

Modern Blazing Star© by Debby Kratovil



Block Size: 12" x 12" and 6" x 12"
Quilt Size: 34" x 44"

This updated vintage pattern is made doable with raw edge appliqué using fusible interfacing (or webbing). There is no hand work, either! The unique assembly of 4 whole blocks and 4 half blocks takes you beyond a predictable square quilt. The staggered placement of the Flying Geese units gives even more movement to the spinning blades of the Blazing Star blocks.

The fresh look of bright colors on a cream background makes this a perfect modern version of a traditional block.

Pattern focuses on quilt below.



Fabric Supplies:

- 1-1/2 yards background fabric, pre-cutting on next page
- 3/8 yard for binding, one vertical inner border and some blades and geese (my green)
- 1/4 yard for second vertical inner border and some blades and Flying Geese (my red)
- Fat 1/8th for four center circles (color of your choice)
- 1/4 yard for second horizontal inner border, some blades and Flying Geese
- Fat 1/8ths of several other prints to coordinate with the other fabrics.
- One yard fusible interfacing NOT Wonder Under!

- Thread to match blades for machine appliqué (or use monofilament - for top thread ONLY)
- Freezer paper for making blade templates (4" x 18" strip is enough)

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Modern Blazing Star© Workshop with Debby Kratovil

Note: There are two photos on the previous page. Our class will focus on the simplified version of the bottom quilt (the Flying Geese units are standardized for ease of construction).

Pre-cutting

This is based on the fabric amounts listed on first page.

From the Cream (or chosen) background fabric, cut:

- Four 12-1/2" x 12-1/2" squares (for the 4 Blazing Star blocks)
- Twenty-four 2-3/8" squares (for the Flying Geese). Re-cut each into 2 triangles.
- Four strips 2" x wof. We will recut these in class for the Flying Geese units.
- Remaining Cream fabric will be used for borders. You may wish to use another fabric. In that case, reduce the cream by 1/2 yard.

Note: a Fat Eighth measures 9" x 22". Or just dig into your scraps!

From each of the fat 1/8ths of color (used for the Blazing Star blocks and the Flying Geese), pre-cut the following:

- Each Blazing Star block uses TWO colors/prints. Fabric A, cut four 2-1/2" x 6" rectangles; Fabric B, cut four 2-1/2" x 6" rectangles. These are for the "blades." You need a total of 32 rectangles.
- For the 4 Flying Geese half blocks (6" x 12"), cut a total of SIX 4-1/4" squares. Recut each square along BOTH diagonals for a total of 24 triangles.

From dark fabric for Blazing Star center circles, cut four 2-1/2" squares.

From the **FUSIBLE INTERFACING**, cut:

- 32 rectangles 2-1/2" x 6". You can wait to fuse this to the wrong side of the Fabrics listed above (2-1/2" x 6" for blades) OR, if you are familiar with how to iron it to the wrong side of your fabrics, go ahead. TAKE CARE to not put the hot iron directly on the interfacing side. Use a scrap cloth between your iron and the fabric
- Four 2-1/2" squares (for Blazing Star center circles)

All other fabric cuts will be addressed in class. No one will be able to complete the quilt center in our 3 hours! But you will be able to make at least one Blazing Star block and one Flying Geese half-block (6" x 12").

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