



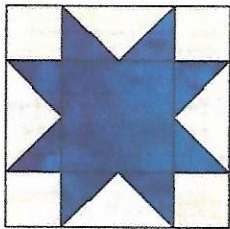
## Pattern of the Month - June 2018

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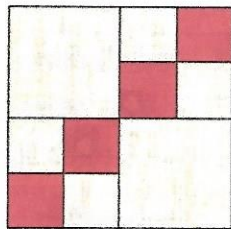
### "Celestial Squadron" 60" x 76"

This beautiful red, white and blue quilt has a decidedly modern look, with the twelve stars flying freely on a big, open sky. It would be perfect for a Veteran or member of one of our airborne military branches, or for any patriotic American. Choose starry prints or tone-on-tone solids to add depth to this airy quilt.

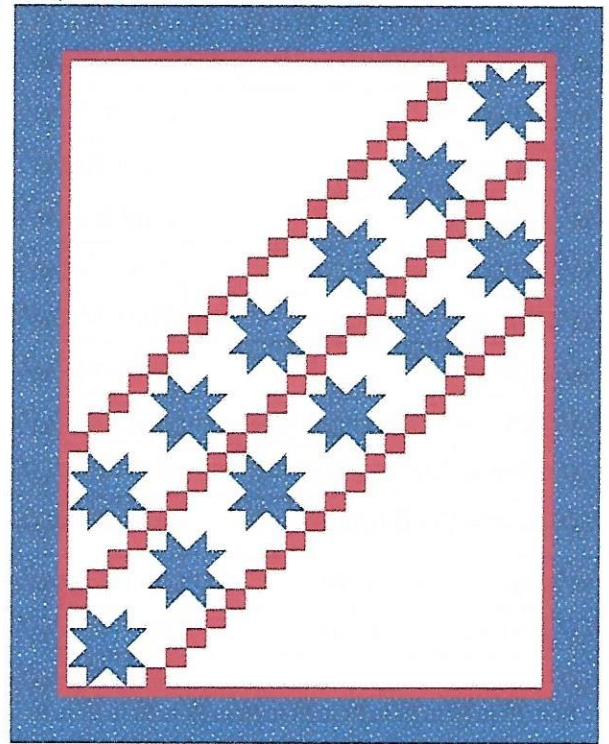
There are two basic blocks (8" finished size):



Star Block



Chain Block



**CUTTING** for the 60" x 76" quilt shown includes 1½" and 4½" finished borders.

*Prewash dark colors separately before cutting, in case they might fade.*

| Cut:   | 2½" squares | 2½" x 4½" | 4½" squares | 8½" squares | 8½" x 16½" | 8½" x 24½" | 8½" x 32½" |
|--------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| White* | 48          | 48        | 32          | 2           | 2          | 2          | 2          |
| Blue   | 96          |           | 12          |             |            |            |            |

Also cut the following width of fabric (WOF, ~41") strips:

White - Cut 4 2½" x WOF strips for Chain Blocks

Red - Cut 4 2½" x WOF strips for Chain Blocks and 7 2" x WOF strips for Inner Border

Blue - Cut 8 5" x WOF strips for Outer Border and 8 2½" x WOF strips for Binding

*\*(Note: Pale blue replaces white as the background, for illustration purposes below.)*

#### Make 12 Star Blocks

The star points are made with flying geese units. First, draw a diagonal line on wrong side of Blue 2½" square.

Align Blue square on top of one end of a 2½" x 4½" White rectangle, right sides together.

Stitch together on line. Trim off corner leaving ¼" seam. Press. Repeat on other corner.



Stitch; trim



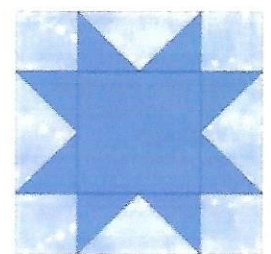
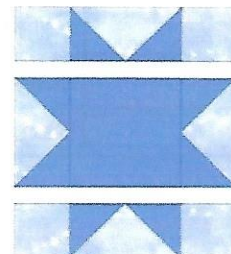
Press



Repeat



Flying Geese Unit



Star Block

Arrange 4 Flying Geese Units and 4 2½" White corner squares around a 4½" Blue center square, and sew together in rows as shown at right → to make the **Star Block**. Make 12 Star Blocks.

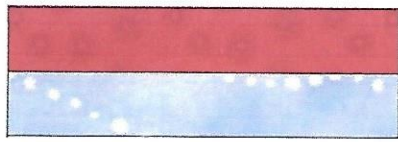
**Make 16 Chain Blocks**

Each Chain Block has two 4-patch units and two plain  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

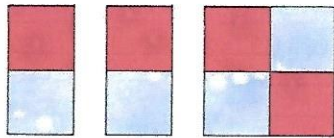
The 4-Patch units are easily made from strip sets.

To make each strip set, stitch a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF Red strip to a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF White strip; press seam allowance toward Red strip. Make 4 Red/White strip sets.

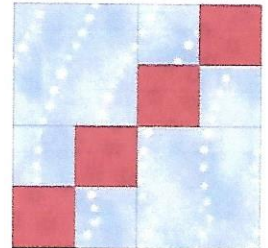
Cut each strip set into  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " sections (16 per strip set; total of 64).



Make 32 4-patch units, as shown.



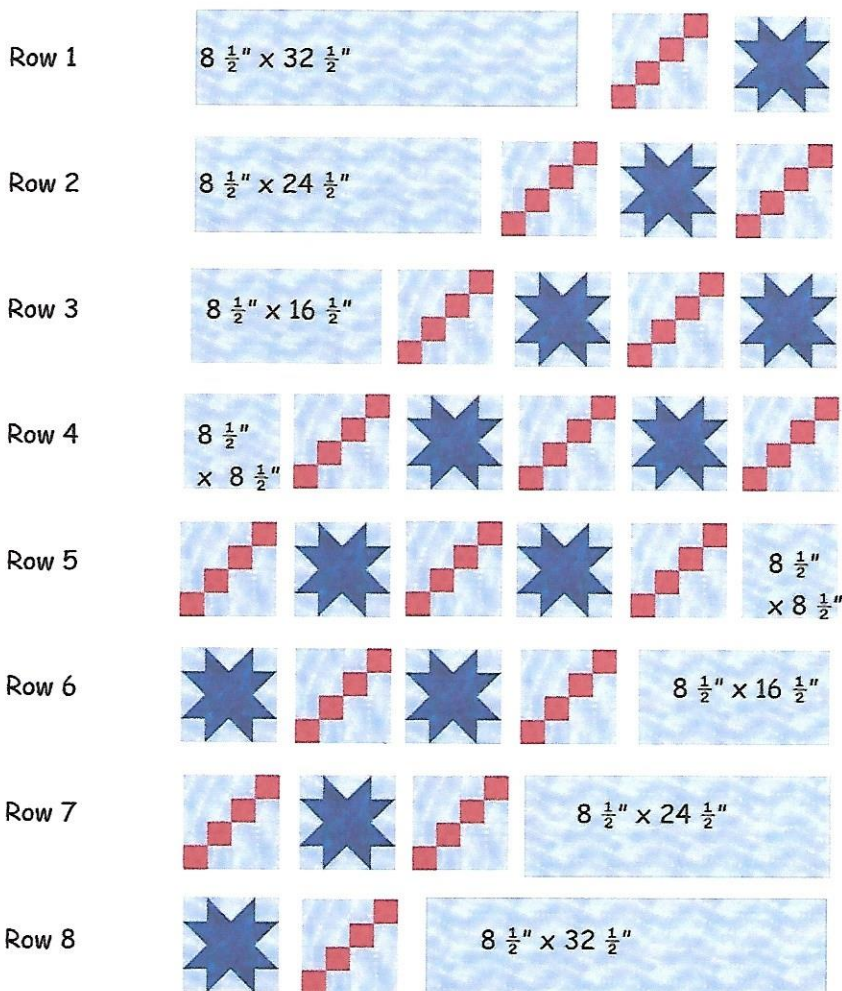
4-patch unit



Arrange two 4-patch units and two  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " White squares as shown to make a Chain Block. ➔ **Make 16 Chain Blocks**

**Assemble quilt** in horizontal rows, arranging large background pieces and blocks, *making sure Chain blocks are angled as shown below* to make the Celestial Squadron design. Join to make rows, then sew rows together.

Piece border strips and add to quilt. Layer, quilt and bind as desired.



**Variation:** White stars on a dark blue background show Celestial Squadron flying over a night sky.

