 1/2" diamonds. Using the 45 degree angle on your ruler, cut off one end of the strip. Maintaining that 45degree angle, cross cut the strips at 1 1/2" to make 4 - 45degree diamonds.



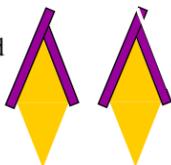
You will now have 4 light and 4 dark diamonds

- Take one light diamond (Fab B) and 2 dark 3/4" x 3 1/2" rectangles (Fab C). Place the dark rectangle right sides together and centered on one edge of the light diamond. Sew with a scant 1/4" and finger press away from the diamond. Making sure you have enough fabric at the top and maintaining the 45degree angle, trim the excess dark fabric away from the top of the diamond.

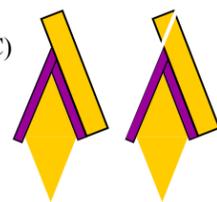


**Note: In the following steps, make sure you have enough fabric at the top of your diamond to allow you to trim the angle and finish the step.**

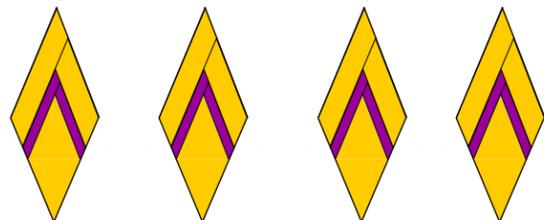
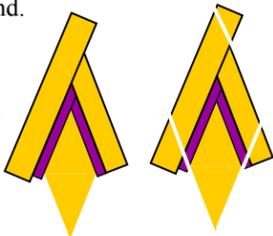
- Place the second rectangle right sides together and centered on the opposite side of the diamond. Sew with a scant 1/4" finger press to the outside and trim to the same 45degree angle as the diamond.



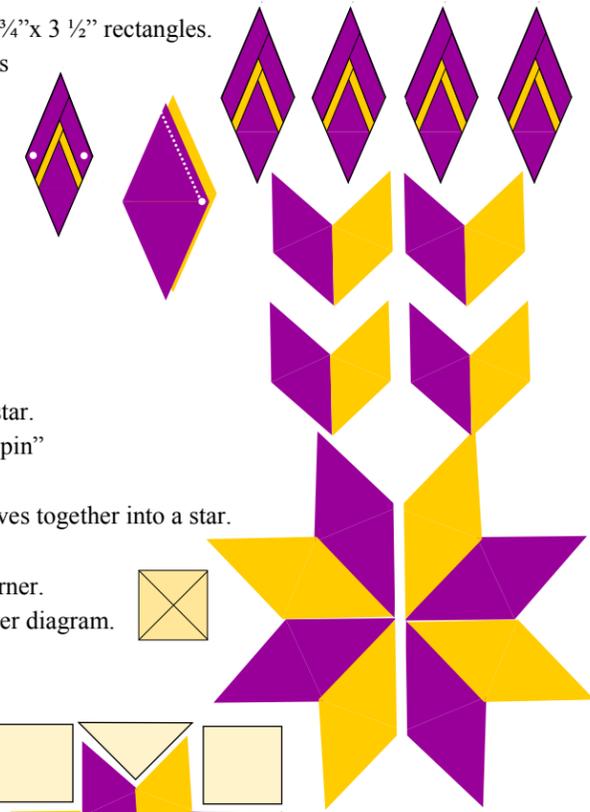
- Take one 1 1/8" x 4" light rectangle (Fab B) and place it right sides together on top of the first dark rectangle (Fab C) that was sewn to the diamond. Sew with a scant 1/4" and finger press to the outside. Trim to match the 45degree angle of the diamond.



- Take one 1 1/8" x 5" light rectangle (Fab C) and place it right sides together on the opposite side of the diamond. Sew with a scant 1/4" and finger press to the outside. Trim to match the 45degree angle of the diamond. Now trim the bottom ends of the sewn strips to match the 45degree angle of the diamond. Make four of this colour combination.



- Repeat steps 2 to 5 but start by taking 1 dark (Fab C) diamond and 2 light (Fab B) 3/4" x 3 1/2" rectangles. When you are finished you will have four dark 45degree diamonds with light insets and four light 45degree diamond with dark insets.
- Using a marking pencil, make a 1/4" mark on the wide angle (middle) corners of each of the 45degree diamonds.
- Take one light and one dark diamond and place them right sides together. Start at the point and sew to the marked 1/4". Stop there and back stitch to secure. **DO NOT PRESS!!** Sew the remaining six segments into pairs following the instructions above. Finger press each segment toward the dark taking care not to stretch as all edges are cut on bias.
- Verify placement and then sew two pairs into half, repeat for the other half of the star. Finger press toward the light diamonds so when the block is done all seams will "spin" in one direction. Clip the dog ears even with the diamonds, Starting and stopping at the 1/4" marks with a back stitch to secure, sew the two halves together into a star. **More finger pressing! No iron yet!**
- Take the 5" x 5" square of Fabric A and make two diagonal cuts from corner to corner.
- Lay out the star with the quarter square triangles cut above and corner squares as per diagram.



**For comprehensive guide how to assemble eight pointed star, insertion of setting tringles and corner squares, please refer to the Reference Guide included with this pattern set**

**The square should measure 9 1/2".**

**Construction of Month 9.**

**Following the Diagram lay out all the parts for assembly.**

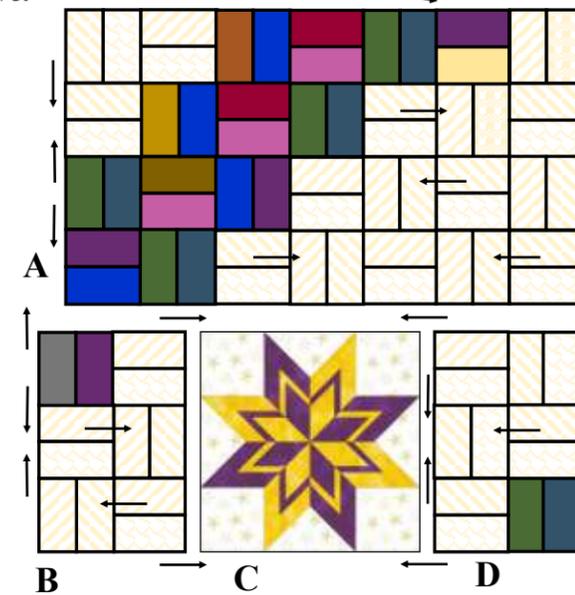
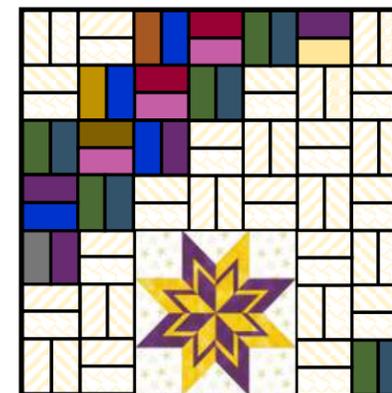
- Take one rectangle 2" x 3 1/2" of Fabric A and one of Fabric G. With right sides together sew them along the long edge to create a rail unit that is 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" square.



**You will need 13 dark rails and 28 light rails plus the one created above.**

**Following the Diagram lay out all the parts for assembly.**

- Complete section "A" by sewing together 7 rails into rows, make four rows. Press away from the horizontal seams. Sew the four rows together, press as indicted by arrows.
- Complete section "B" by sewing the rails into pairs, press away from the horizontal seams. Sew the three rows of rails together, press as indicted by arrows.
- Repeat for section D
- Join sections "B", "C" and "D" press toward the star. Then sew section "A" to the top of the unit, press as indicted by arrows.



**This section should measure 21 1/2" x 21 1/2".**