

Solution – Chained Stars Quilt

Step M

Assemble the rows of the nine-patch as shown in the figure. Press the seams toward the Triangle in a Rectangle for Rows 1 and 3. For Row 2, press away from the Square in a Square. You will need 5 star blocks.



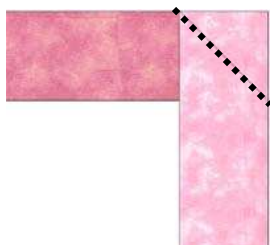
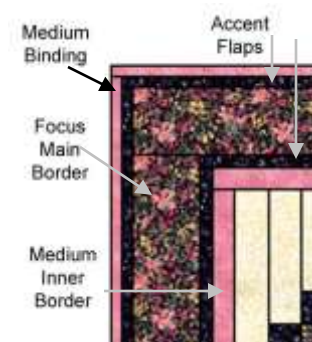
Step N

The quilt is assembled in five rows of three blocks each. The first and fifth rows are made by sewing the rectangular chain blocks together to make a zig-zag. Rows two and four are made by sewing a star block to a square chain block, then to another star block. Watch the orientation of the chain block to ensure that the mountain edges touch the two star blocks. Row three is made by sewing a square chain block to the last star block, then to the last square chain block. Again, watch the orientation, so that the star is in the valley between the two mountains.



Suggested Borders/Binding:

You will be making a 1 ½” border in the **Medium**, a ½” “flap” of **Accent**, a 3 ½” border in **Focus**, another ½” “flap” of **Accent**, and a binding in **Medium**. These are finished sizes.



Step O

Cut 7 (5) **Medium** 2” strips by WOF. Attach ends on the diagonal to minimize the appearance of the seams. Measure the length of the quilt. (It should be approximately 71 ½” (47 ½”) long.) Use the actual length of your quilt! Cut 2 side borders and attach. Again measure the size of your quilt, across the width this time. (It should be about 53” (36 ½”).) Cut the top and bottom border pieces and attach.

Step P

Cut 15 (10) 1 ½” strips of **Accent**. Attach ends as before. Iron in half along the entire length to make a folded flap or flange that is ¾” wide. Measure the length and width of your quilt, and cut lengths to go around the quilt (2 pieces the width of the quilt, and 2 pieces the length of the quilt.) Set aside the remainder for Step #R. Match the raw edges of the flap on top of the **Medium** border raw edges, so that the fold of the flap faces toward the center of the quilt. Machine-baste 1/8” from the edge.

Step Q

Cut 7 (5) 4” strips of **Focus**. Attach ends on the diagonal to minimize the appearance of the seams. Measure the length of the quilt. (It should be approximately 74 ½” (50 ½”) long.) Cut 2 side borders and attach. Again measure the size of your quilt, across the width this time. (It should be about 60” (43 ½”).) Cut the top and bottom border pieces and attach.

Step R

Take the remainder of the **Accent** flap. Measure the length and width of your quilt, and cut lengths to go around the quilt. Machine-baste 1/8” from the edge of the **Focus** border.

Step S

Cut 8 (6) strips of **Medium** to make binding. I use 2 ¼” strips, but use whatever width you’re comfortable with. Put this aside. After the quilting is complete, use the **Medium** binding to finish the quilt.

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