## America the Beautiful

## Quilt Design by Matthew Pridemore



Featuring fabrics from

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Fabric Collection by Loni Harris for P\&B Textiles Quilt designed by Matthew Pridemore of The Whimsical Workshop Skill Level: Confident Beginner • Finished Quilt Size: approx. 63" x 65" This quilt meets Quilts of Valor ${ }^{\circledR}$ requirements

## Quilt Yardages:

| Fabric A: | AMTB 5339 PA ................................ 1 panel |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fabric B: | AMTB 5346 W .................................1/4 yard |
| Fabric C: | AMTB 5348 DB ........................... $11 / 8$ yards |
| Fabric D: | AMTB 5348 WE ............................ $11 / 3$ yards |
| Fabric E: | AMTB 5348 DR ........................... $11 / 8$ yards |
| Fabric F: | AMTB 5343 MU.................................1/2 yard |
| Fabric G: | AMTB 5347 MU................................1/3 yard |
| Fabric H : | AMTB 5345 DB ............................ $12 / 3$ yards |
| Backing: | AMTB 5342 W suggested .................. 4 yards |
| Batting: | 71 " 73 " |

## Cutting Instructions:

Please read all instructions carefully before beginning. Strips are cut across the width of fabric (perpendicular to selvedges) unless otherwise stated. All seams are sewn with a 1/4" seam unless otherwise stated. Label all pieces.

## From Fabric A:

1. Fussy cut one $163 / 4$ " $\times 213 / 4$ " rectangle, centered on the large block. (Quilt Center)
2. Fussy cut two $111 / 2$ " $x 8$ " rectangles, centered on small blocks. (Blocks)
3. Fussy cut two 11 1/2" x 13 1/2" rectangles, centered on medium blocks. (Blocks)

## From Fabric B:

1. Cut one 5 " strip; sub-cut four $5 " \times 81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles. (Blocks)
From Fabric C:
2. Cut two $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 213 / 4$ " strips. (Blocks)
3. Cut two $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 203 / 4$ " strips. (Blocks)
4. Cut one 1 1/2" strip; sub-cut eight 1 1/2" $\times 5$ " strips. (Blocks)
5. Cut two 1 1/2" strips; sub-cut eight 1 1/2" $\times 10$ 1/2" strips. (Blocks)
6. Cut seven 2 1/2" strips. (Binding)

## From Fabric D:

1. Cut two 5 " strips; sub-cut four $5 " \times 11$ " strips. (Sashing)
2. Cut three $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips. Sew the strips together end to end with diagonal seams and cut two 2 1/2" x 51 1/2" strips. (Sashing)
3. Cut two $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 241 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips. (Blocks)
4. Cut two $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 211 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips. (Blocks)
5. Cut six $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips. Sew the strips together end to end with diagonal seams and cut four 1 1/2" $\times 531 / 2$ " strips. (Borders)
6. Cut two 1 1/2" strips; sub-cut eight $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 7$ " strips. (Blocks)
7. Cut three 1 1/2" strips; eight 1 1/2" x 12 1/2" strips. (Blocks)

## From Fabric E:

1. Cut three 2 1/2" strips; sub-cut four 2 1/2" x 13 1/2" strips. (Blocks)
2. Cut one $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip; sub-cut four $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 8$ " strips. (Blocks)
3. Cut four 2 1/2" strips; sub-cut eight 2 1/2" $\times 15$ 1/2" strips. (Blocks)
4. Cut two 1 1/2" x 26 1/2" strips. (Blocks)
5. Cut two 1 1/2" x 23 1/2" strips. (Blocks)
6. Cut two 1 1/2" strips; sub-cut eight $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 9$ " strips. (Blocks)
7. Cut four 1 1/2" strips; sub-cut eight 1 1/2" x 14 1/2" strips. (Blocks)
From Fabric F:
8. Cut two 6 1/2" strips; sub-cut four 6 1/2" $\times 14$ 1/2" strips. (Blocks)
From Fabric G:
9. Cut six $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips. Sew the strips together end to end with diagonal seams and cut four $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 551 / 2$ " strips. (Borders)

## From Fabric H:

1. Cut two $41 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 571 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ length of fabric strips. (Borders)
2. From the remaining fabric, cut two $41 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 63$ 1/2" strips, piece as needed. (Borders)

## Piecing Instructions:

## Block One

1. Sew one $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 213 / 4$ " C strip to each side of the 16 3/4" x 21 3/4" A rectangle. Sew one 2 1/2" x 20 3/4" C strip to the top and to the bottom of the A rectangle to make one Unit 1 rectangle (Figure 1). Trim the unit to measure 19 1/2" x 24 1/2".
2. Sew one 1 1/2" x 24 1/2" D strip to each side of the Unit 1 rectangle. Sew one $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21$ 1/2" D strip to the top and to the bottom of the Unit 1 rectangle to make one Unit 2 rectangle (Figure 2).
3. Sew one $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 261 / 2^{\prime \prime} E$ strip to each side of the Unit 2 rectangle. Sew one $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 231 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ E strip to the top and to the bottom of the Unit 2 rectangle to make the 23 1/2" x 28 1/2" Block One rectangle (Figure 3).


Figure 1 Unit 1 19 1/2" x 24 1/2" unfinished.


Figure 2 Unit 2

Figure 3 Block One 23 1/2" x 28 1/2" unfinished.

## Block Two

4. Sew one $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 5^{\prime \prime} C$ strip to each end of one $81 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 5$ " B strip. Sew one $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 101 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ C strip to the top and to the bottom of the B strip to make one 10 1/2" x 7" Unit 3 rectangle (Figure 4). Repeat to make four Unit 3 rectangles total.
5. Sew one $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 7$ " D strip to each side of one Unit 3 rectangle. Sew one $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 121 / 2^{\prime \prime} D$ strip to the top and to the bottom of the Unit 3 rectangle to make one Unit 4 rectangle (Figure 5). Repeat to make four Unit 4 rectangles total.
6. Sew one $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 9^{\prime \prime} E$ strip to each side of one Unit 4 rectangle. Sew one 1 1/2" $\times 141 / 2^{\prime \prime} E$ strip to the top and to the bottom of the Unit 4 rectangle to make one 14 1/2" x 11" Block Two rectangle (Figure 6). Repeat to make four Block Two rectangles total.


Figure 4
Make 4.


Figure 5 Make 4.

## Block Three



Figure 6 Make 4 Block Two. 14 1/2" x 11" unfinished.
7. Sew one $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 8$ " E strip to each side of one $111 / 2$ " x 8" A rectangle. Sew one $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 151 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ E strip to the top and to the bottom of the A rectangle to make one Block Three rectangle (Figure 7). Trim the block to measure 14 1/2" x 11 ". Repeat to make a second Block Three rectangle.


## Block Four

8. Sew one $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 13$ 1/2" E strip to each side of one 11 1/2" x 13 1/2" A rectangle. Sew one 2 1/2" x 15 1/2" E strip to the top and to the bottom of the A rectangle to make one Unit 5 rectangle (Figure 8). Trim the unit to measure 14 1/2" x 16 1/2". Repeat to make a second Unit 5 rectangle.


Figure 8 Make 2 Unit 5.
14 1/2" x 16 1/2" unfinished.
9. Sew one $141 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 61 / 2^{\prime \prime} F$ strip to the top and to the bottom of one Unit 5 rectangle to make one 14 1/2" x 28 1/2" Block Four rectangle (Figure 9). Repeat to make a second Block Four rectangle.


Figure 9
Make 2 Block 4.
14 1/2" x 18 1/2" unfinished.

## Quilt Assembly: Refer to Quilt Diagram

1. Sew together one Block Two rectangle, one 5" x 11" D strip, one Block Three rectangle, one 5" x 11" D strip and one Block Two rectangle, in that order from left to right, to make Row One. Repeat to make Row Three.
2. Sew together one Block Four rectangle, one Block One rectangle and one Block Four rectangle, lengthwise and in that order from left to right, to make Row Two.
3. Sew together Row One, one $21 / 2$ " $\times 51$ 1/2" D strip, Row Two, one 2 1/2" x 51 1/2" D strip and Row Three, lengthwise and in that order from top to bottom, to make the 51 1/2" x 53 1/2" Center Block.
4. Sew one $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 531 / 2^{\prime \prime} D$ strip to each side of the Center Block. Sew one 1 1/2" x 53 1/2" D strip to the top and to the bottom of the Center Block.
5. Sew one $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 551 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ G strip to each side of the Center Block. Sew one $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 551 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ G strip to the top and to the bottom of the Center Block.
6. Sew one $41 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 571 / 2^{\prime \prime} H$ strip to each side of the Center Block. Sew one $41 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 631 / 2^{\prime \prime} H$ strip to the top and to the bottom of the Center Block to make the quilt top.

## Finishing.

1. Prepare backing using two widths of fabric with horizontal seam. Press seam open and trim to $71^{\prime \prime} \times 73$ ".
2. Layer quilt, batting, and backing. Baste layers together.
3. Quilt as desired.
4. Trim layers even with quilt top squaring corners.
5. Join seven $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{C}$ binding strips with diagonal seams. Press seams open. Attach binding using your favorite method.
6. Make a label and sew to the back of quilt.


Quilt Diagram

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AMTB 5339 PA* $^{*}$


AMTB 5341 W


AMTB 5343 MU*


AMTB 5346 B


AMTB 5348 DB*


AMTB 5340 B


AMTB 5342 N


AMTB 5344 W


AMTB 5346 E


AMTB 5348 DR*

AMTB 5342 R


AMTB 5345 DB* $^{*}$


AMTB 5346 W*


AMTB 5348 WB


AMTB 5340 E


AMTB $5342 \mathrm{~W} \dagger$


AMTB 5345 W


AMTB 5347 MU*


AMTB 5348 WE*
*Fabrics used in quilt $\dagger$ Backing

