

Nothing but Blue Skies – Step 3

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finished size of block - 7½"

finished size of quilt - 63¾" x 63¾"

Completing the Quilt

Measure your blocks. They should be 8". From the white fabric cut the alternate setting blocks as follows:

Cut two strips 8" wide (or the average measurement of your blocks).

Use the strips to cut nine 8" squares (or the measurement of your blocks).

Arrange the blocks on point. Begin by alternating the 54-40 or Fight blocks with the 8" squares of white. Refer to the photo on the next page for the placement of the blocks. The stars are arranged into four rows of four blocks. The white squares fill in the spaces between them.

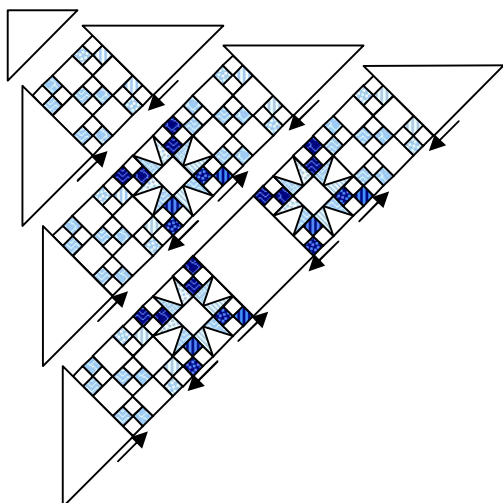
Put the Four Patch Chain blocks around the perimeter of the quilt.

Fill in the edges with the large quarter-square triangles of white. The four half-square triangles of white are the corners.

Assemble the top by sewing the blocks and triangles into diagonal rows. See the exploded diagram of the first few rows of the quilt below. Press the seam allowances away from the 54-40 or Fight blocks and setting triangles in each row.

Sew the rows together. Press the seam allowances to one side.

The setting triangles are designed to be oversized. The corners of the blocks will float away from the edge of the quilt.



Borders

Sew twenty-one rail units from figure 7 together to make a border. Add a 1¾" x 3" rectangle of white to the end with the blue piece. Press all of the seam allowances toward the blue. Repeat to make the remaining three borders.

Measure your pieced borders. Trim the quilt to that measurement.

Attach a border to two opposite sides of the quilt. Press the seam allowances away from the border.

Attach one of the reserved four patch units to each end of the remaining two borders. Press the seam allowances toward the four patches. Attach these borders to the top and bottom of the quilt. Press the seam allowances away from the border.

Use the reserved 3" strips of white to piece four borders as necessary. If your fabric is narrow, you may need to cut one or two more strips. You have plenty of fabric.

Trim two borders to fit the length of the quilt. Attach one to each side. Press the seam allowances toward the white border.

Trim the remaining two borders to fit the width of the quilt. Attach one to the top and the second to the bottom of the quilt. Press the seam allowances toward the white border.

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