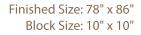


Finished Size: 78" x 86"

# by FRENCH GENERAL





# Cutting

Note: This fabric collection has a decorative ribbon selvage on both sides. Trim away selvage before cutting pieces for this quilt.

#### Fabric 1– Red Solid

4-6¼"xWOF strips

Subcut:  $21 - 6\frac{1}{4}x6\frac{1}{4}$  squares for flying geese units

6-3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"xWOF strips

Subcut:  $56 - 3\frac{3}{8}x 3\frac{3}{8}$ " squares for flying geese units

7 – 3"xWOF strips

Subcut: 84 - 3"x 3" squares for corner squares

 $9 - 2^{1/2}$ "x WOF strips for binding

#### Fabric 2– Taupe Solid

2-6¼"xWOF strips

Subcut:  $7 - 6\frac{1}{4}x 6\frac{1}{4}$  squares for flying geese units

4-3"xWOF strips

Subcut: 52 - 3"x 3" squares for corner squares

Cut an additional 4 - 3"x 3" squares from remainder of  $6\frac{1}{4}"$  strip

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### Quilters Basics

Read instructions before beginning a project. All instructions include a ¼" seam allowance. Press as you go. Press seams in one direction.

#### Fabric 3– Cream Solid

 $2 - 6\frac{1}{4}$ "x WOF strips

Subcut:  $7 - 6\frac{1}{4}x 6\frac{1}{4}$  squares for flying geese units

#### Fabric 4– Taupe Vine Print

5 – 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"xWOF strips

Subcut:  $48 - 3\frac{3}{8}x 3\frac{3}{8}$ " squares for flying geese units

8 – 1¾"xWOF strips

Subcut:  $34 - 1\frac{3}{4}x3$ " strips for star center sashings and

 $34 - 1\frac{3}{4}$ "x  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " strips for star center sashings

#### Fabric 5– Cream Vine Print

4 – 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"x WOF strips

Subcut:  $36 - 3\frac{3}{8}x 3\frac{3}{8}$ " squares for flying geese units

3 – 1¾"xWOF strips

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Subcut:  $12 - 1\frac{3}{4}x3$ " strips for star center sashings and

 $12 - 1^{3}/(x 5^{1}/2)^{"}$  strips for star center sashings

#### Fabric 6- Cream Paisley Print

 $6 - 1\frac{3}{4}$ "x WOF strips

Subcut:  $24 - 1\frac{3}{4}x3$ " strips for star center sashings and

 $24 - 1\frac{3}{4}$ "x  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " strips for star center sashings

#### Fabric 7– Red Print

*Fussy Cut* 17 - 3"x 3" squares for star center square – centering feather motif in square. *See diagram*.

#### Fabric 8– Taupe Print

*Fussy Cut* 18 - 3"x 3" squares for star center square – centering feather motif in square. *See diagram on left*.

#### Fabric 9– Red/Taupe Stripe

*Fussy Cut*  $4 - 3\frac{1}{2}$ 'x **length** of fabric strips for sashings. See diagram.



Fabric 10- Red/Cream Toile

First Cut: 2 –  $8\frac{1}{2}$ "x **length** of fabric strips for outer border **then cut** 

8 – 8½"x WOF (approx. 23") strips from remainder of border fabric

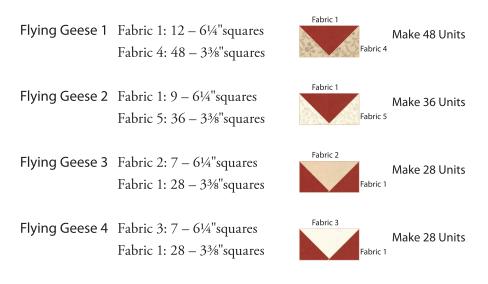
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# Construction

#### QUICK PIECED FLYING GEESE UNITS

See tutorial inside for directions for piecing flying geese units.

Make a total of 140 flying geese units using the following fabric pairs.



#### Construction – Cont.

#### STAR BLOCK CENTERS

Center 1 – Make 17 using Fabric 7 and Fabric 4

- 1. Stitch  $1-1\frac{3}{4}$ "x 3" Fabric 4 strip to opposite sides of 3"x 3" Fabric 7 center square. Press toward center square.
- 2. Add 1–1¾"x5½" Fabric 4 strip to top and bottom. Press toward center square.
- 3. Repeat steps to make 17 Star Block Center units. Unit should measure 5½"x 5½" with seams.
- Center 2 Make 6 using Fabric 8 and Fabric 5
- Center 3 Make 12 using Fabric 8 and Fabric 6



Center 1 Make 17 Units



Center 2 Make 6 Units



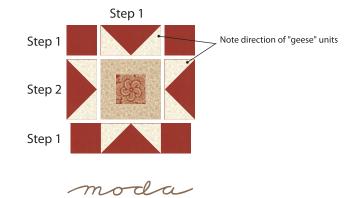
Center 3 Make 12 Units Unit should measure 5½"x5½" with seams

# Assemble Star Blocks – Make 35

Each Star Block requires 4 corner squares, 1 star center unit and 4 flying geese units.

- 1. Sew a 3"x 3" corner square to opposite sides of 1 flying geese unit. Press toward corner square. Make 2 units.
- 2. Add flying geese units to opposite sides of star center unit (*note direction of "geese". The point should face the center.*) Press seams toward center unit.
- 3. Add pieced units from Step 1 to center unit, *noting direction of geese*. Press away from center.

Make a total of 35 Star Blocks using the following fabric units.





Star Block 1 – Make 9

Each block requires:

4 – Fabric 1 corner squares; 1 – Star Block Center 1 unit 4 – Flying Geese 2 units



Star Block 2 – Make 12

Each block requires:

4 – Fabric 1 corner squares; 1 – Star Block Center 3 unit4 – Flying Geese 1 units



STAR BLOCK 3 – MAKE 8 Each block requires:

4 – Fabric 2 corner squares; 1 – Star Block Center 1 unit

2 - Flying Geese 3 units; 2 - Flying Geese 4 units



Star Block 4 – Make 6

Each block requires:

- 4 Fabric 2 corner squares; 1 Star Block Center 2 unit
- 2 Flying Geese 3 units; 2 Flying Geese 4 units

# Assemble Quilt Top

This quilt is assembled in columns instead of rows. Sashings are directional. So check direction when assembling quilt top. To make sure the star blocks line up across the quilt, find the middle of both sashing and star column and pin together before stitching. Before pressing use a mechanical pencil to mark star block seams on sashing strip then match marks with next column. See diagram on following page.

Red Columns – Make 3

Each column includes 4 Star Block 2 and 3 Star Block 1

Alternate star blocks, beginning and ending each column with Star Block 2. Press all seams in one directions.

Taupe Columns – Make 2

Each column includes 4 – Star Block 3 and 3 – Star Block 4

Alternate star blocks, beginning and ending each column with Star Block 3. Press all seams in one directions.

#### Piecing Columns and Sashings



Sashings

Measure length of assembled columns. Cut 4 fussy cut sashing strips to that measurement (approx. 70½"). Join columns alternating with prepared sashing strips. *Note direction of sashing*. Begin and end with a red column. Press seams toward sashing strips.

#### **O**UTER BORDER

- 1. Using a bias seam, join  $4 8\frac{1}{2}x$  WOF border strips together end to end. Press seams open. Repeat with 4 remaining strips.
- 2. Measure width of assembled columns and sashings.
- 3. Cut a top and bottom border strip to that measurement (approx. 62<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>")
- 4. Add top and bottom borders to quilt top. Press seams toward border.
- 5. Measure length of quilt top, including top and bottom borders. Cut  $2 8\frac{1}{2}$ "x **length** of fabric borders strips to that measurement (approx.  $86\frac{1}{2}$ ").
- 6. Add side borders to quilt top. Press toward borders. Quilt top should measure 78½"x 86½" with seams.

#### FINISHING

Using a bias seam, join the 9- 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"xWOF strips end to end. Press seams open. Fold prepared strip in half wrong sides together and press to make binding.

Layer, quilt and bind.

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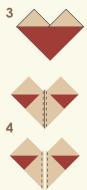


## QUICK PIECING FLYING GEESE

Cutting Line



Stitching Line



Makes 2 units



I – 6¼" square and 4 – 3¾" squares Yield: 4 Flying Geese Units

- 1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the 4 small squares.
- 2. With right sides together place 2 small squares in opposite corners of the large square matching the corners and center diagonal lines. Stitch ¼" on each side of drawn line.
- 3. Using a ruler and rotary cutter cut on center lines. Press small triangles away from large triangle.
- 4. Place another marked square in the remaining corner of the large triangle. Stitch on seam lines. Cut and press. Yield 2 flying geese units.
- 5. Trim corners (ears) on each unit. Units should measure  $3^{"x} 5^{1/2"}$  with seams.

Repeat steps above with remaining squares to yield 4 flying geese units. This is enough for 1 star block.

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Backing – 5¼ yds