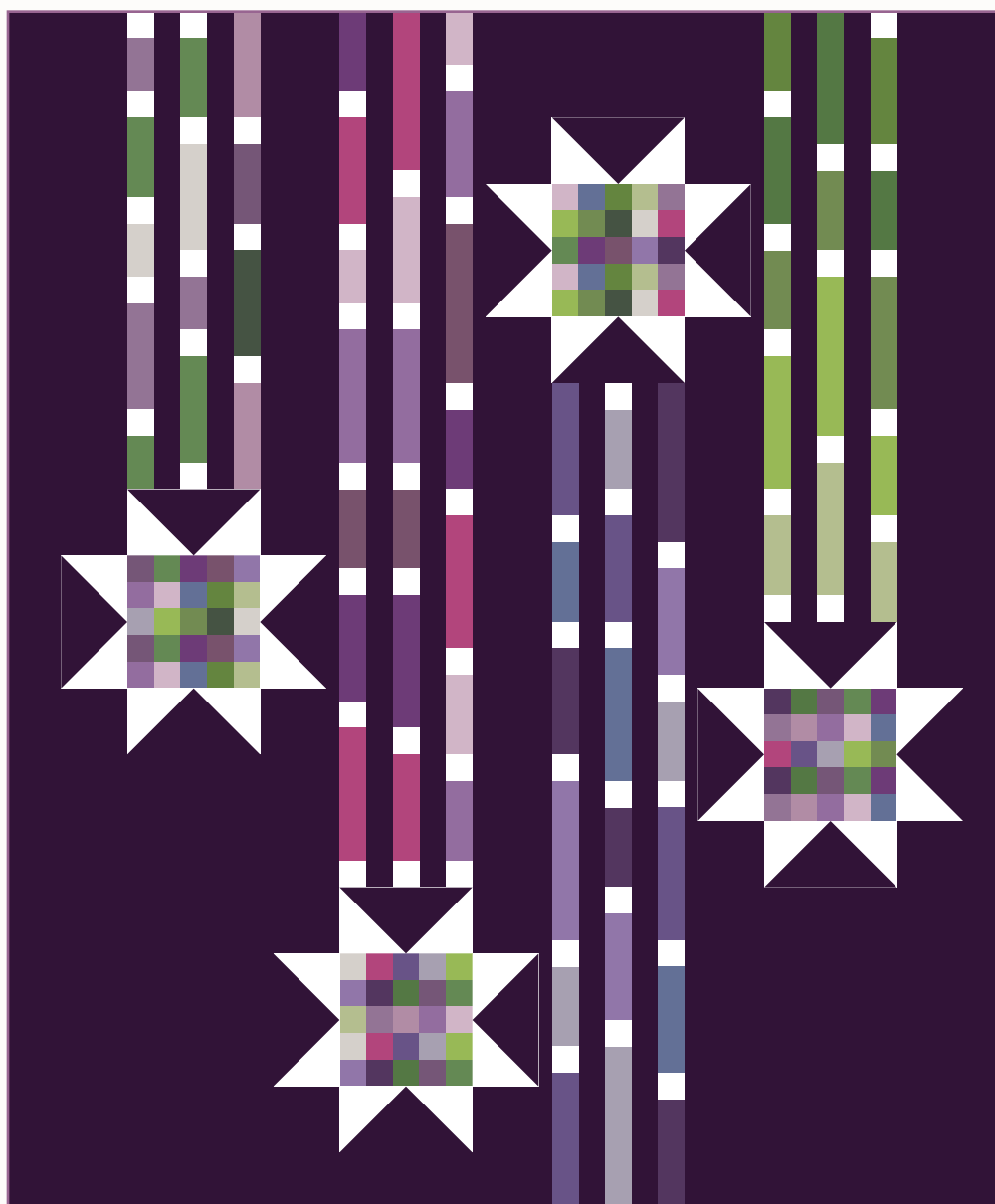


Showering Stars Quilt

Measured reconstruction from the supplied reference image



Four stars. Long trails of color.

75 x 90 inches | 190.5 x 228.6 cm

Original quilt design: Showering Stars by Robin Pickens. The instructions, cut sizes and diagrams in this guide were independently calculated from the supplied image. Begin with test units before cutting the complete quilt.

Read first and gather your fabric

Use this guide's cutting quantities for this reconstruction; they were recalculated for its column method.

The supplied pattern-cover image identifies Showering Stars by Robin Pickens and shows a 75 x 90-inch quilt. The designer's published errata confirms that size. Here, the star positions and trail sequences have been set on a measured grid so each completed column is the same length.

Skill level: confident beginner to intermediate, with accurate rotary cutting and long-seam control. Seam allowance: 1/4 inch except backing joins. All cut sizes include seams; finished dimensions exclude them. Diagrams show finished faces and are not cutting templates.

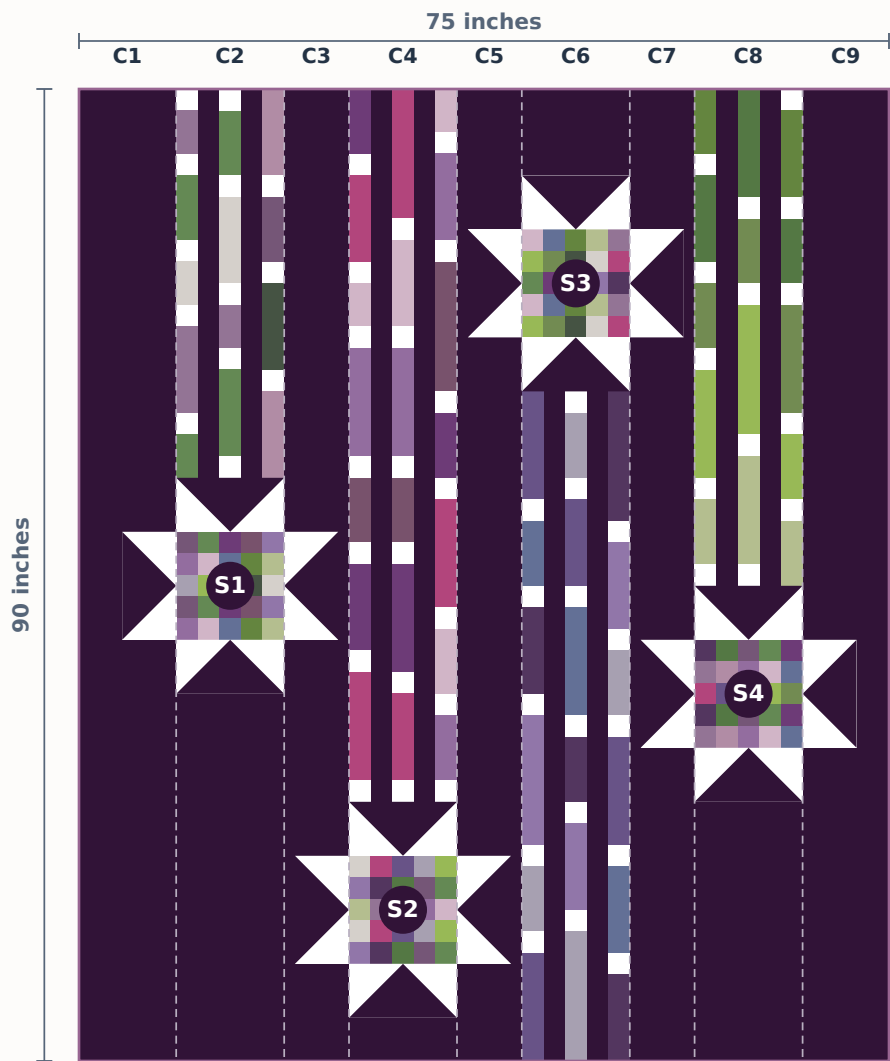
Material	Buy / prepare	Assumption
Deep plum background	5 1/2 yards (5.1 m)	At least 40 usable inches. The lengthwise panel plan on page 12 uses 181 1/2 inches before preparation allowance.
White star points and dashes	1 1/4 yards (1.2 m)	32 point squares and 63 small trail squares.
Coordinating prints	One 40-strip Jelly Roll or 24 strips, 2 1/2 x 40	20 strips can fit the exact cuts; extra strips give more color choices.
Binding	3/4 yard (0.7 m)	Ten 2 1/2-inch WOF strips, with 40 usable inches.
Backing	3 yards of 108-inch-wide fabric	Cut at least 83 x 98 inches. Narrow-fabric alternatives are on page 11.
Batting	At least 83 x 98 inches	4 inches larger than the finished top on every edge.
Supplies	Ruler, cutter, mat, pins, thread	A 1/4-inch foot and a large pressing surface help with the long columns.

This is a newly drafted reconstruction; it has not been test-sewn. It uses separate side-point bands rather than complete star blocks. Read the column chart before sewing the star components together.

Sources: [Robin Pickens - Showering Stars](#) and [official errata](#). Both links are clickable. The free guide supplied here contains the reconstruction, while the original pattern is available through the designer.

The measured layout

Finished coordinates are measured from the upper-left edge of the quilt top.



Star	Left / top
S1	4 / 36 inches
S2	20 / 66 inches
S3	36 / 8 inches
S4	52 / 46 inches

Each complete star occupies a 20 x 20-inch square and has a 10-inch patchwork center.

Trails are 10 inches wide. T1, T2 and T4 end above their stars. T3 begins below S3 and runs to the bottom edge.

Column widths, left to right

Column	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9
Finished	9	10	6	10	6	10	6	10	8
Unfinished	9 1/2	10 1/2	6 1/2	10 1/2	6 1/2	10 1/2	6 1/2	10 1/2	8 1/2

All nine columns must measure 90 1/2 inches long before they are joined. Their finished widths total 75 inches. This reconstruction needs no length correction at the top of C1.

Cut the small components

All sizes below are raw cut sizes in inches. WOF means usable fabric width without selvages.

Printed fabric: 165 patches total

Use	Cut size	Qty	Result
Four patchwork centers	2 1/2 square	100	25 per center
Trail rectangles	2 1/2 x 4 1/2	6	P4 segments
Trail rectangles	2 1/2 x 6 1/2	21	P6 segments
Trail rectangles	2 1/2 x 8 1/2	19	P8 segments
Trail rectangles	2 1/2 x 10 1/2	13	P10 segments
Trail rectangles	2 1/2 x 12 1/2	6	P12 segments

White fabric

Use	Cut size	Qty	WOF cutting plan
Star-point corners	5 1/2 square	32	5 strips at 5 1/2 inches; 7 squares fit per 40-inch strip.
Trail dashes	2 1/2 square	63	4 strips at 2 1/2 inches; 16 squares fit per strip.

Small plum components

Use	Cut size	Qty	Placement
Point-unit bases (G)	5 1/2 x 10 1/2	16	Eight upper/lower units; eight side units.
Narrow wing fillers (F1-F6)	1 1/2 x 10 1/2	6	Two each in C3, C5 and C7.
Left outer filler (F7)	4 1/2 x 10 1/2	1	C1, beside S1 left wing.
Right outer filler (F8)	3 1/2 x 10 1/2	1	C9, beside S4 right wing.

Cut and label the plum panels

Cut one of each rectangle. T = top panel, M = middle panel, B = bottom panel.

Label	Cut width x length	Position
C1-T	9 1/2 x 41 1/2	C1 above S1 left wing
C1-B	9 1/2 x 39 1/2	C1 below S1 left wing
C2-B	10 1/2 x 34 1/2	Below star S1
C3-T	6 1/2 x 41 1/2	C3 upper panel
C3-M	6 1/2 x 20 1/2	Between S1 and S2 wings
C3-B	6 1/2 x 9 1/2	C3 lower panel
C4-B	10 1/2 x 4 1/2	Below star S2
C5-T	6 1/2 x 13 1/2	C5 upper panel
C5-M	6 1/2 x 48 1/2	Between S3 and S2 wings
C5-B	6 1/2 x 9 1/2	C5 lower panel
C6-T	10 1/2 x 8 1/2	Above star S3
C7-T	6 1/2 x 13 1/2	C7 upper panel
C7-M	6 1/2 x 28 1/2	Between S3 and S4 wings
C7-B	6 1/2 x 29 1/2	C7 lower panel
C8-B	10 1/2 x 24 1/2	Below star S4
C9-T	8 1/2 x 51 1/2	C9 above S4 right wing
C9-B	8 1/2 x 29 1/2	C9 below S4 right wing

Eight continuous trail separators

Trail	Cut size	Trail	Cut size	Quantity
T1	2 1/2 x 36 1/2	T2	2 1/2 x 66 1/2	2 per trail
T3	2 1/2 x 62 1/2	T4	2 1/2 x 46 1/2	2 per trail

Prepare the star components

The stars are completed when the nine columns are joined; allocate their components before assembly.

Four patchwork centers

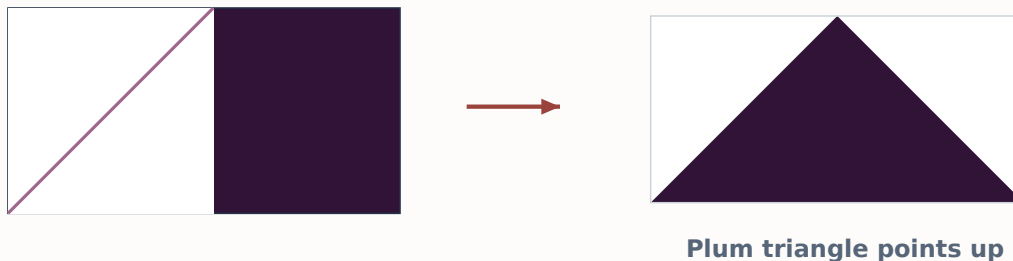


Arrange 25 printed 2 1/2-inch squares in five rows of five. Sew each row; it measures 10 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches. Press neighboring rows in opposite directions and join them.

Make four centers, each 10 1/2 inches square unfinished. Label them S1-S4. Mix light, medium and dark prints in each center.

Sixteen white-point units

For each unit, start with a plum 5 1/2 x 10 1/2-inch rectangle and two white 5 1/2-inch squares. Place one square on the left end, right sides together. Sew its diagonal from lower-left to upper-right; trim the outside corner to a 1/4-inch seam allowance, flip and press. Repeat at the right end with the opposite diagonal.



Trim each unit to 5 1/2 x 10 1/2 inches. Preserve 1/4 inch beyond the plum triangle's apex. Set aside four units for star tops, four for star bottoms, four for left wings and four for right wings.

Orient the PLUM triangle toward the patchwork center: down for a top unit, up for a bottom unit, right for a left wing, and left for a right wing. The white corner triangles form the eight outward star points.

Trail recipes: T1 and T2

P = printed fabric; W = white. Numbers are FINISHED segment lengths in inches.

Every segment is 2 inches wide finished. For example, P6 means cut a printed rectangle 2 1/2 x 6 1/2 inches. W2 means a white 2 1/2-inch square. Read each rail from the top of the quilt downward.

T1: 36-inch finished trail

Make 1 | Trim to 10 1/2 x 36 1/2 inches

Rail	Top-to-bottom sequence	Finished length
A	W2 / P4 / W2 / P6 / W2 / P4 / W2 / P8 / W2 / P4	36 inches
B	W2 / P6 / W2 / P8 / W2 / P4 / W2 / P8 / W2	36 inches
C	P8 / W2 / P6 / W2 / P8 / W2 / P8	36 inches



Rail preview is horizontal for readability; sew and install it vertically.

T2: 66-inch finished trail

Make 1 | Trim to 10 1/2 x 66 1/2 inches

Rail	Top-to-bottom sequence	Finished length
A	P6 / W2 / P8 / W2 / P4 / W2 / P10 / W2 / P6 / W2 / P8 / W2 / P10 / W2	66 inches
B	P12 / W2 / P8 / W2 / P10 / W2 / P6 / W2 / P10 / W2 / P8 / W2	66 inches
C	P4 / W2 / P8 / W2 / P12 / W2 / P6 / W2 / P10 / W2 / P6 / W2 / P6 / W2	66 inches



Rail preview is horizontal for readability; sew and install it vertically.

T3: 62-inch finished trail

Rail	Top-to-bottom sequence	Finished length
A	P10 / W2 / P6 / W2 / P8 / W2 / P12 / W2 / P6 / W2 / P10	62 inches
B	W2 / P6 / W2 / P8 / W2 / P10 / W2 / P6 / W2 / P8 / W2 / P12	62 inches
C	P12 / W2 / P8 / W2 / P6 / W2 / P10 / W2 / P8 / W2 / P8	62 inches



T4: 46-inch finished trail

Rail	Top-to-bottom sequence	Finished length
A	P6 / W2 / P8 / W2 / P6 / W2 / P10 / W2 / P6 / W2	46 inches
B	P10 / W2 / P6 / W2 / P12 / W2 / P10 / W2	46 inches
C	W2 / P8 / W2 / P6 / W2 / P10 / W2 / P6 / W2 / P6	46 inches



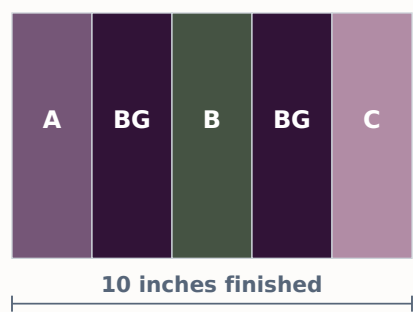
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Build the trails and side-point bands

These subassemblies allow the quilt to be sewn as nine straight columns.

Assemble each complete trail

Sew each rail's segments end to end with 1/4-inch seams, following pages 7-8. Check all three rails at the required unfinished length. Join them in this order: A / plum separator / B / plum separator / C. The five strips finish at 2 inches each, giving a 10-inch finished width.



Trail	Unfinished size	Placement
T1	10 1/2 x 36 1/2	Above S1
T2	10 1/2 x 66 1/2	Above S2
T3	10 1/2 x 62 1/2	Below S3
T4	10 1/2 x 46 1/2	Above S4

Build eight side-point bands

Band	Left-to-right assembly	Unfinished size	Star wing included
W1	F7 (4 1/2 wide) + wing	9 1/2 x 10 1/2	S1 left; plum points right
W2	Wing + F1 (1 1/2 wide)	6 1/2 x 10 1/2	S1 right; plum points left
W3	F2 (1 1/2 wide) + wing	6 1/2 x 10 1/2	S2 left; plum points right
W4	F3 (1 1/2 wide) + wing	6 1/2 x 10 1/2	S3 left; plum points right
W5	Wing + F4 (1 1/2 wide)	6 1/2 x 10 1/2	S2 right; plum points left
W6	Wing + F5 (1 1/2 wide)	6 1/2 x 10 1/2	S3 right; plum points left
W7	F6 (1 1/2 wide) + wing	6 1/2 x 10 1/2	S4 left; plum points right
W8	Wing + F8 (3 1/2 wide)	8 1/2 x 10 1/2	S4 right; plum points left

Assemble the nine columns

Every recipe below reads from TOP to BOTTOM. All components use 1/4-inch seams.

Column	Width*	Top-to-bottom recipe
C1	9 1/2	C1-T + W1 + C1-B
C2	10 1/2	T1 + S1 top point + S1 center + S1 bottom point + C2-B
C3	6 1/2	C3-T + W2 + C3-M + W3 + C3-B
C4	10 1/2	T2 + S2 top point + S2 center + S2 bottom point + C4-B
C5	6 1/2	C5-T + W4 + C5-M + W5 + C5-B
C6	10 1/2	C6-T + S3 top point + S3 center + S3 bottom point + T3
C7	6 1/2	C7-T + W6 + C7-M + W7 + C7-B
C8	10 1/2	T4 + S4 top point + S4 center + S4 bottom point + C8-B
C9	8 1/2	C9-T + W8 + C9-B

* Unfinished width in inches. Every column is 90 1/2 inches long.

Pin the star-body intersections first

Lay all columns in order before sewing. The side wings must align exactly with the upper and lower edges of their 10-inch patchwork centers. Mark these finished height positions on the adjoining column diagrams; then pin matching seam intersections on the fabric.

Do not stretch a shorter column to meet a longer one. Recheck seam allowances and component lengths before joining.

Star	Center height interval
S1	41 to 51 inches
S2	71 to 81 inches
S3	13 to 23 inches
S4	51 to 61 inches

First join C1-C3 to confirm the alignment of S1. Once those intersections meet correctly, continue with C4-C9. Keep a consistent 1/4-inch seam along the full length of each join.

Join, quilt and bind

Before quilting, the completed top should measure 75 1/2 x 90 1/2 inches including seam allowances.

Complete the quilt top

Join the nine columns in order, matching their top and bottom raw edges and all star-body seams. Support the fabric on the table while sewing. Press the long joins open or toward the plain background where practical; use gentle pressure to avoid stretching the rails.

The finished quilt has no additional borders. Check that the outer edges are straight and the star points retain their seam allowances. The intended bound size is 75 x 90 inches.

Prepare backing and batting

Backing option	Fabric amount	Cut and join
108-inch wide	3 yards	Cut one piece at least 83 x 98 inches.
At least 42 usable inches wide	6 yards	Cut two 99-inch panels; join long edges with a 1/2-inch seam. Combined size is at least 83 x 99 inches.
40 usable inches wide	7 1/4 yards	Cut three 84-inch panels. Join their 84-inch edges with 1/2-inch seams, creating about 84 x 118 inches; trim to at least 83 x 98.

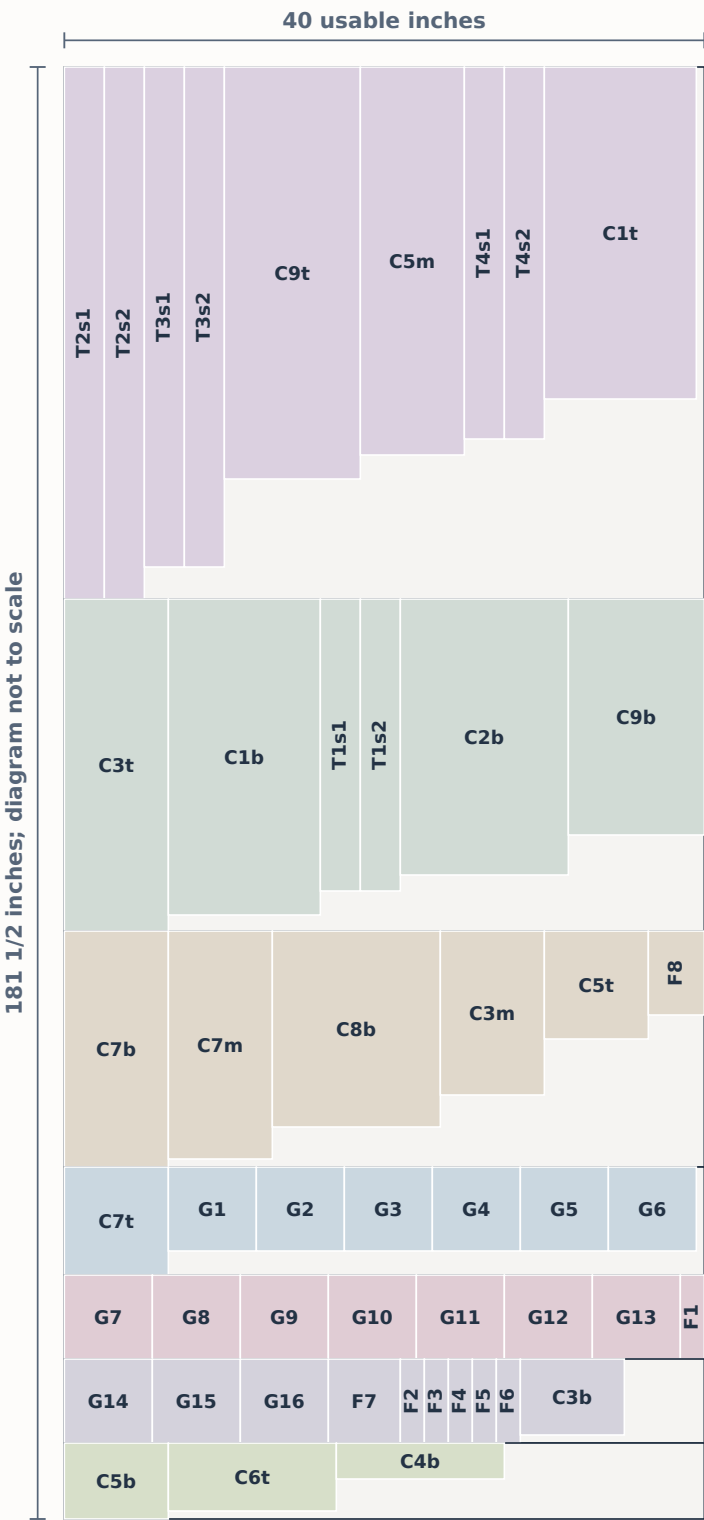
Layer backing, batting and the pressed top. Baste carefully around the long trails. Quilting lines that travel along the rails can support their vertical movement; a softer texture in the open plum areas creates contrast. Follow the batting manufacturer's required maximum quilting distance.

Bind the edges

Cut ten 2 1/2-inch-wide binding strips from the 3/4 yard of binding fabric. Join diagonally, trim joins to 1/4 inch and press open. You need at least 350 usable inches, including the joining allowance. Fold lengthwise, wrong sides together; attach with a 1/4-inch seam, miter the corners and finish the folded edge on the back. Quilting and washing may reduce the final size slightly.

Background cutting plan and checks

Lengthwise panel plan: 40 usable inches wide x 181 1/2 inches long. Buy 5 1/2 yards for preparation allowance.



Shelf	Crosscut length
1	66 1/2 inches
2	41 1/2 inches
3	29 1/2 inches
4	13 1/2 inches
5	10 1/2 inches
6	10 1/2 inches
7	9 1/2 inches

Crosscut these seven full-width sections in order, then cut the labeled rectangles within each section. All dimensions on pages 4-5 are raw cut sizes. Leave the uncolored remainders for test sewing.

- G1-G16: point-unit bases.
- F1-F8: wing fillers.
- T#s#: trail separator.
- C#t / m / b: top, middle or bottom column panel.

Final size checkpoints

- Centers: 10 1/2-inch squares.
- Point units: 5 1/2 x 10 1/2.
- Trail width: 10 1/2.
- All column lengths: 90 1/2.
- Completed top: 75 1/2 x 90 1/2.

All values are unfinished inches.

Design reference: Showering Stars by Robin Pickens, supplied cover image. Measured construction and diagrams newly drafted for this guide. Official information: robinpickens.com/blog/showering-stars-quilt-pattern and robinpickens.com/errata.html.