

Garden Sketch Book

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Fabric courtesy of RJR Fabrics



One large center star makes the perfect focal point for this table topper/wall hanging.



Skill level: Intermediate
Block size sewn into quilt:
 16" x 16" Star, 6" x 6" Hourglass
Number of blocks: 17 (1 Star,
 16 Hourglass)
Finished quilt size: 48" x 48"

MATERIALS

Ordering information: Yardage is based on 42" wide useable fabric from *RJR Fabrics' Garden Sketch Book* collection, unless otherwise indicated, designed by Lynette Jensen for Thimbleberries. Fabric to make the quilt top only (includes binding) is available for \$69.99 (plus \$13.99 s&h within continental U.S., \$2.35 extra for certain rural locations; outside U.S., call for rates; Massachusetts residents add 6.25% sales tax) from Heartbeat Quilts, 765 Main St., Hyannis, MA 02601, while supplies last. Phone (800) 393-8050 or (508) 771-0011 or visit www.heartbeatquilts.com.

- ✿ 5/8 yd. of purple leaf print (No. 0822-02)
- ✿ 5/8 yd. of gold tonal (Shades Apart No. 0806-02)
- ✿ 5/8 yd. of light beige tonal (No. 0813-01)
- ✿ 1 yd. of green tonal (No. 0819-01, includes binding)
- ✿ 1 yd. of gold large floral (No. 0821-01)
- ✿ 54 1/2" x 54 1/2" piece of backing fabric
- ✿ 54 1/2" x 54 1/2" piece of batting
- ✿ Thread in colors to match fabrics
- ✿ Rotary cutter, ruler, and mat
- ✿ Basic sewing supplies

CUTTING DIRECTIONS

Note: Cut all 42" strips horizontally from selvage to selvage.

From the purple leaf print fabric, cut:

Two 7 1/4" x 42" strips; recut into eight 7 1/4" squares, then cut diagonally in half *twice* (for Hourglass blocks)
 One 4 1/2" x 42" strip; recut into four 4 1/2" x 8 1/2" pieces (for Star block)

From the gold tonal fabric, cut:

Two 7 1/4" x 42" strips; recut into eight 7 1/4" squares, then cut diagonally in half *twice* (for Hourglass blocks), and two 4 7/8" squares (for Star block)
 One 4 1/2" x 42" strip; recut into four 4 1/2" squares (for Star block)

From the light beige tonal fabric, cut:

One 4 7/8" x 42" strip; recut into four 4 7/8" squares (for Star block)
 Three 3 1/2" x 42" strips (for first border)

From the green tonal fabric, cut:

One 6 1/2" x 42" strip; recut into four 6 1/2" squares (for third border cornerstones) and two 4 7/8" squares (for Star block)
 One 4 1/2" x 42" strip; recut into four 4 1/2" squares (for Star block)
 Five 2 3/4" x 42" strips (for binding)
 Four 1 1/2" x 42" strips (for second border)

From the gold large floral fabric, cut:

Five 6 1/2" x 42" strips (for fourth border)

DIRECTIONS

Note: Use a 1/4" seam allowance throughout. Sew all pieces with right sides together and raw edges even, using matching thread. Press seams toward the darker fabric after adding each piece or as indicated.

Star Block Assembly

1. *Quick-corner units.* Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of four 4 1/2" green tonal squares and four 4 1/2" gold tonal squares. Referring to **Diagram 1** and noting orientation, place a marked green square right sides together on the left end of a 4 1/2" x 8 1/2" purple leaf fabric piece. Sew on the drawn line, trim 1/4" away from the line through both layers, then press the triangle open. Noting orientation of the drawn line, repeat on the right end with a marked gold square. Make a total of four units.

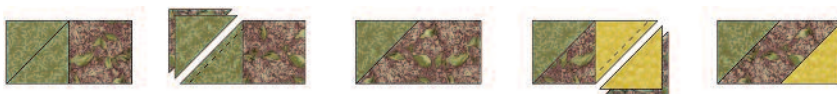


Diagram 1

2. *Half-square triangle units.* Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of two 4 7/8" light beige squares. Following **Diagram 2**, place a marked square right sides together with a 4 7/8" gold square. Stitch 1/4" away from each side of the drawn line, then cut apart on the line and trim even to yield two 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" half-square triangle units. Make a total of four beige/gold units. In the same manner, make a total of four beige/green units using 4 7/8" light beige squares and 4 7/8" green squares.



Diagram 2

3. *Quarter-blocks.* Noting orientation, sew a beige/gold unit to a beige/green unit as shown in **Diagram 3**. Stitch the section to a quick-corner unit and square up to measure 8½" x 8½". Make a total of four quarter-blocks.

4. Referring to the **Star Block Diagrams** and noting orientation, sew the quarter-blocks together to complete the 16½" x 16½" block.

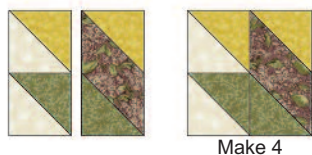
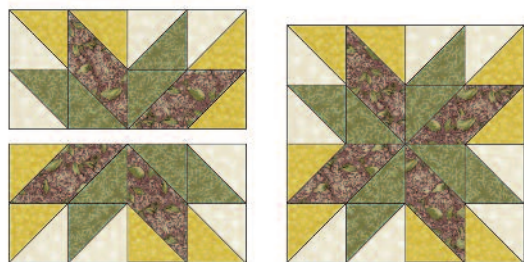


Diagram 3



Star Block Diagrams

Hourglass Block Assembly

1. Following **Diagram 4** and using 7¼" quarter-square triangles, sew a purple triangle to one bias edge of a gold triangle. Repeat to make a second unit.

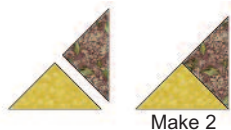
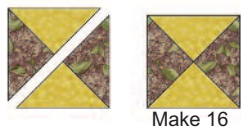


Diagram 4

2. Referring to the **Hourglass Block Diagrams**, stitch the units together and square up to complete one 6½" x 6½" block.

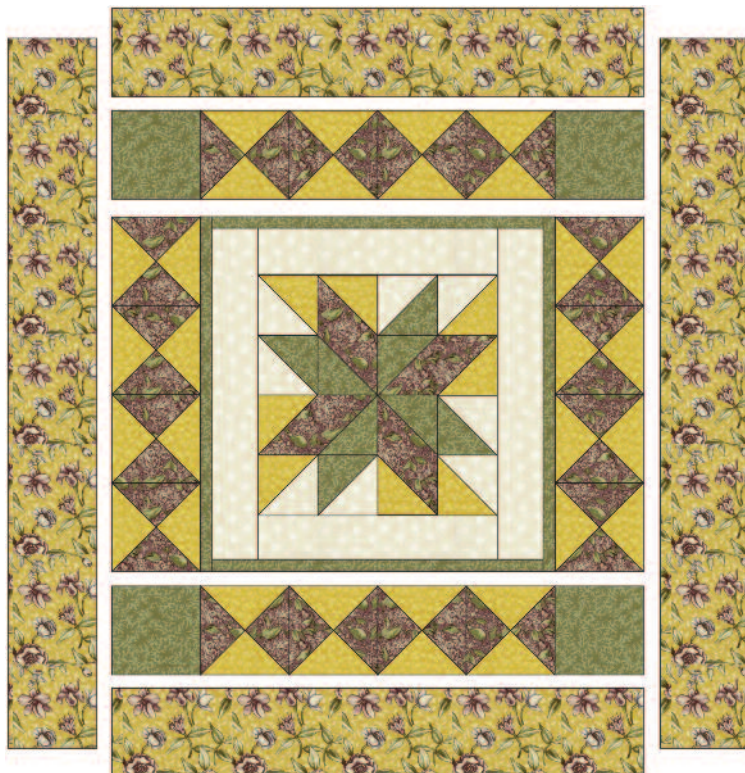
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 to make a total of 16 blocks.

Quilt Assembly and Finishing



Hourglass Block Diagrams

Note: Refer to the **Quilt Layout Diagram** for steps 1 through 4. Measure your quilt top vertically and horizontally through the quilt center before trimming the first, second, and fourth border strips. If your measurements are different from those given, adjust your strip lengths accordingly. Press all border seams away from the quilt center after adding each strip.



Quilt Layout Diagram

1. *First border.* Cut one 3½" x 42" light beige strip into two 16½" lengths. Trim the remaining two strips to measure 22½" long. Sew a shorter strip to each of two opposite sides of the Star block and then a longer strip to each of the other sides. Square up the quilt top to measure 22½" x 22½".

2. *Second border.* Trim two 1½" x 42" green strips to measure 22½" long and the remaining two strips to measure 24½" long. Stitch a shorter strip to each of two opposite sides of the quilt top and then a longer strip to each of the other sides. Square up the top to measure 24½" x 24½".

3. *Third (pieced) border.* Noting orientation, sew four Hourglass blocks together to make one long strip. Make a total of four strips. Stitch a strip to each of two opposite sides of the quilt top. Sew a 6½" green square to each end of the remaining two strips, then stitch a strip to each of the other sides of the quilt top. Square up the top to measure 36½" x 36½".

4. *Fourth border.* Trim two 6½" x 42" gold large floral strips to measure 36½" long. Sew a strip to each of two opposite sides of the quilt top. Stitch the remaining three gold large floral strips short ends (or diagonally) together to make one long strip. Press seams open. Cut two 48½" lengths, then sew a strip to each of the other sides of the quilt top. Square up the top to measure 48½" x 48½".

5. Layer the quilt top right side up on top of the batting and the wrong side of the backing. Baste the layers together and quilt as desired. Trim backing and batting even with the quilt top.

6. Bind as desired using the five 2¾" x 42" green tonal strips. (See *Quilting Basics* for help.) ❖