

**Part A and Part B: Cutting instructions for the Large Center Star**

The **Large Center Star** uses 19 different fabrics: 16 colorful fabrics (fabrics 1 up to and including 16), the white fabric (fabric 17), the black with silver stars (fabric 18), and the striped fabric (fabric 19). The back cover of this pattern shows the fabrics used in the cover photo of **Chasing Dreams**. The table below provides cutting guidelines for the center star. Before we do anything else, though, please put a new blade in your rotary cutter. We will be cutting through several layers of fabric at once and a sharp blade will make this task easier for you. Because we make the star points using the paper foundation technique, it is not necessary to cut the fabric pieces extremely precise. Follow the steps and you will see how fast and easy it is to cut the fabrics for the star points.

The background for the large star points is fabric 17. I have made a special chart for the odd and even star points. Cut the fabrics for the star points A and B as described in the “Fabric Selection and Cutting Chart for the Large Center Star Background”.

**Part A and Part B: Fabric Selection and Cutting Chart for the Large Center Star Background**

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| Foundation point 1:<br>parts A and B | Fabric 17 | Cut 1 strip, 8¼” x 44” | Cut the strip in 8 pieces, 4½” x 8¼”. One 4½” x 8¼” piece is enough background fabric for two star points. |
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|  | <p>There is an easy way to cut the piece in two and have enough fabric for both pieces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Stack the eight 4½” x 8¼” pieces of fabric 17, with the <u>wrong side facing up</u>.</li> <li>➤ Study the drawing. You can see that we have to cut a diagonal line across the rectangle.</li> <li>➤ Use a fabric pencil to mark the left edge 6” up from the lower side. Mark the right edge 2¼” up from lower side. Place your ruler on these marks.</li> <li>➤ Cut a diagonal line. If you cut your fabric pieces this way you take full advantage of fabric 17.</li> </ul> |
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| Foundation point 6: cut 1 piece, 2¾" x 2¼" use the remnant of the center star strips. | 7 | 9 | 11 | 14 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
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**Part B: Fabric selection and cutting schedule for the even Large Center Star points**

( The numbers in the unshaded part of the table represent the fabric numbers, or colors)

| <b>Part B: Large even star points</b>                                              | <b>Fabric Point</b> | <b>Fabric Point</b> | <b>Fabric Point</b> | <b>Fabric Point</b> | <b>Fabric Point</b> | <b>Fabric Point</b> | <b>Fabric Point</b> | <b>Fabric Point</b> |
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|                                                                                    | 2                   | 4                   | 6                   | 8                   | 10                  | 12                  | 14                  | 16                  |
| Foundation point 1:<br>you already have cut the pieces                             | 17                  | 17                  | 17                  | 17                  | 17                  | 17                  | 17                  | 17                  |
| Foundation point 2:<br>you already have cut the pieces                             | 11                  | 13                  | 15                  | 1                   | 3                   | 5                   | 7                   | 9                   |
| Foundation point 3:<br>you already have cut the pieces                             | 12                  | 14                  | 16                  | 2                   | 4                   | 6                   | 8                   | 10                  |
| Foundation point 4: use remaining fabric 19 of part A and cut 8 pieces, 3½" x 2½". | 19                  | 19                  | 19                  | 19                  | 19                  | 19                  | 19                  | 19                  |

Cut the 8 paper templates for Part A (the odd foundation points), and the 8 paper templates for Part B (the even foundation points). Cut these papers just a smidge larger than the outside lines.

**Part C: The Tiny Star in the Center**

The foundation pieces for the eight, tiny center star points are spread out across the newsprint. Cut the star points of pattern part C a smidge from the outside lines of the newsprint, take the remaining fabric strips of part A and cut the selected colors, as described in the "fabric selection and cutting schedule for the "Tiny Center Star part C". Lay the fabrics out in front of you in the right order. The eight points of part C also have a second seam allowance.

**Part C: Fabric selection and cutting schedule for the Tiny Center Star**

(The numbers in the unshaded part of the table represent the fabric numbers, or colors)

| <b>Part C: Tiny Center Star points</b>                                           | Fabric point 1 | Fabric point 2 | Fabric point 3 | Fabric point 4 | Fabric point 5 | Fabric point 6 | Fabric point 7 | Fabric point 8 |
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| Foundation point 1: 1 strip, 2½" x 44"<br>Cut the strip into 8 pieces, 2½" x 3¼" | 17             | 17             | 17             | 17             | 17             | 17             | 17             | 17             |
| Foundation point 2: 1 piece, 2" x 3½"                                            | 2              | 3              | 4              | 7              | 9              | 11             | 13             | 15             |

Take a few minutes to put all the foundation papers for the star points with the fabrics that belong to that specific point into zip lock bags. Write on the outside of the zip lock bags the number and part of the star point.

#### Part D: The Flying Geese Circle

##### **Part D: Fabric selection and cutting schedule for the Flying Geese Circle**

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| Step 1 | <p>Place the 16 colorful fabrics in front of you. Let's cut 4 colors at once to make this step fast and easy. Make <b>4 piles, each pile with 4 of the 16 fabrics for the flying geese.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stack fabrics 1, 2, 3 &amp; 4 neatly one on top of the other in the first pile. Stack fabrics 5, 6, 7 &amp; 8 for the second pile. The third pile of fabrics has 9, 10, 11 &amp; 12, and finally the fourth pile contains the fabrics: 13, 14, 15 &amp; 16. From every pile, cut one strip, 2¾" x 44". That's one strip of each of the 16 colors.</li> <li><b>From every color,</b> cut the large triangle of the flying geese. You will need 2 pieces, 4½" x 2¾".</li> <li>For the outside of the flying geese, you will need 4 pieces of each color. Cut these pieces, 2½" x 4".</li> </ul> <p><b>If you have cut the fabrics this way, you have cut all the fabrics for the flying geese.</b></p> |
| Step 2 | <p>Use the back cover of <b>Chasing Dreams</b> as a guide to separate the 16 different fabrics in the piles from each other. Stack the piles in the right color sequence, numerical order. Place adhesive stickers or post-it notes with the fabric numbers in front of the piles. Start with fabric 1, fabric 2, fabric 3 etc. etc.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

The paper foundations for Part D, the **Flying Geese Circle**, are found in four parts on the sheets: D1, D2, D3 and D4. Cut all pieces for Part D from the newsprint.

### Part E: The Corners

Cut the papers for the Corners, Part E from the newsprint. Fold fabric 17 (the white fabric) in half. Place part E on top of fabric 17. Cut the parts from the fabric twice to get a total of four Corner pieces of fabric 17. Transfer the registration markings from the papers onto the fabric.

### Part F: The Little Striped Sashings

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| Sashing F | Fabric 18: the black with silver star | 4 strips, 1" x 44".  |
|           | Fabric 19: the striped fabric         | 4 strips, 1¼" x 44". |

### Part G: the Little Squares

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| Square G | Fabric 2, 4, 5, & 7 | 1 cut of 1¾" x 1¾" from each of four selected single fabrics: corner squares for part F. |
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### Part H: Fabric and cutting chart for the Spiked Border

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| Step 1 | Place the fabric strips exactly on top of each other. Cut one strip, 2¼" x 44", from each of the 16 colorful fabrics.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Step 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>The first pile contains the fabrics: 1, 2, 3 &amp; 4.</b><br/>From every fabric in the first pile, cut 8 pieces, 2¼" x 3½".<br/>From fabric A, the extra yellow, cut 6 pieces, 2¼" x 3½".</li><li>➤ <b>The second pile contains the fabrics: 5, 6, 7 &amp; 8.</b><br/>From every fabric in the second pile, cut 8 pieces, 2¼" x 3½".<br/>From fabric B (the extra red), cut 4 pieces, 2¼" x 3½".</li></ul> |

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|        | <p>➤ <b>The third pile contains the fabrics: 9, 10, 11 &amp; 12.</b></p> <p>From the fabrics 9, 10 &amp; 11 in the third pile, cut 8 pieces, 2¼" x 3½".</p> <p>From fabric 12, cut 10 pieces, 2¼" x 3½".</p> <p>From fabric C (the extra purple), cut 2 pieces, 2¼" x 3½".</p> <p>➤ <b>The fourth pile contains the fabrics: 13, 14, 15 &amp; 16.</b></p> <p>From every fabric in the fourth pile, cut 8 pieces, 2¼" x 3½".</p> <p><b>If you have cut the 16 strips + A, B and C in this way, you have cut the fabrics for the four spiked borders.</b></p> |
| Step 3 | <p>Use the back of <b>Chasing Dreams</b> as a guide to separate the 16 colorful fabrics and the fabrics A, B &amp; C into piles. Stack the piles in the right color sequence. You will end up with 19 beautiful piles! Place these piles in a row in front of you. Place adhesive- or post-it stickers with the fabric numbers in front of the 19 piles. Start with fabric 1, fabric 2, fabric 3 etc. etc.</p>                                                                                                                                              |