October Star
Free Pattern



Finished Size
22” x 22”

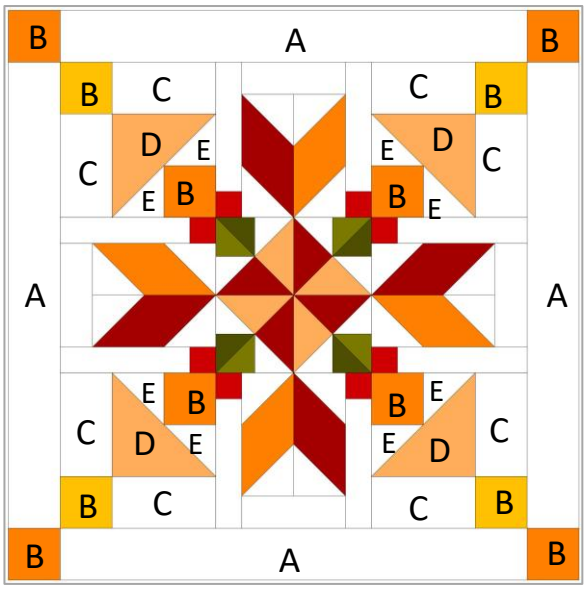
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Yardage Estimate

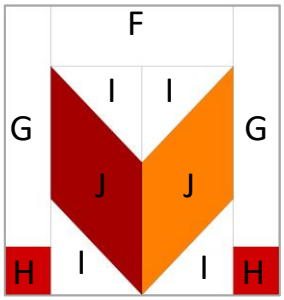
Fabric width 44-45 inches	Yardage estimate
	1/8
	1/2
	1/8
	1/4
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Backing: ⅞ yard
Binding: ⅓ yard for 2 ½” bias binding



Fabric		Patch Count	Size
A		4	2 ½" x 18 ½"
B		8	2 ½" x 2 ½"
		4	
C		8	2 ½" x 4 ½"
D		2	4 ½" x 5 ¼"
E		4	2 ½" x 3 ¼"

Outer Row Center Units



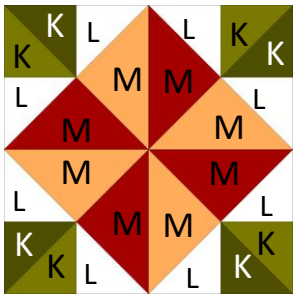
Fabric		Patch Count	Size
F		4	4 ½" x 1 ¾"
G		8	1 ½" x 5 ½"
H		8	1 ½" x 1 ½"
I*		16	2 ½" x 2 ½"
J*		4	2 ½" x 5 ¼"
		4	

***Optional – Strip Set Method:**

Cut (2) 2" x 19" strips from Fabric I
and (1) 2½" x 19" strip from Fabric J.

Cutting Guide

Center Units



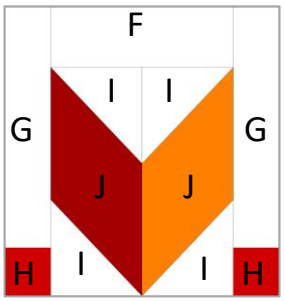
Fabric		Patch Count	Size	Note
K		2	2 ½" x 2 ½"	
		2		
L		8	(4) 2 ½" x 2 ½"	Cut diagonally once to make 8 triangles
M		4	(1) 4 ½" x 4 ½"	Cut diagonally twice to make 4 triangles
		4	(1) 4 ½" x 4 ½"	Cut diagonally twice to make 4 triangles

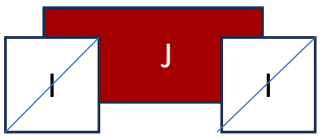
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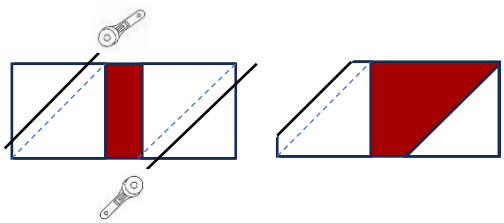
Seam Allowance = ¼"

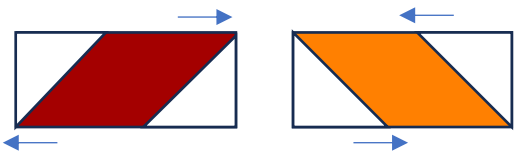
Pressing: Press after each seam to keep your pieces flat and crisp

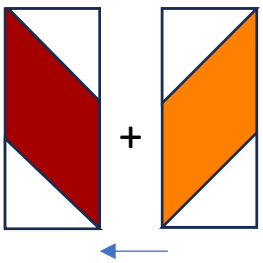
Seam Directions = → If not indicated, press seams to either side.









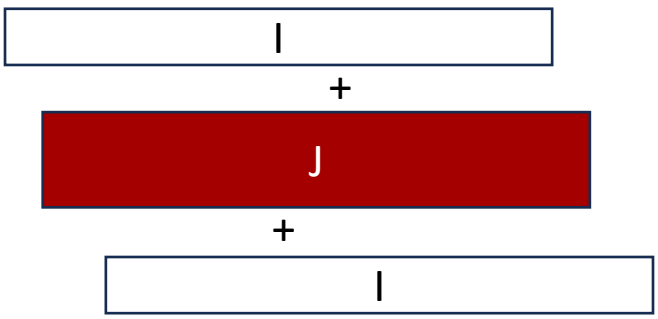


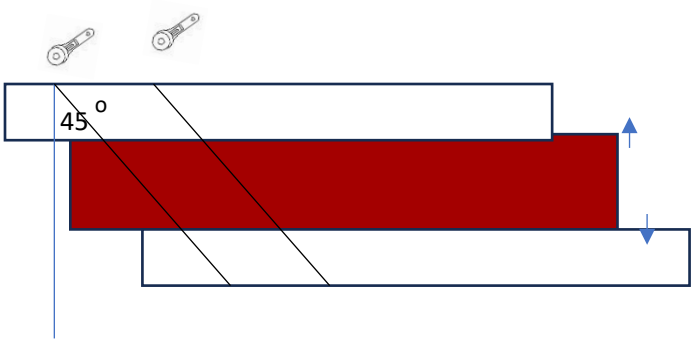
Outer Row Center Units

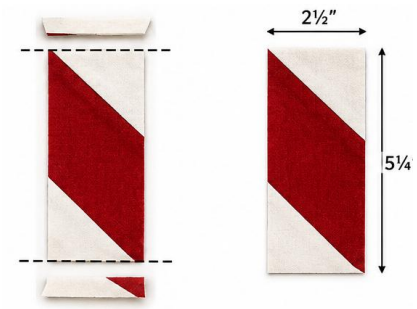
- Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each **2½" Fabric I square.**
- Place one **Fabric I square** right sides together on one end of **a 2½" × 5¼" Fabric J** rectangle, aligning the raw edges.
- Sew a thread's width away from the drawn line, toward the outer corner. Trim the excess fabric, leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Flip open and press.
- Repeat on the opposite end, following the orientation shown in the diagram.
- Make 8 units total: 4 with orange Fabric J and 4 with dark red Fabric J.
- **Note that the diagonal seams run in opposite directions for the two colors**, as shown in the diagram.
- Sew the units together in pairs to make 4 units total.

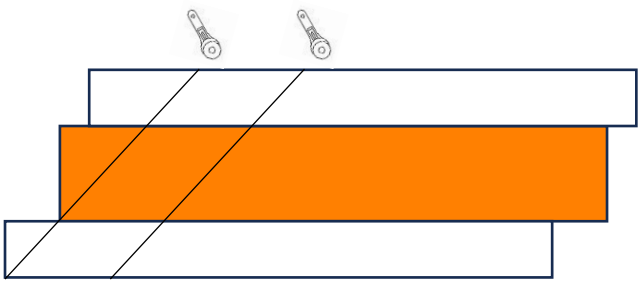
Optional: Strip Set Method

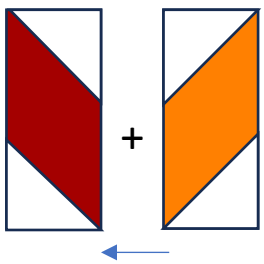
- Sew a background strip to each long edge of the red center strip. Press seams toward the red strip.
- Align the **45° line** of your ruler with the long edge of the strip set.
- **Cut four 2½"-wide** diagonal segments, keeping the cuts parallel.
- Square up each unit to **2½" × 5¼".**
- Repeat with the **orange strip**, pressing seams toward the background strips. Cut the diagonal segments in the opposite direction from the red units.
- Sew one red and one orange unit together, as shown in the diagram.
- Make 4 units total.

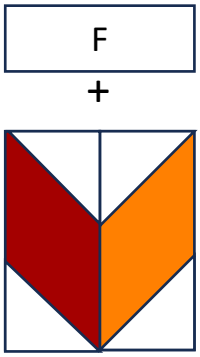






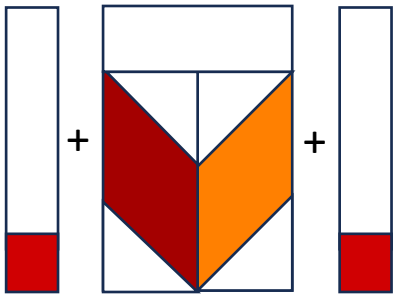


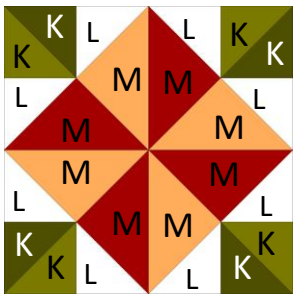


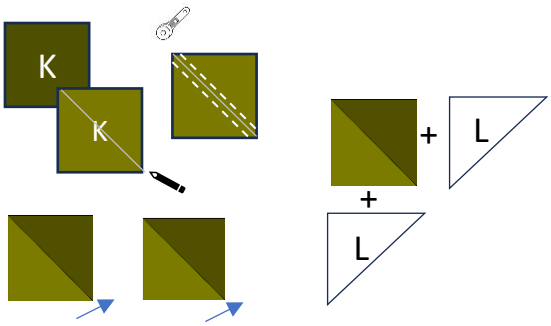


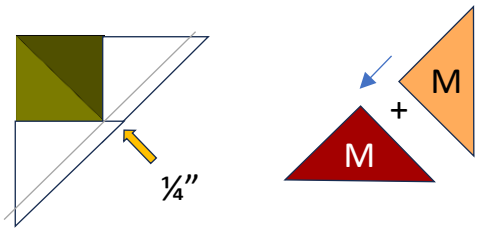
- Sew Fabric F rectangle to the unit.
- Sew Fabric G rectangle to Fabric H square. Make 2 units.
- Sew one G–H unit to each side of the unit, as shown in the diagram.
- Make 4 units total.

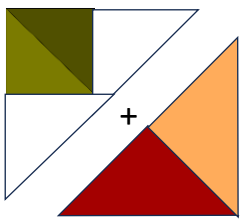






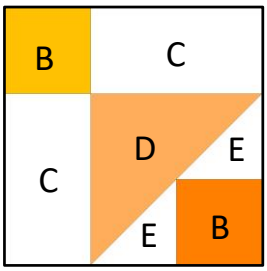






Center unit

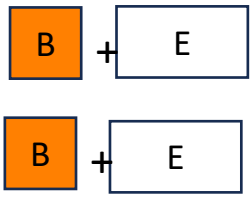
1. Make the Half-Square Triangles (HSTs): Place two **Fabric K squares** right sides together. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of one square. Sew **¼" away** from both sides of the line. Cut along the drawn line, open, and press. Trim each HST to 2½" square. **Make 4 HSTs total**.
2. Sew one **Fabric L triangle** to each side of an HST, as shown in the diagram. Press.
3. Check the seam allowance along the long edge of the resulting triangle. It should be slightly wider than ¼". **Trim to an accurate ¼" seam allowance.**
4. Sew **two Fabric M triangles** together to form a larger triangle.
5. Sew the Fabric M triangle unit to the unit from Step 3. **Make 4 units total.**
6. Press seams toward the HST in 2 units and in the opposite direction for the remaining 2 units.
7. Square up each unit to 3½" × 3½".



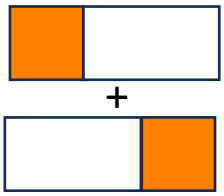
Corner unit

1. Use the two-at-a-time Cat's Cradle method to make the corner units. **Make 4 units total.**

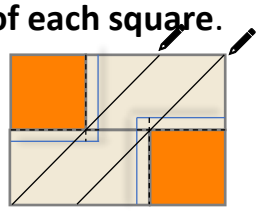
1. Sew a **small square** to one end of each small rectangle. Make **2 units**.



2. Sew the 2 units together, with the **squares at opposite ends**.

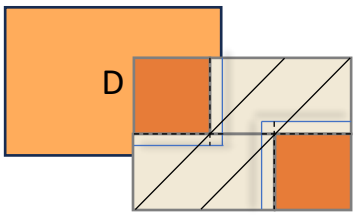


3. On the <u>wrong side</u>, draw a **45° line through the corner of each square**.

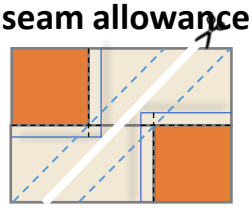


Wrong side up

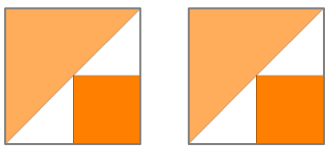
4. Place the unit **right sides together** with the large rectangle.



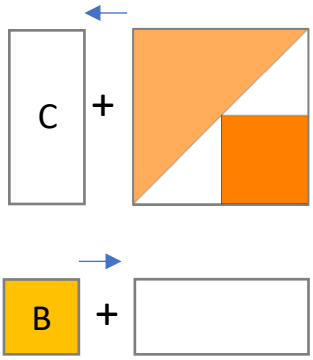
5. Sew directly on both marked lines. Cut between the two seams, leaving a **¼" seam allowance**.

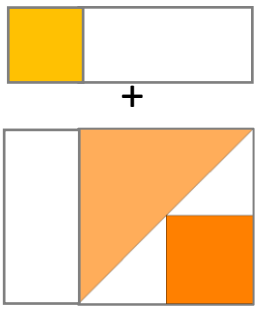


6. Open, press, and square up to 4 ½" if needed.



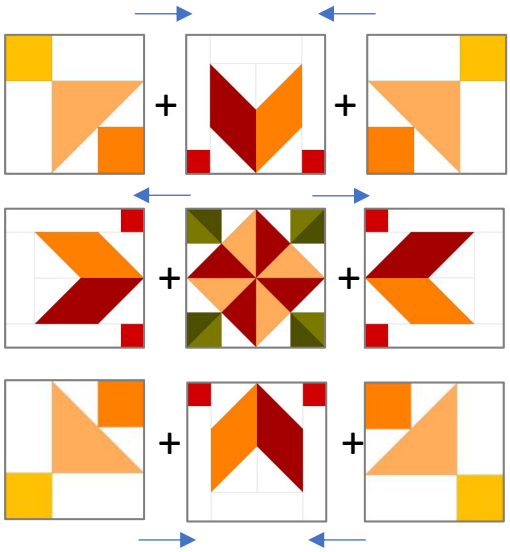
2. Sew a Fabric C rectangle to the side of the Cat's Cradle unit.
3. Sew a Fabric C rectangle to a Fabric B square. Sew this unit to the top of the unit from Step 2, as shown in the diagram.

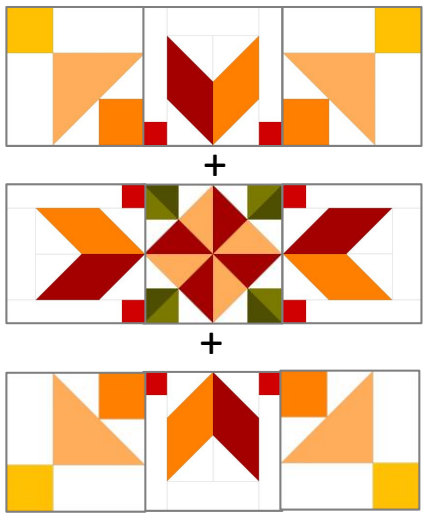


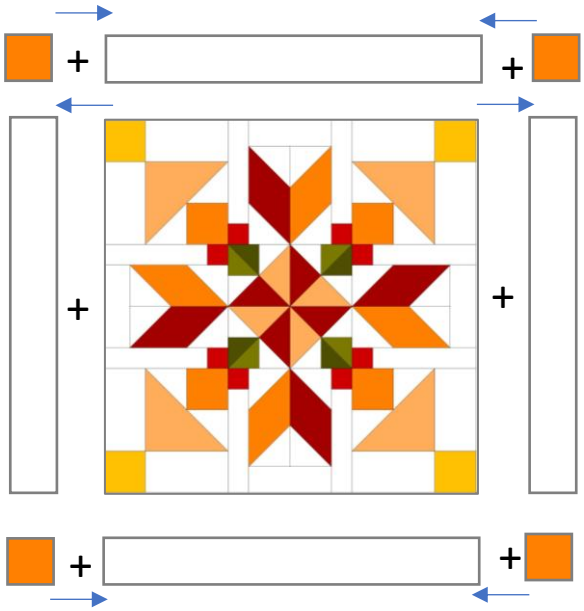


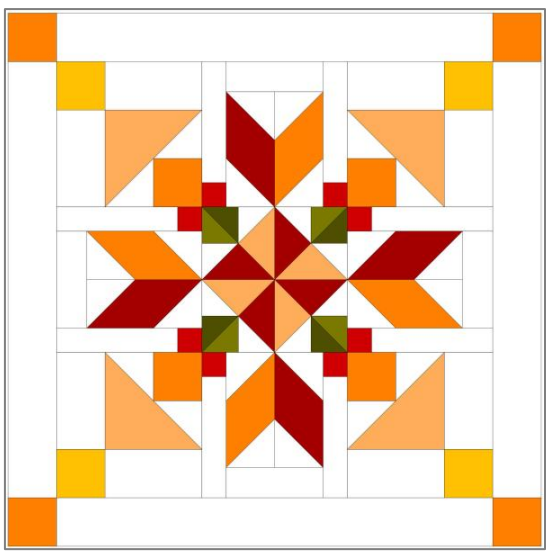
Quilt Assembly

1. Following the diagram, sew 3 units together to form a row. Make 3 rows total.
2. Sew the 3 rows together to complete the block.
3. Sew one Fabric A rectangle to each side of the block.
4. Sew one Fabric B square to each end of a Fabric A rectangle. Make 2 units.
5. Sew these units to the top and bottom of the block to complete the quilt top.









Finishing the Quilt

1. Make the Quilt Sandwich
    - Press the quilt top and backing fabric.
    - Lay the backing fabric wrong side up on a flat surface. Smooth out any wrinkles.
    - Place the batting on top, followed by the quilt top, right side up.
    - Smooth all layers and baste using safety pins or temporary fabric adhesive spray.
2. Quilting
    - Quilt as desired, using straight-line quilting, free-motion quilting, or your preferred design.
    - Start from the center and work outward to prevent shifting and puckering.
    - Once quilting is complete, trim the excess batting and backing even with the quilt top.
3. Binding
    - Join the 2½"-wide binding strips end to end using diagonal seams. Press the seams open.
    - Fold the binding in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press.
    - Align the raw edges of the binding with the quilt edges. Sew to the front of the quilt using a ¼" seam allowance, mitering the corners.
    - Join the binding ends neatly.
    - Fold the binding over to the back of the quilt and secure by hand or machine.

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