

Feathered Stars – Part 1

Class Description:

Skill Level – Intermediate - Advanced. Although this is a beginning feathered star class it is NOT for beginning piecers. Accurate cutting and piecing skills are a **MUST!**

The focus of this class is to learn the anatomy of a Le Moyne-based feathered star and how to measure, cut and piece them accurately. The pattern used for this class will not require set-in or “Y” seams. This is one of the most basic of the Le Moyne feathered star patterns. Although basic, it gives the illusion of a beautiful scalloped edge around the center star. Even if you are already a precision piecer, mastering these blocks will improve your piecing skills two-fold.

Supply List:

Rotary cutting tools:

- Mat
- Rotary cutter (with a new blade!)
- 24” ruler
- One of the following :
 - Marsha McCloskey’s Feathered Star Ruler (Recommended!)
 - Nancy J. Martin’s 4” or 6” Bias Square

Sewing Supplies:

- Sewing machine in good working order (with a NEW needle please)
- Thread and at least 2 pre-wound bobbins
- Pins, scissors, seam-ripper (important!), etc.

Dry Iron and Ironing surface

6” square freezer paper

Fabric Requirements:

Please note: the class sample uses the same fabric for all borders that are used in the star center. The yardage calculations below are based on this premise. The colors in (parenthesis) are the colors used in the sample. Please feel free to make changes in fabric selection as you see fit – get creative ! ☺ See notes and diagram on page 2 for further options.

Dark1 (Red) – 1 yd

Star patches, blocks, borders

Dark 2 (Blue) – 1 yd

Star patches, blocks, borders

Dark 3 (2nd Blue) – ½ yd

Inner border

Background (Blue & White) – 2 ½ yd

Background for all blocks and outer border

Medium 1(2nd Red/Cream) – ¼ yd

Medium 2 (3rd Blue/Cream) – ¼ yd

If you would like to use something special for the **star center** you will need a 5 “ square.

Remember that it will finish smaller so don’t select something too big. If you don’t want to fuss-cut this patch you may select one of your other fabrics to use as the center.

You will need to do the following BEFORE class. Accurate cutting is a **MUST!** After you finish cutting a patch, label if instructed and place in a zip-loc bag. Bring all fabric (cut and larger pieces) with you to class.

From the Dark 1 Fabric (Red) cut the following:

4 – 3 5/8” squares. Cut one time diagonally. Label K1

4 – 4 5/8" squares. Cut one time diagonally. Label K2
From the Dark 2 Fabric (Blue) cut the following:

- 1 – 14" Square
- 1 strip – 1 3/4" X width of fabric
- 4 – 2 1/8" squares. Cut one time diagonally. Label T1
- 4 – 2" squares. Cut one time diagonally. Label T2

From Background Fabric cut the following:

- 1 – 14" Square
- 4 – 7 1/4" squares. Label S1
- 1 – 10 3/4" square. Cut twice diagonally. Label T3
- 1 – 5 1/8" square. Cut twice diagonally. Label T4
- 2 – 3 5/8" squares. Cut once diagonally. Label T5
- 8 – 2 1/8" squares. Cut once diagonally. Label T6
- 2 – 3 5/8" squares. Cut once diagonally. Label TP1
- 1 – 5 1/8" square. Cut twice diagonally. Label TP2

Star center will be cut in class.

All remaining blocks and borders will be cut and pieced according to the given pattern after completing the class.

Below is the diagram for the center. I have labeled the placement of individual components so that you can make different fabric selections if you prefer. S2 is a combination of the background fabric and the dark 2. You will need a 14" square of each.

