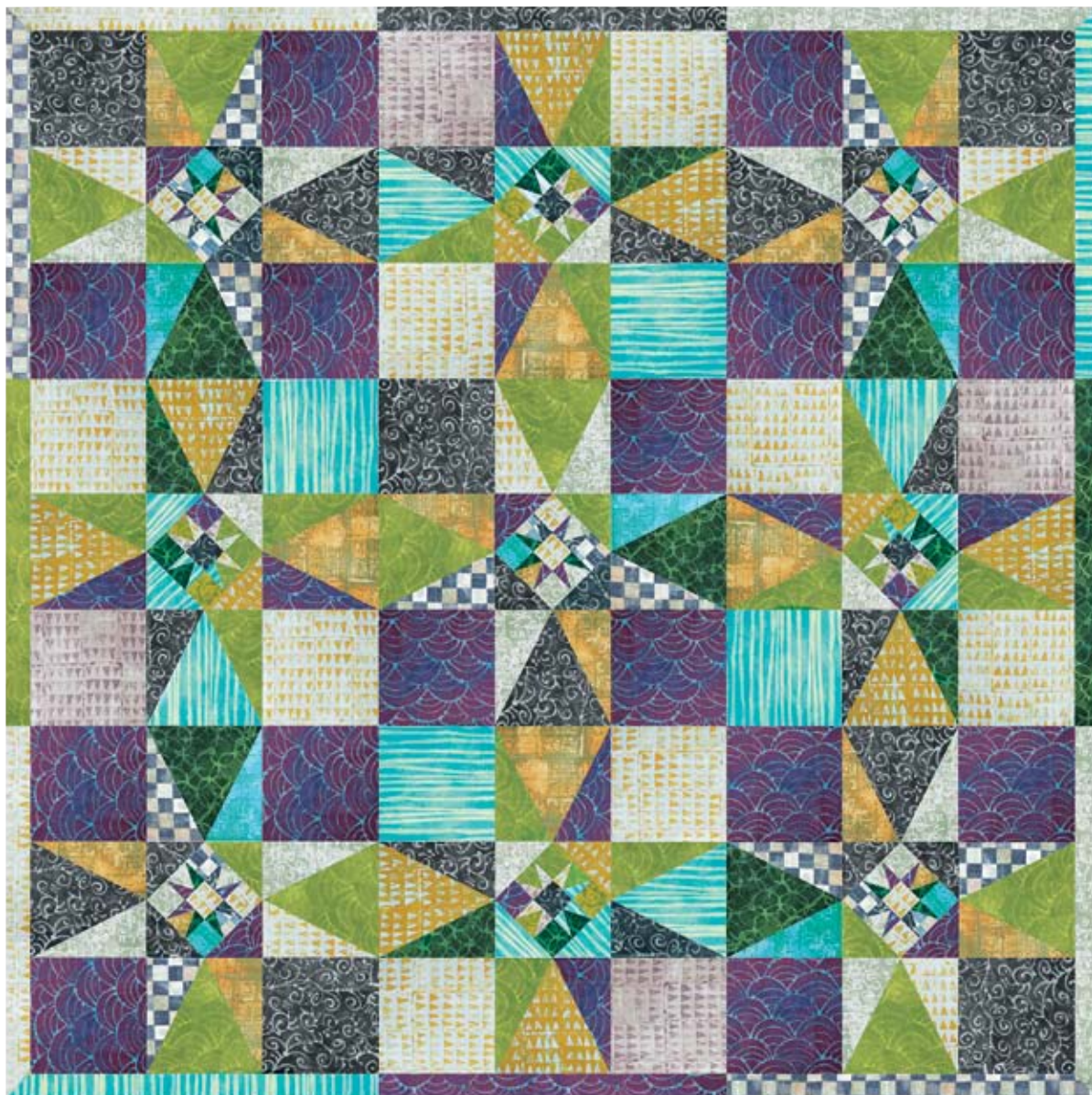


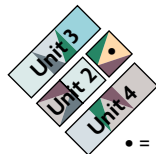


# Stars at Dusk

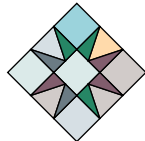
DESIGNED BY KATHRYN WAGAR WRIGHT

**This easy-to-piece star was designed by QN Senior Designer Kathryn Wagar Wright using Marcia Derse's Nouveau Chic collection by Troy Fabrics.** The center stars are foundation pieced for accuracy. Because the block is large, you will only need nine for a lap-size quilt. For a quicker version, cut fabric squares to replace the little center stars. ►





• = Unit 1  
**STAR BLOCK PIECING**



**BLOCK W**  
 Make 5



**BLOCK X**  
 Make 4

**ASSEMBLY**

**1** Wash, starch and press fabrics. Cut the patches listed in the materials and cutting box and shown in the rotary cutting diagrams. Cut patches for the foundation-pieced stars as they are needed.

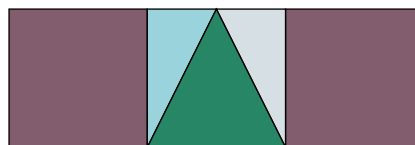
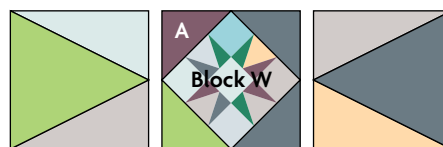
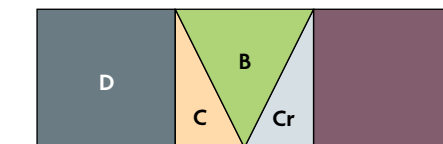
**2** Photocopy or trace 9 copies each of foundation units 1-4. Notice that the placement of the light and dark fabrics is reversed in the two blocks. Referring to the star block piecing diagram, foundation piece 5 block W's and 4 block X's.

**3** Referring to the block Y piecing diagram and the block Z diagram, make 5 block Y's and 4 block Z's, being careful to place the correct star block in the center of each.

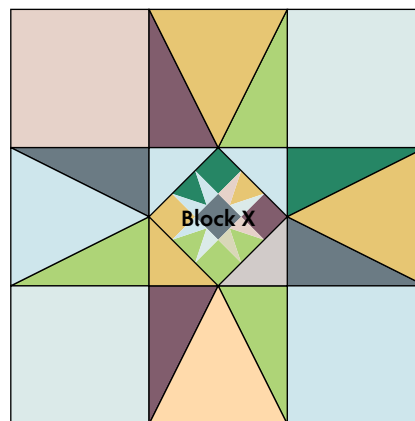
**4** Referring to the quilt assembly diagram, join the blocks in 3 rows of 3 blocks, alternating the types as shown.

**5** Join light and dark border strips as shown in the quilt assembly diagram to make the pieced borders. Sew a pieced border to each side, stopping stitching 1/4" from the raw edge of the quilt. Miter the corners and trim the excess.

**6** Mark quilting motifs as shown or as desired. Layer the backing, batting and quilt top. Baste. Quilt the marked motifs. Bind the quilt to finish. ▶



**BLOCK Y PIECING**  
 Make 5



**BLOCK Z**  
 Make 4

**MATERIALS AND CUTTING**

Requirements are based on 42" fabric width. Border strips are the exact length required plus seam allowances except where noted.

**BLOCK SIZE:** 21" **QUILT SIZE:** 66" x 66"

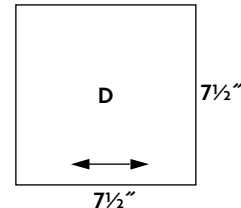
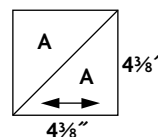
MATERIALS	YDS.	CUTTING
Light Scraps	3 (12 fat 1/4's)	16 A, 16 B, 20 C, 20 Cr, 16 D, *8 border strips 2" x 25", foundation patches
Dark Scraps	2 3/4 (11 fat 1/4's)	20 A, 20 B, 16 C, 16 Cr, 20 D, 4 border strips 2" x 21 1/2", foundation patches
Binding	1/2	7 binding strips 2 1/4" x 42"
Backing	4 1/8	2 panels 36" x 70"
Batting		70" x 70"

\*Light border strips include extra length for insurance plus seam allowance.

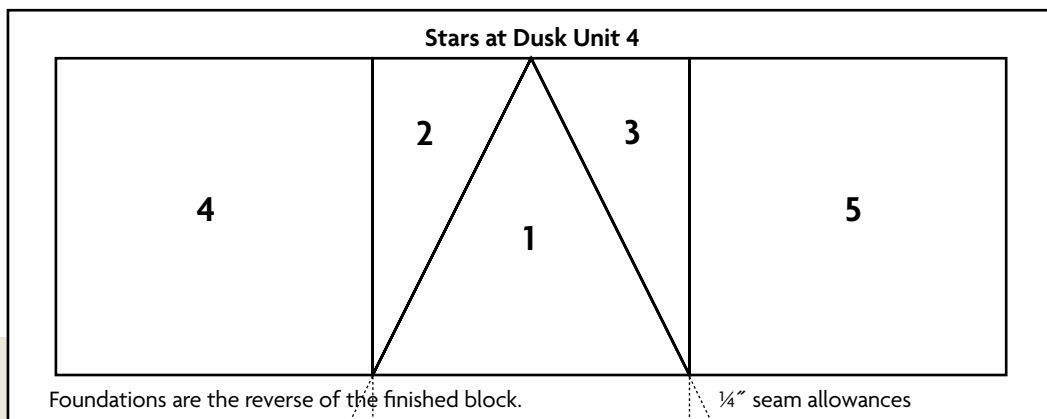
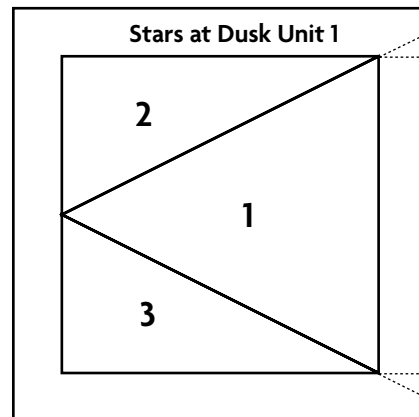
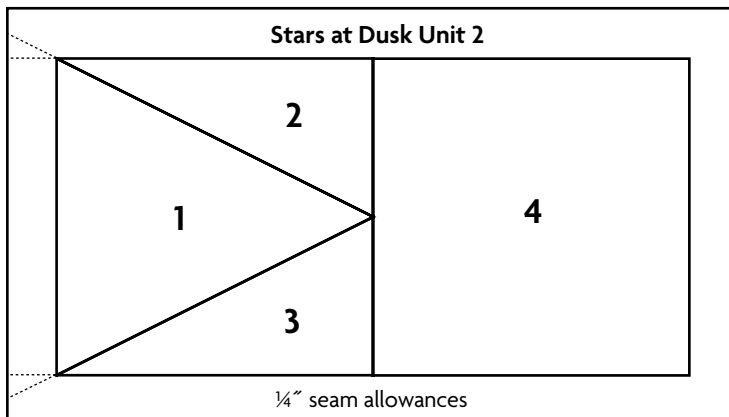
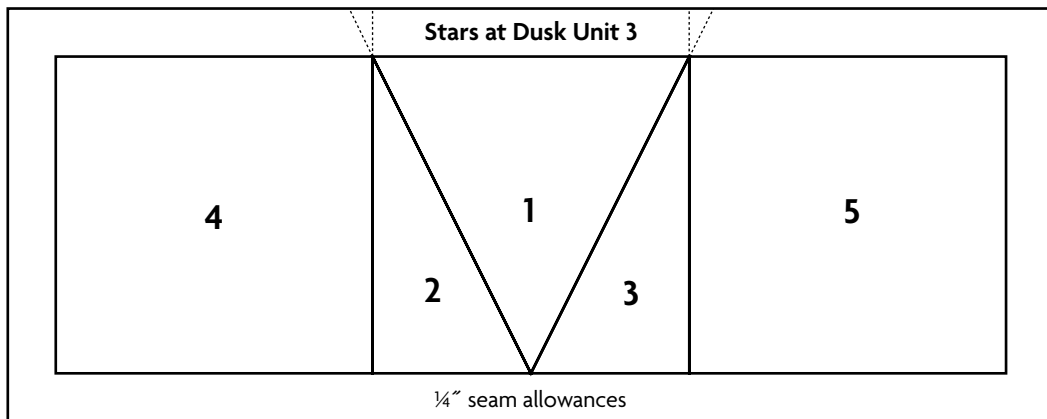
**TECHNIQUES USED:** machine piecing, foundation piecing, machine quilting

**ROTARY CUTTING**

Measurements include 1/4" seam allowances. Align arrows with lengthwise or crosswise grain of fabric.



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DESIGNER TIP

JOINING FOUNDATION-PIECED UNITS

The little center stars are foundation-pieced in 4 separate units. It is important visually to have the seams line up between the units. Leave the foundations in place until the star is completely pieced. Foundation piece the 4 units. Trim each unit accurately, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance all around. Align a unit 1 on top of patch 4 of unit 2, matching sewing lines. Stitch with small stitches. Press the seam allowance toward patch 4.

Position unit 3 on top of unit 1/unit 2. Place a straight pin vertically at each place that needs to match. Look on the back side to be sure that the seam lines match. Let the pins “dangle” in place (Fig. 1). Use other pins to pin the sections together. Remove the vertical pins. We recommend a preliminary basting at this point to be sure that the seams match. Set your machine to a long basting stitch, and stitch the seam

(Fig. 2). Open up and be sure that the seams match accurately. If not, remove the basting stitches, repin and stitch again.

Reset your machine to a tight stitch (14 per inch), and sew the sections together, stitching beyond the sewing lines to the raw edges of the units. Repeat for unit 4.

Remove the foundations. Press the seam allowance open between units. Q

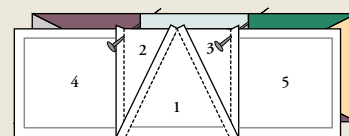


Fig. 1

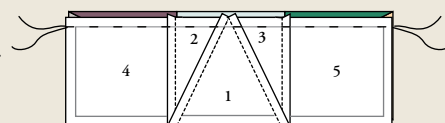
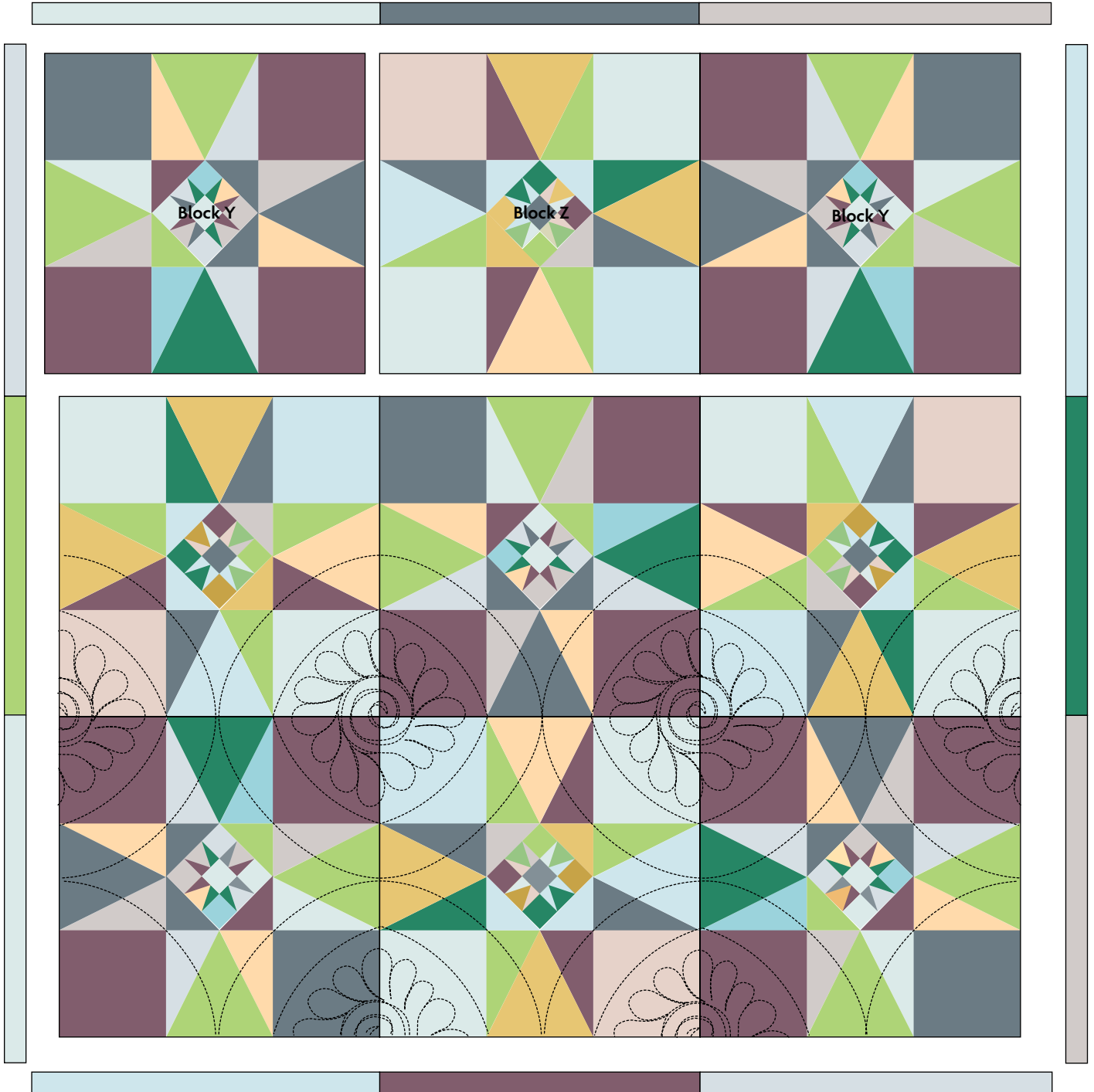


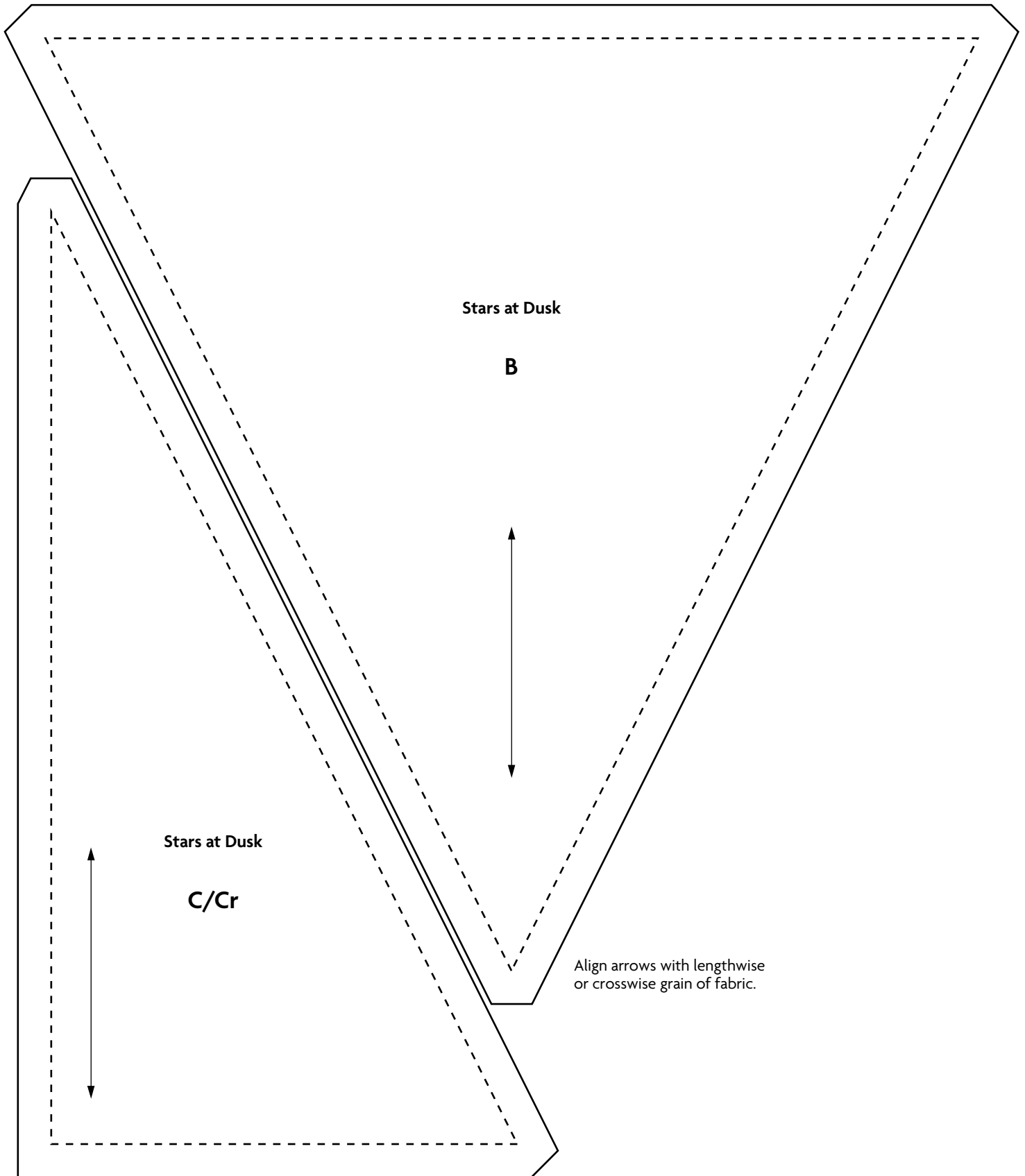
Fig. 2

FREE PATTERN



QUILT ASSEMBLY & PARTIAL QUILTING PLACEMENT

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