

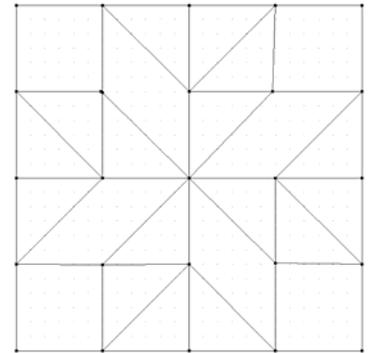
# Barbara Frietchie Star

12 inches finished



Choose two or three fabrics for this star. You can make all your outer points the same, or choose three fabrics. What you need to see is the pinwheel pop in the centre of the star.

Try a bold stripe for your focus fabric!



This is a four patch design, and although it looks like you have to do a couple of set ins, there are actually none here, as we have a seam delineating our four patches.

Background:



Corners and Connectors: 8 -  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  inch squares

Half Square Triangles: 2 -  $3 \frac{7}{8}$  in squares

or 4 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  square triangles from  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  in strip with a triangle ruler



Focus Fabric:



Star Points

4 -  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  by  $6 \frac{1}{2}$  inch rectangles



Pinwheel fabric:



Inner pinwheels

4 -  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  in squares for connector corners



Secondary star points:



Outer points 2 -  $3 \frac{7}{8}$  in squares

or 4 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  square triangles from  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  in strip with a triangle ruler



First, sew connector corners to your rectangles:



Background on the left, pinwheel fabric to the right. Remember to cut away only the middle so your rectangle will stay stable. Make four the same.



Make your half square triangle sections from the background and secondary star point fabric. Attach a background square to the half square triangle. Make four the same.

Sew your connector corner strips to the half square triangle strips and you will have one section of the star.

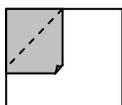
Sew the four sections together and you have a Barbara Frietchie Star!



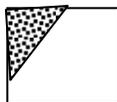
This star appeared in Clara Stone's *Practical Needlework* in 1910, called the Diamond Star, but it is also called simply Pieced Star.

Barbara Frietchie is the subject of a sentimental poem by John Greenleaf Whittier. She was reportedly "a worthy and highly esteemed gentlewoman, intensely loyal and a hater of the Slavery Rebellion, holding her Union flag sacred and keeping it with her bible". When the Confederates tried to enter her property, she "denounced them in vigorous language, shook her cane in their faces, and drove them out". How much of this is true is unknown, and some of her further adventures have been attributed to other women.

### Connector Corners:

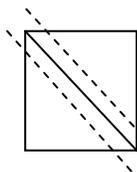


Draw a line kitty corner across the back of your small connector square. Place this on the appropriate corner of your larger piece, right sides together. Make sure that the line that you drew is in the correct position. Now, sew along that line.



Press the connector into the corner so that the right side of the connector is in the correct position on the base piece, then trim away the centre layer  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the seam. Square up your piece.

### Half Square Triangles:



Use two different fabrics to make two  $\frac{1}{2}$  square triangles.

On the back of the lighter of your two fabrics, draw a line kitty corner. Layer your two squares right sides together and sew  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch on either side of the line. Cut along the line, press the seam towards the dark side, and square to the correct size