



Pattern of the Month - July 2013

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"Scrappy Stairway to the Stars"

12 12" blocks (finished size)

40" x 52" (finished size quilt, including 2" borders)

--Red, white and blue quilts are great anytime, especially for a patriotic holiday or for honoring our veterans. This one is so easy - it's made entirely from $2\frac{1}{2}$ " WOF strips!

Fabrics:

Assorted starry or dotted prints in reds and blues

(~ $1\frac{1}{4}$ yds. each R&B; or 17 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips of each.)

White or gold, for small squares

(~ $3/8$ yd; or 5 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips.)

Backing - $1 + 5/8$ yds. patriotic print

Note: **RESERVE 5 strips of blue for borders and 5 strips of red for binding.**



Cut 12 of each size from both reds and blues:

$2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

$2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

$2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

$2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

$2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $10\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles --also, Cut 72 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares from white

Each block has 6 horizontal rows, as shown in block illustration:

Row 1 - $10\frac{1}{2}$ " blue + white square

1

Row 2 - $8\frac{1}{2}$ " blue + white square + $2\frac{1}{2}$ " red

2

Row 3 - $6\frac{1}{2}$ " blue + white square + $4\frac{1}{2}$ " red

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Row 4 - $4\frac{1}{2}$ " blue + white square + $6\frac{1}{2}$ " red

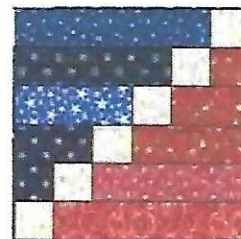
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Row 5 - $2\frac{1}{2}$ " blue + white square + $8\frac{1}{2}$ " red

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Row 6 - white square + $10\frac{1}{2}$ " red

6



Using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances, sew the indicated pieces together into the 6 rows. Press seams toward red and blue (away from white). Sew rows into blocks. Make 12 identical blocks. Arrange into rows with 3 blocks across and 4 blocks down, rotating blocks as needed to form alternating diagonal stripes of red and blue, separated by white squares, as shown in illustration at top of page. Sew blocks together into rows; join rows. Measure quilt top, and add borders, using 5 reserved strips. Layer and quilt, bind with remaining 5 strips. (Note: other designs can also be made by rearranging the strips, or the blocks—have fun!)