

# Underneath the Stars

Log Cabin variation quilt described by Jennifer's character, Sarah, in *A Quilter's Holiday*. Featured in the Dec/Jan 2010 issue of QUILT



(81" x 108")

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*Sarah McClure makes this warm, rich quilt as a Christmas gift for her father-in-law in my fifteenth Elm Creek Quilts novel, THE QUILTER'S HOLIDAY.*  
-Jennifer

## Materials You Will Need:

1 yard of a burgundy tonal  
6 total yards of assorted brown prints  
3 total yards of assorted blue prints  
3 total yards of assorted cream and beige prints  
7/8 yard of a dark blue print for binding  
6-1/2 yards of backing fabric  
87" x 114" piece of batting

From the assorted blue fabrics, cut:

(2) 2" x 42" strips  
(1) 2" x 21" strip  
(2) 3-1/2" x 42" strips  
(1) 3-1/2" x 21" strip  
(2) 5" x 42" strips  
(1) 5" x 21" strip  
(6) 6-1/2" x 42" strips  
(3) 6-1/2" x 21" strips  
(1) 8" x 12" piece  
(1) 9-1/2" x 12" piece

## Cutting Directions:

From the burgundy tonal, cut:

(96) 2-3/8" squares  
(48) 2-3/4" squares  
(48) 2" squares

From the assorted brown fabrics, cut:

(48) 2-3/4" squares  
(192) 2" squares  
(4) 2" x 42" strips  
(2) 2" x 21" strips  
(16) 3-1/2" x 42" strips  
(8) 3-1/2" x 21" strips  
(12) 5" x 42" strips  
(6) 5" x 21" strips  
(2) 3-1/2" x 12" pieces

From the assorted cream and beige prints, cut:

(2) 2" x 42" strips  
(1) 2" x 21" strip  
(2) 3-1/2" x 42" strips  
(1) 3-1/2" x 21" strip  
(2) 5" x 42" strips  
(1) 5" x 21" strip  
(6) 6-1/2" x 42" strips  
(3) 6-1/2" x 21" strips

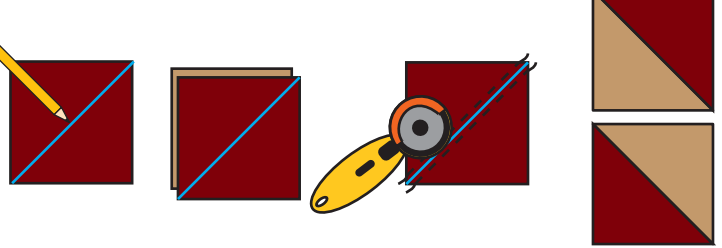
From the dark blue print, cut:

(11) 2-1/4" x 42" strips for binding

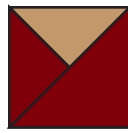
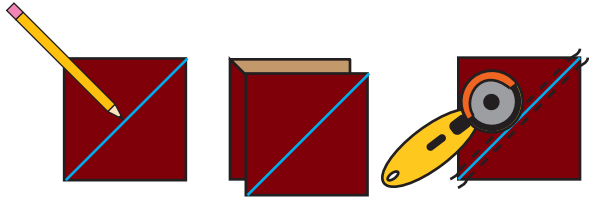
# Sewing Directions: *(Seam allowance is 1/4" unless stated otherwise)*

## 1. Making the Twin Star Log Cabin Block

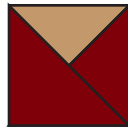
Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (48) 2-3/4" burgundy tonal squares. Place a marked square, right sides together, on (1) 2-3/4" brown square. Sew 1/4" away on both sides of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line to make (2) burgundy/brown half-square triangle units. (Make 96)



Make 96



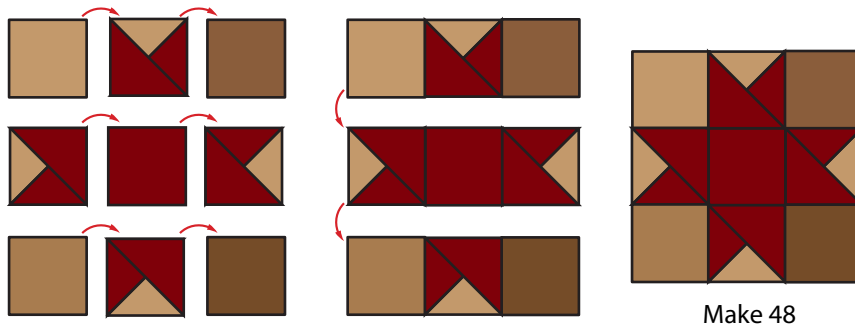
Make 96 right units



Make 96 left units

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (96) 2-3/8" burgundy tonal square. Place a marked square perpendicular to the seam on (1) burgundy/brown half-square triangle unit. Sew 1/4" away on both sides of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line to make (1) left Twin Star point unit, and (1) right Twin Star point unit. (Make 96 of each.)

Lay out (4) 2" brown squares, (2) left and (2) right Twin Star point units, and (1) 2" burgundy tonal square in (3) rows of (3) units each, as shown. Sew the units together in each row. Join the rows to make a Twin Star block. (Make 48 blocks.)

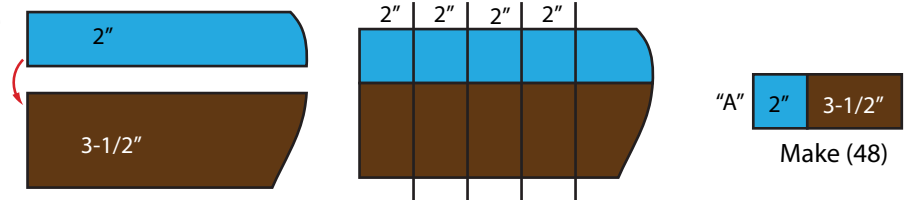


Make 48

## 2. Making the Log Cabin Segments

### Segment A

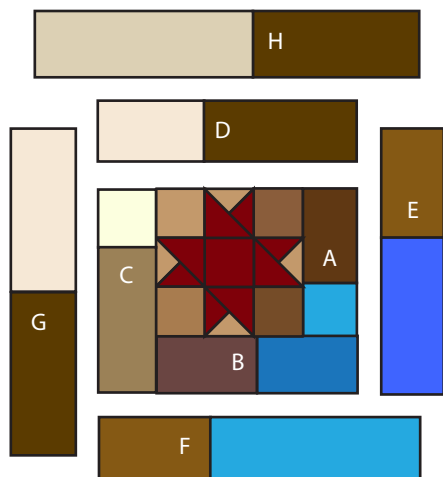
Sew (1) 2" x 42" blue strip to (1) 3-1/2" x 42" brown strip to make a two-strip panel. (Make 2) In the same manner, sew (1) 2" x 21" blue strip to (1) 3-1/2" x 21" brown strip to make a half-panel. Crosscut the panels into (48) 2" segments. Label segments "A".



Make (48)

## Segments B-L

Refer to Making segments B-N; in the same manner, make 2-1/2 panels in the color and size combinations shown. Crosscut the panels into 2" segments in the amount indicated and label the segments appropriately.

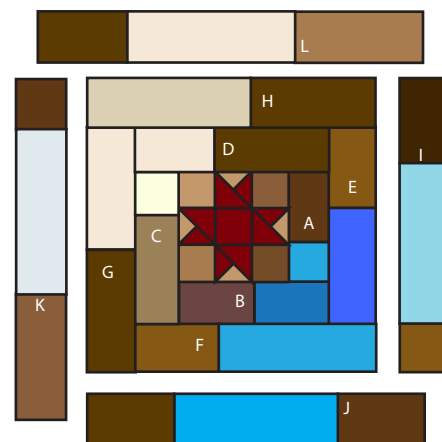


Block center assembly - (48)

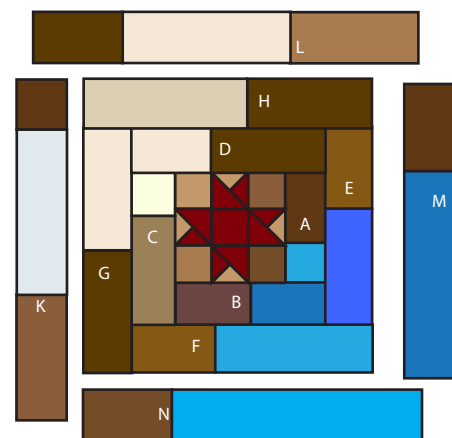
Label as:	Blue Strip	Brown Strip	Beige or Cream Strip	# to Make	
B	3-1/2"	3-1/2"	---	48	
C	---	5"	2"	48	
D	---	5"	3-1/2"	48	
E	5"	3-1/2"	---	48	
F	6-1/2"	3-1/2"	---	48	
G	---	5"	5"	48	
H	---	5"	6-1/2"	48	
I	6-1/2"	2" 3-1/2"	---	44	
J	6-1/2"	3-1/2" 3-1/2"	---	44	
K	---	2" 5"	6-1/2"	48	
L	---	3-1/2" 5"	6-1/2"	48	
M	8"	3-1/2"	---	4	
N	9-1/2"	3-1/2"	---	4	

Refer to Block Center Assembly; working in a clockwise direction and pressing after each seam, sew segments A - H Log Cabin fashion to a Twin Star block. (Make 48 block centers.) Set aside (4) of the block centers, (4) "K" segments, and (4) "L" segments for the corner blocks.

Refer to Block Assembly 1; working in a clockwise direction and pressing after each seam, sew strips I-L Log Cabin fashion to the remaining (44) block centers. (Make 44 blocks.)



Block assembly 1 - (44) blocks



Block assembly 2 - (4) corner blocks

Refer to Making segments B-N; make 1 small panel M and N in the color and size combinations shown. Crosscut each panel into (4) 2" segments and label the segments appropriately. Refer to Block Assembly 2; working in a clockwise direction and pressing after each seam, sew strips M, N, K, and L (in this order) Log Cabin fashion to the (4) block centers set aside earlier to make the corner blocks. (Make 4 corner blocks.)

## 3. Assembling the Quilt

Refer to quilt photo; lay out the blocks in (8) rows of (6) blocks each. Place the corner blocks in the four corners and note the orientation of each block. Sew the blocks together in each row. Join the rows.

## 4. Finishing

Refer to the General Directions for backing, quilting, and binding; use the (11) 2-1/4" x 42" dark blue strips to bind the quilt.