Desert Song

Stars

with and without panel

68" x 70"
Finish size: 68" x 70"

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Background

From the yardage, cut the following:
(For easy piecing we suggest that you label pieces as they are cut.)

Largest Star HSTs: Cut 2 strips – 12¾" x WOF.
- From each strip, cut 2 squares – 12¾" x 12¾" (4 total). Cut the squares once on the diagonal to make eight triangles. Use remainder of both strips for 8" & 12" stars. See below.

8" Star Flying Geese: From the 1st remainder, cut 2 strips – 5⅛" x approx. 15". From the strips, cut 4 squares – 5⅛" x 5⅛".

12" Star Flying Geese: From the 2nd remainder, cut 1 strip – 7¼" x approx. 15".
- From the strip, cut 2 squares – 7¼" x 7¼".
- Then cut 2 strips – 2½" x approx. 15". Trim to measure 2½" x 14½".

24" Star Flying Geese: Cut 1 strip – 13¼" x WOF.
- From the strip, cut 2 squares – 13¼" x 13¼".

48" Star Corner Squares: Cut 1 strip – 12½" x WOF.
- From the strip, cut 3 squares – 12½" x 12½".

24" Star Corner Squares: Cut 2 strips – 6½" x WOF.
- From the strips, cut a total of 8 squares – 6½" x 6½" – 6 from strip 1 and 2 from strip 2.
- From the remainder of the second strip, cut 1 strip – 4½" x approx. 25" – and 1 strip – 1½" x approx. 25"

24" Star Corner Squares - cont.
- Trim the 4½" strip to measure 4½" x 24½"
- From the 1½" strip, cut 3 strips – 1½" x 8½"

12" Star Corner Squares: Cut 1 strip – 3½" x WOF.
- From the strips, cut a total of 8 squares – 3½" x 3½"

Filler Pieces

- Cut 1 strip – 8½" x 42" WOF. From the strip, cut 4 rectangles – 7½" x 8½"
- 12" Star Flying Geese: From the remainder, cut 4 strips – 1½" x 8½".
- Cut 2 strips – 4½" x WOF. From the strips, cut the following:
  - 1 strip – 4½" x 14½"
  - 1 strip – 4½" x 18½"
  - 1 strip – 4½" x 28½"

Filler Pieces & Outer Border

Cut a total 14 strips – 2½" x WOF.

- Outer Border: Set 8 strips aside for the outer border.
- From 1 strip – cut 1 strip – 2½" x 28½" and 1 strip – 2½" x 12½"
- From 1 strip, cut 1 strip – 2½" x 14½" and 1 strip – 2½" x 12½" (2 total)
- From 2 strips, cut 2 strips from each – 2½" x 16½" (4 total)
- From 1 strip, cut 1 strip – 2½" x 18½"

8" Star Corner Squares: From 1 strip, cut 16 squares – 2½" x 2½".
Prints – Quilt WITH Panel

Panel – New Mexico – 13310 11
Using a rotary cutter or scissors, carefully separate the images in the panel by cutting down the center of the sashing-border. Set aside for now.

Taupe Floral Print – 13300 12
- Star Points: Cut 4 squares – 6⅞" x 6⅞".

Pink Floral Print – 13300 15
- Cut 4 squares – 3⅞" x 3⅞"
- Cut 4 squares – 2⅞" x 2⅞"
- Cut 1 square – 6½" x 6½" and 1 square – 4½" x 4½"

Pink Cactus Print – 13303 16
- Cut 1 strip 13¼" x WOF. From the strip, cut 2 squares – 13¼" x 13¼".
- Cut each square twice on the diagonal to yield 8 triangles.
- From the remainder, cut 8 squares – 2⅞" x 2⅞" – and 2 squares – 4½" x 4½".

Green & Pink Tribal Print – 13304 11
- Cut 1 strip 13¼" x WOF. From the strip, cut 2 squares – 13¼" x 13¼".
- Cut each square twice on the diagonal to yield 8 triangles.

Pink Triangle Print – 13305 15
- Star Points: Cut 4 squares – 6⅞" x 6⅞".
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Prints – Quilt WITHOUT Panel

Use the following cutting instructions if making this quilt without using the panel design in the stars.

Taupe Floral Print – 13300 12
- Cut 1 strip 13¼" x WOF.
  - From the strip, cut 2 squares – 13¼" x 13¼". Cut each square twice on the diagonal to yield 8 triangles.

Navy Floral Print – 13300 18
- Star Points – Cut 4 squares – 6⅞" x 6⅞".
  - Cut 1 square – 6½" x 6½".

Navy Horse Print – 13302 18
- Star Points – Cut 4 squares – 6⅞" x 6⅞".
  - Cut 1 square – 6½" x 6½".

Green & Navy Tribal Print – 13304 12
- Cut 4 squares – 3⅞" x 3⅞".
- Cut 4 squares – 2⅞" x 2⅞"
- Cut 1 square – 6½" x 6½" and 1 square – 4½" x 4½".

Navy Triangle Print – 13305 18
- Cut 4 squares – 3⅞" x 3⅞".
- Cut 4 squares – 2⅞" x 2⅞"
- Cut 1 square – 6½" x 6½" and 1 square – 4½" x 4½"

Aqua Plus Print – 13306 21
- Cut 8 squares – 2½" x 2½"
- Cut 2 squares – 4½" x 4½"
CONSTRUCTION

All seams are a scant ¼” unless specified otherwise.

Making the Largest Star (48” Finished)

Select the 2 sets of 8 print triangles – those cut from the 13¼” x 13¼” squares.

Lay out the triangles as shown – make four of each.

Directional prints: the squares-triangles have been cut in a way that will allow the triangles to be laid out to maintain the directional alignment of the print.

Join the triangles to make four of each alignment.

Press the seams open.

Select the 8 background triangles cut from the 12⅞” x 12⅞” squares.

Join the background triangle to the pieced triangle as shown.

Press the seam toward the print – or press it open.

The triangle square will measure 12½” x 12½”.

Repeat to make eight half-triangle squares – four of each alignment.

Making the Flying Geese

Use the following combinations to make the required sets of flying geese:

- 6⅛” x 6⅛” print squares and 13¼” background square.
- 3⅛” x 3⅛” print squares and 7¼” background square.
- 2⅛” x 2⅛” print squares and 5¼” background square.

On the wrong side of the print squares, drawn a line from one corner to the opposing corner as shown.

Align two print squares in the corners of the background square as shown.

Stitch on both sides of the drawn line. Cut the square apart as shown.

Press the seams toward to print triangles.

Align one print square in the corner of each triangle as shown.

Stitch on both sides of the drawn line. Cut the square apart as shown.

Press the seam toward the print triangle.
Each set of squares will make four matching flying geese units. The geese will measure – 2½” x 4½” or 3½” x 6½ or 6½” x 12½”.

**Trimming the Panel Squares**

The rolling process for fabric can pull a piece out of shape, making the rectangles on a panel crooked. Less than perfectly straight rectangles can be gently pulled back in shape. Then press carefully to set.

Trim both large squares to measure 12½” x 12½” and two small squares to measure 6½” x 6½”.

- With right sides together, fold the square to be cut in half, matching up the inside corners of the image. Pinch to make a gentle fold, marking the approximate center of the rectangle. Do this on the width and length of the panel – on both sides.

- Line up the centers with the 6¼” points on a large square ruler – or the 3¼” points for the small squares.

- There should be between ⅜” and ½” of the colored border surrounding the image.

**Making the Sawtooth Stars**

There are three sizes of sawtooth star in this quilt – 8” finished, 12” finished and 24” finished.

The following pieces are needed for each size star:

- 8” finished – 4 matching flying geese – 2½” x 4½”, 1 center square – 4½” x 4½”, and 4 background corner squares – 2½” x 2½”.

- 12” finished – 4 matching flying geese – 3½” x 6½”, 1 center square – 6½” x 6½”, and 4 background corner squares – 3½” x 3½”.

- 24” finished – 4 matching flying geese – 6½” x 12½”, 1 center square – 12½” x 12½”, and 4 background corner squares – 6½” x 6½”.

Lay out the parts for one star as shown.

- With Panel – The center square of the 24” stars and two of the 12” stars will be the panel images.

Join the parts to make three rows. Press the seams in the direction of the arrows.

Join the rows to complete the star.

Press the seams in the direction of the arrows – or press them open.

Repeat to make the following:
- 24” stars – Make 2.
- 12” stars – Make 2.
- 8” stars – Make 4.
ASSEMBLING THE QUILT TOP

Lay out the quilt top according to Quilt Layout Diagram 1 showing the sizes of the filler pieces.

Use Quilt Layout Diagram 2 for assembling the pieced sections. Just follow the plus-signs from smallest to biggest.

*This shows the placement of the background pieces for each subsection.*

Press the seams toward the background sections – and in one direction between the large half-square triangles that form the largest star.

Join the parts to make four large quadrants. Press the seams in one direction.

Join two sections to make two halves – press the seams in one direction.

Then join the two halves to complete the quilt top. Press the seam in one direction.

The quilt top will measure 66½" x 64½".
Each set of squares will make four matching flying geese units.

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**FABRIC REQUIREMENTS**

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