

JORDAN FABRICS



LONE STAR QUILT

QUICK & EASY METHOD BY DONNA JORDAN



Fabric requirements: A Diamonds – $\frac{1}{4}$ yard, B Diamonds – $\frac{1}{2}$ yard, C Diamonds – $\frac{5}{8}$ yard, D Diamonds – $\frac{3}{4}$ yard, E Diamonds – $\frac{1}{2}$ yard.

Background fabric – 2 yards (optional – if using two different prints purchase 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ of one print and $\frac{7}{8}$ of the other print)

Patchwork Cutting: Cut each of the fabrics for the diamonds in half along the fold (A fabric will now be in two pieces each measuring about 9x22", B fabric will be 18x22" and so on). Keep one half of each fabric in a stack facing right side up, and another stack facing right side down.

We will be keeping these two sets of fabrics completely separate while cutting and sewing. This will assure that when our quilt top is done that the whole quilt will have pieces that are laid out on the straight grain and will not have any pieces laying on the bias.

Take all the right side up fabrics and cut into strips measuring 3" wide. Now lay them on a cutting mat that has a 45 degree line. Stagger the strips (you can stack them up in multiples if you like so you are cutting 4 to 8 strips at a time – do the amount that is easy for you to cut through) along the 45 degree so that when you cut up from the bottom to the top you will get whole diamonds (see diagram). Make your first straight cut and move your ruler over 3 inches and cut again. Repeat until each strip has four diamonds cut from it.

Repeat the exact same cutting process with the fabrics that have the right sides facing down – be sure to cut them with the right sides down.



Lay out a 5x5 diamond and stitch the pieces into rows and sew the rows together. Alternate the direction of the seam allowances. Repeat until you have four of these 5x5 diamonds.

Repeat the sewing process with the diamonds that were cut right side down so that you have four more 5x5 diamonds.

Iron each section very flat making sure to move your iron in the direction of the straight grain so that you won't distort or stretch the patchwork.

Background: Cut 4 squares $19\frac{1}{2}$ ". Cut these squares along one diagonal from corner to corner to form 8 triangles.

Cut 4 squares $13\frac{1}{2}$ ". Cut each along one diagonal from corner to corner to form 8 triangles.



Using the 4 pieced diamond sections with the straight grain going up and down make the upper (left) sections of the quarter quilt.

Starting at piece A (the pointed end of the star), match the longer side of one of the $13\frac{1}{2}$ " triangles to the pieced diamond and stitch. Both of these edges are bias so be careful not to stretch either of the pieces. Finger press the seam toward the triangle.

Starting at piece E match the shorter side of one of the $19\frac{1}{2}$ " triangles to the pieced diamond and stitch.

Repeat above steps using the 4 diamonds with the straight grain going left to right to make the lower (right) sections.

Take one upper (left) and one lower (right) and stitch together from the center of the pieced star toward the outside corner. Be sure to match all patchwork intersection and make sure that the fabrics don't stretch too much. Iron this seam closed first using a bit of steam to help reduce any stretching that happened while you were stitching, then press the seam allowances to one side.

Repeat with remaining sections and sew all four quarter sections together to make the quilt top. Steam press the quilt top, add borders if desired.

Quilt and bind as you like.

Optional pieced border: Stitch diamonds together to make a long pieced strip. Measure the length of your desired border (I used 65 ½") and cut to that length. Cut four borders at 2" wide and the same length as the pieced border. Pin and then stitch the border to each long edge making sure that you do not stretch the pieced section (the edges are all bias).



SAMPLE BORDER LAYOUT:

Border 1 (Red): ¾ yard cut 7 @ 3" WOF - [Moda Kansas Troubles Thistle Farm 9531 13](#)

Optional pieced border (See cutting instructions above)

Border 2 (white strips): ½ yard cut 6 @ 2" WOF - [Moda Kansas Troubles 9194 21](#)

Border 3 (Green): 1 ¼ yards cut 8 @ 5" WOF - [Moda Kansas Troubles 9054 19](#)

Binding: 1 yard - [Moda Kansas Troubles Thistle Farm 9535 12](#)

Backing Required: 5 ½ yards - [Moda Kansas Troubles Thistle Farm 9538 34](#)

Finished Size with Borders: 74 x 84"

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