



Stars and hearts show how much you love your country—country quilts and the good old red, white, and blue! Sure to please any fan of Americana, this quilt stitches up quickly and easily.



SKILL LEVEL ♦♦

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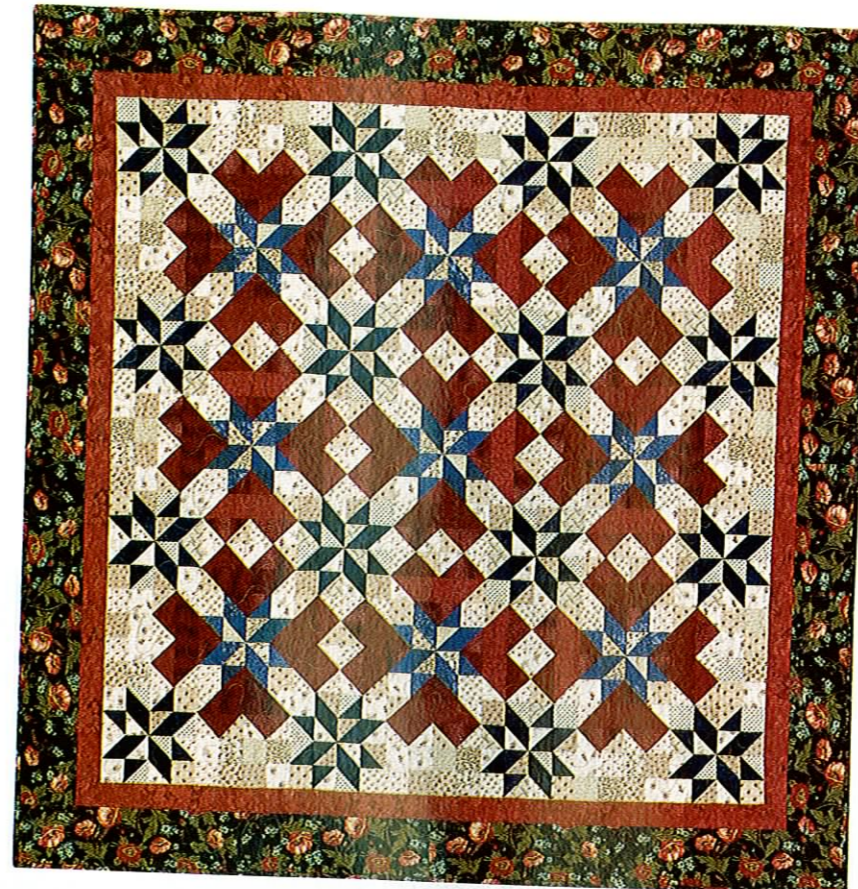
Machine Quilted by REBECCA SEGURA

Finished Quilt Size 70½" x 70½"

Number of Blocks and Finished Size

- 25 Star Blocks 8" x 8"
- 12 Single Heart Blocks 8" x 8"
- 12 Double Heart Blocks 8" x 8"

American Sweetheart



Assorted tan/cream prints (block backgrounds)	2¾-3¼ yds. total
Assorted navy textures (stars)	⅞-1⅜ yds. total
Assorted bright blue textures (stars)	⅝-1 yd. total
Assorted red textures (hearts)	1¾-2¼ yds. total
Red mottle (inner border)	¾ yd.
Black/red large floral (outer border, binding)	2¼ yds.
Backing	4½ yds.
Batting	Full size

Planning

Gerri's alternate blocks and careful color placement create stylized hearts surrounding crisp stars for a heartfelt patriotic quilt. Her choices of a black background print for the outer border/binding and tan/cream prints for the block backgrounds give the quilt an antique feel. For a more contemporary look, try assorted white prints for the background and a navy print for the outer border.

Cutting Instructions

Assorted tan/cream prints—cut a total of:

- 114 squares 2⅞" x 2⅞"
- 412 squares 2½" x 2½"

Assorted navy textures—cut a total of:

- 96 squares 2⅞" x 2⅞"

Assorted bright blue textures—cut a total of:

- 54 squares 2⅞" x 2⅞"

Assorted red textures—cut a total of:

- 36 squares 2⅞" x 2⅞"
- 72 rectangles 2½" x 4½"
- 36 strips 2½" x 8½"

Red mottle

- 4 strips 2½" x 64", pieced from 8 width of fabric (WOF) strips

Black/red large floral

- 4 strips 5½" x 74", cut on lengthwise grain

Piecing the Blocks

1 Draw diagonal line on wrong side of assorted tan/cream 2⅞" square. Referring to Diagram I, place marked square on assorted navy 2⅞"

square, right sides together. Sew ¼" seam on each side of marked line; cut apart on marked line. Press open to make pieced squares. Make 192 total. Make remaining pieced squares in colors and quantities shown.



from 96 cut in half → Make 192 total
 from 72 total → Make 72 total
 from 36 cut in half → Make 36 total

2 Referring to Diagrams II-A and B, make Star Blocks in color arrangements and quantities shown.

3 Draw diagonal line on wrong side of tan/cream 2½" square. Referring to Diagram III, place marked square on assorted red 2½" x 4½" rectangle, right sides together, aligning raw edges. Stitch on drawn line; trim away and discard excess fabric. Press open. Repeat process on opposite end to make pieced rectangle. Make 72 total.

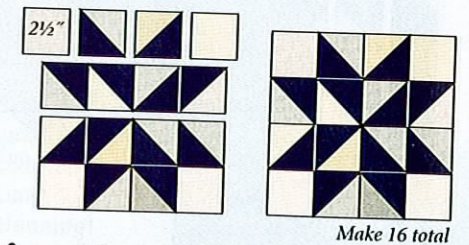


Diagram II-A

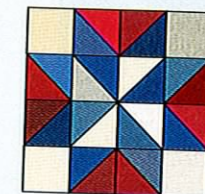


Diagram II-B



Diagram III

4 In similar manner, use the mark, stitch, trim and press process to make 36 total pieced strips (see Diagram IV).

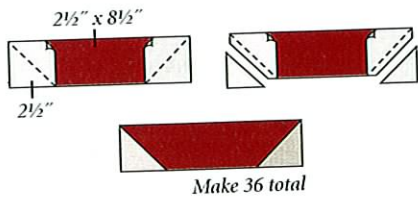


Diagram IV

5 Sew 12 total each Single and Double Heart Blocks (Diagrams V and VI).

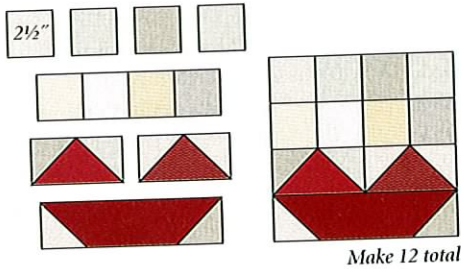


Diagram V

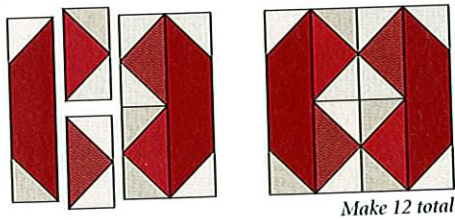


Diagram VI

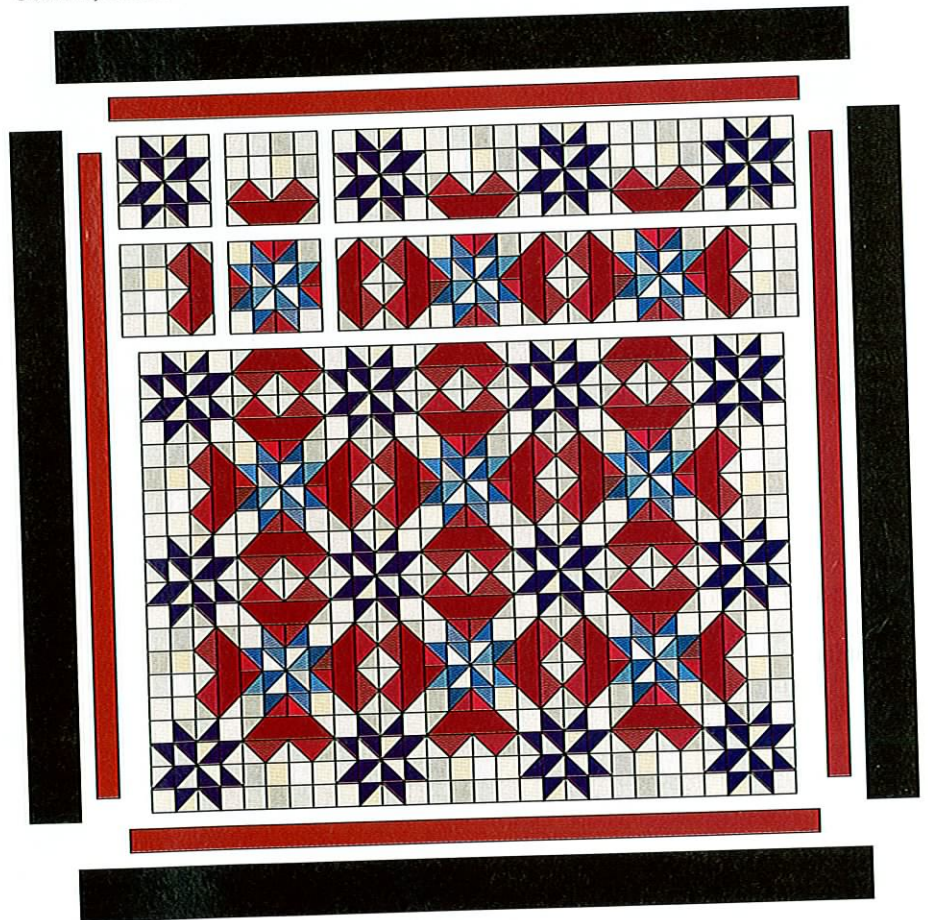
Quilt Top Assembly
Note: Refer to Assembly Diagram for following steps.

- 6** Sew 7 rows of 7 blocks each, rotating Heart Blocks as shown. Sew rows together.
- 7** Stitch red mottle strips to sides; trim even with top and bottom. Stitch remaining red strips to top/bottom; trim even with sides. Sew

floral strips to sides; trim even. Sew remaining strips to top/bottom; trim even.

Quilting and Finishing

- 8** Layer, baste, and quilt. Rebecca machine quilted in a meandering heart pattern. Bind with black/red large floral.



Assembly Diagram



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