

Fabric Freedom Eldorado

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Size 33" x 33"

Requirements

Fabric 1.	Dragonflies on blue ground F192 col.3 -	long ¼m.
Fabric 2.	Small golden yellow floral F195 col.3 -	long ¼m.
Fabric 3.	All-over yellow dragonflies F196 col.3 -	long ¼m.
Fabric 4.	Small floral on pale green F194 col.3 -	long ¼m.
Fabric 5.	Yellow wiggley stripe F193 col.3 -	long ¼m.
Fabric 6.	Yellow Reflections F1222 col.2 -	long ¼m.
Fabric 7.	Black Reflections F1222 col.21 -	60cm.

Wadding & Backing 37" x 37"

Template plastic

Thread - Auriful thread.

Thread count 40.

4664 black variegated.

2120 yellow.

4653 variegated olive green.

Cutting

Fabrics 1 through 4 are for the stars,

Fabric 1	2 x 2½" x 42" strips
Fabric 2	2 x 2½" x 42" strips
Fabric 3	3 x 2½" x 42" strips
Fabric 4	2 x 2½" x 42" strips
Fabric 5	4 from <i>template 1</i> – edge piece 4 from <i>template 2</i> left – corner piece 4 from <i>template 2</i> right – corner piece
Fabric 6	1 x 5¾" x 5¾" cut in half diagonally twice – edge piece 4 x 5⅝" x 5⅝" cut in half diagonally once – corner piece
Fabric 7	4 x 2½" x 42" 4 from <i>template 3</i> right - corner piece 4 from <i>template 3</i> left - corner piece 4 from <i>template 4</i> – edge piece

Note, you will need to add a ¼" seam allowance around the edge of the templates, but not to any of the other cutting measurements.

Making up

For the star.

Take your strips of fabric 1, 2 and 3, and line them up next to each other. Offset each strip by 1" and join them together, press open the seams.

Repeat the above process using a strip of fabrics 2, 3 and 4.

Repeat the process again using fabric 3, 4 and 1.

Take your first piece and cut across the top at a 45° angle. Place your cutting ruler over the top of your strip, and cut a 2½" wide strip, repeat this to make 8 pieces.

Use the same method to make 8 pieces from both of the other strips.

Take one of each of your pieces and place them next to each other to form a diamond shape, check that the colour sequence is correct (your piece of fabric 3 should be running through the middle) Sew them together and press back. Repeat this to make 8 diamonds in total.

Sew your diamonds together in pairs. Leave a ¼" gap towards the outside edge in order to make it easier to inset the corner and edge pieces.

Join the pairs together, again remembering to leave a ¼" gap at the outside edge.

Join the two halves together to complete the star.

Now make the corner pieces.

Refer to *diagram 1* and lay out all of your pieces.

Sew your left hand pieces together first of all, and press one way.

Now sew your right hand pieces together, pressing the opposite way.

Now join the two sides together to make a square.

Repeat this to make all 4 corners.

Now make the edge triangles.

Lay out all of your edge pieces as shown in *diagram 2* and sew together.

Make 4 of these in total.

Start by sewing the 4 corner pieces to the star piece.

Because you left a ¼" gap earlier on, it is now easier to inset the corner pieces.

Once all of the corner pieces have been sewn in, attach the edge triangles in the same way as you attached the corner pieces.

Attach a border to the top and bottom, trim to size and press back.

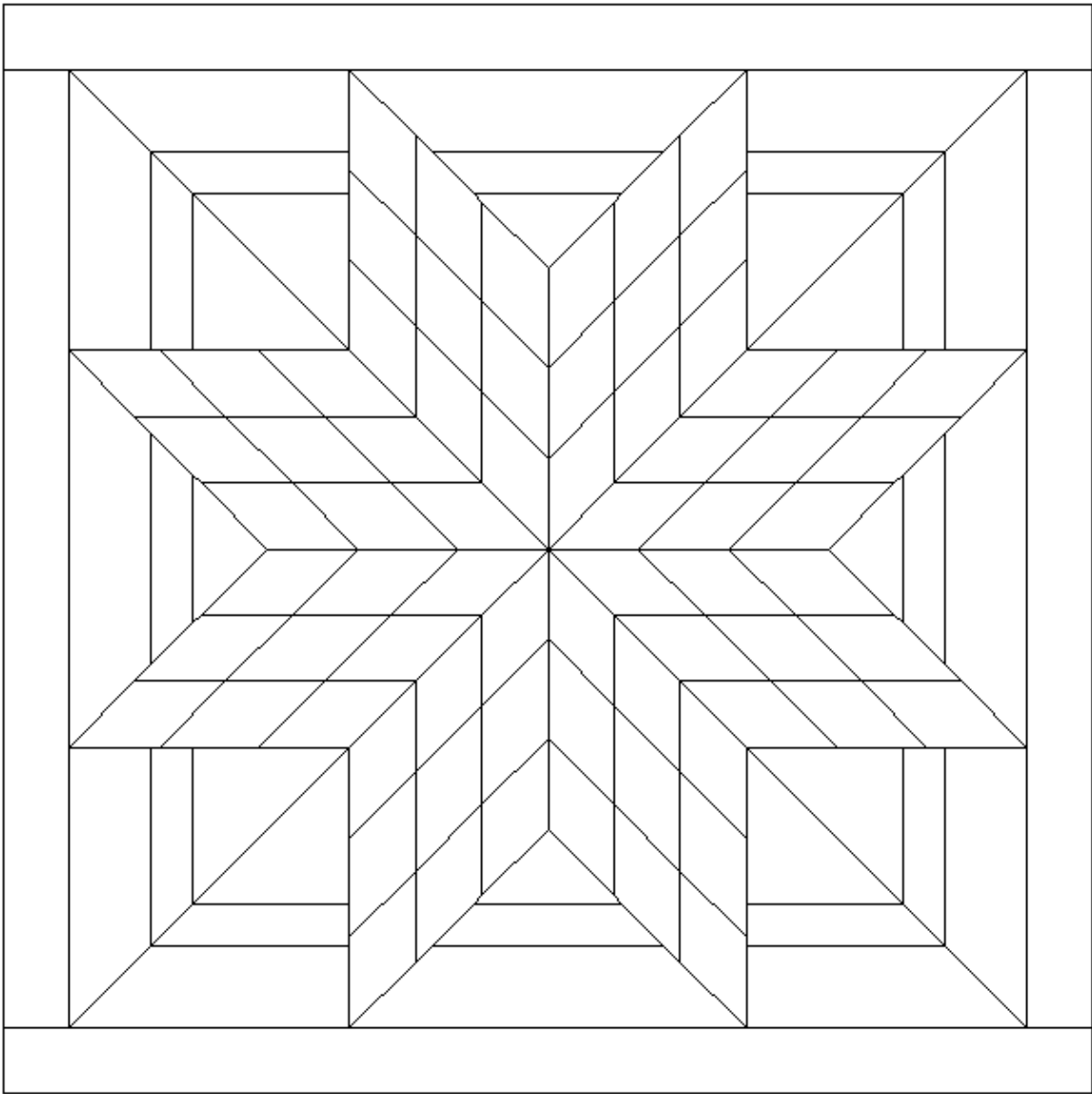
Complete the border by adding the two side pieces, trim to size and press back.

Sandwich together the top layer, wadding and backing.

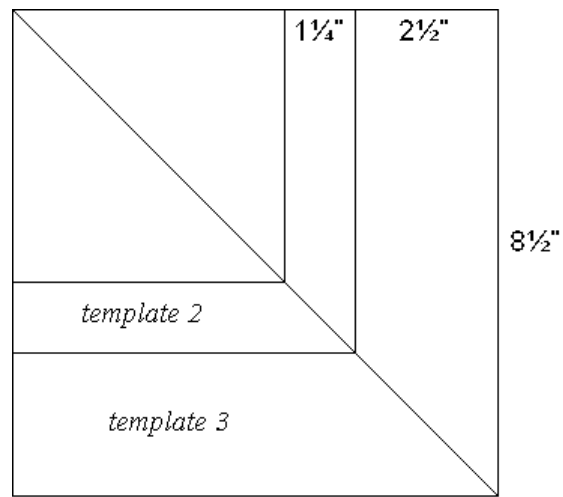
Machine or hand quilt as desired.

Use leftover pieces of fabric 5 and fabric 7, to make the binding.

You may wish to carefully cut out some dragonflies or butterflies and appliqué them onto the outer border as I have done.



main diagram



$8\frac{1}{2}$ "

diagram 1

