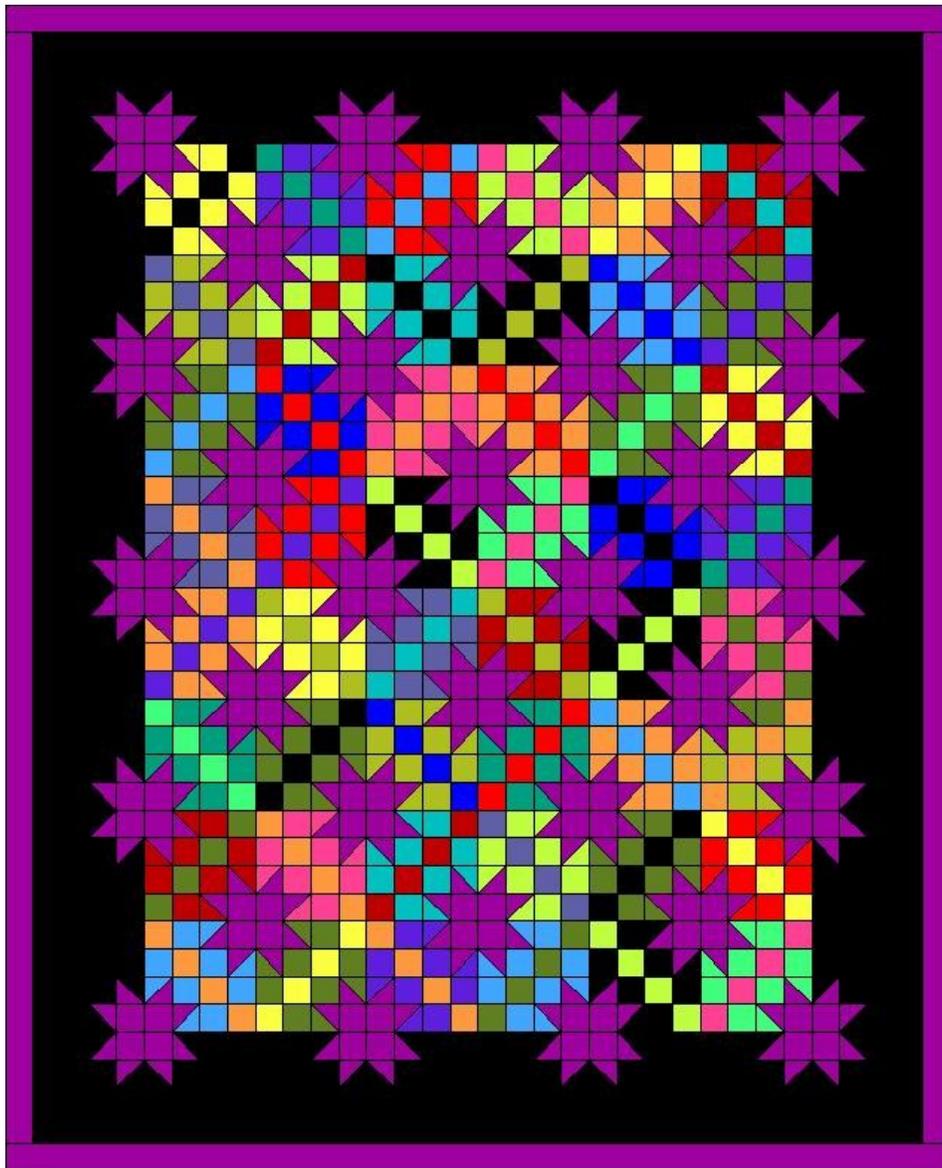


PURPLE STARS

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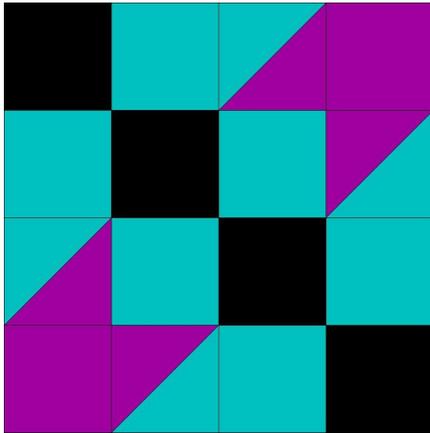
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Many thanks. Cindy

**Quilt measures 68" by 84".
Block size is 8" finished (8.5" unfinished).**

The block is the Road to Oklahoma.



Fabric Requirements:

Colored squares:

16 FQs or quarter yard cuts of various colored fabrics.

I chose a combination of Moda Marbles, batiks, hand dyed and solid fabrics I had on hand. Look for fabrics that read as a solid.

Star and Outside Border fabric – 2 yards

I used a purple batik.

Black Fabric – 2 ¼ yards

¼ yard will be used with the colored squares.

I selected a black fabric that had a dark blue pattern in it.

This softened the starkness of the black.

Binding Fabric – 2/3 yard

Cutting Directions and HST Requirements for the Colored Blocks:

First Cut or Make	Additional Info
(30) squares from each of the (16) colored fabrics (including the black).	2.5" each
(12) colored fabric/star fabric HSTs from each of the colored fabrics (including the black).	2.5" each Use the method of your choice to make the HSTs*

Cutting Directions and HST Requirements for the Border Fabric:

First Cut or Make	Additional Info
(64) black/star fabric HSTs.	2.5" each Use the method of your choice to make the HSTs*
(2) 2.5" by WOF** strip of star fabric	Cross cut into (32) 2.5" squares
(2) 2.5" by WOF strip of black fabric	Cross cut into (32) 2.5" squares
(1) 9" by WOF strip of black fabric	Cross cut (4) 8.5" squares and (4) 4.5" squares
(2) 8.5" by WOF strips black fabric	Cross cut into (10) 8.5" squares
(3) 4.5" by WOF strips black fabric	Cross cut into (14) 4.5" by 8.5" rectangles
(1) 4.5" by WOF strip of black fabric	Cross cut into (8) 4.5" squares
(8) 2.5" strips star fabric This is for the outer border.	Each strip is 2.5" by WOF
(8) 2.5" strips binding fabric	Each strip is 2.5" by WOF

*Free websites with directions for making HSTs.

I frequently use the first one on the list.

<http://www.quilt.com/Blocks/TrianglePapers/Triangles.html>

<http://www.equilters.com/library/blocks/HalfSqTriangles.html>

<http://quilting.about.com/od/quickpiecingtechniques/ss/halfsquaretria.htm>

http://quilting.about.com/od/piecingtechniques/ss/grid_triangles.htm?terms=half+square%20triangle

<http://quiltingpassion.com/tutorials/HST/hst.html>

**WOF – Width of Fabric

Sewing Your Road to Oklahoma Blocks:

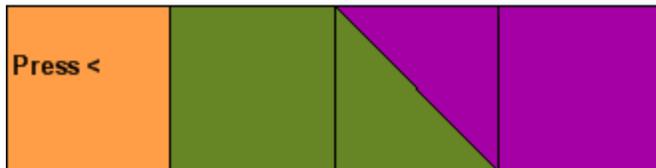
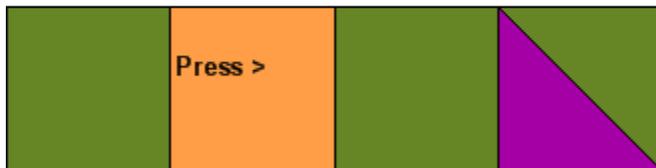
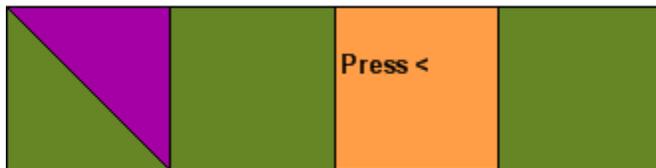
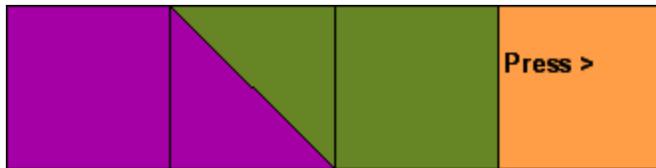
The center of the quilt has 48 blocks (6 blocks by 8 blocks).

Sew the rows in each block according to the diagram below.
Press each row in the direction indicated in the diagram.

When sewing each block, orient the block so you have the star fabric in the upper left and bottom right corners.

There is enough squares and HSTs of each fabric for that fabric to appear in 6 blocks. (3) blocks with the fabric going down the center diagonal line and (3) blocks with the fabric around the corner stars.

Make each block with a different color combination.



Don't press the seams that join the rows together until all blocks are made and you are ready for final assembly.

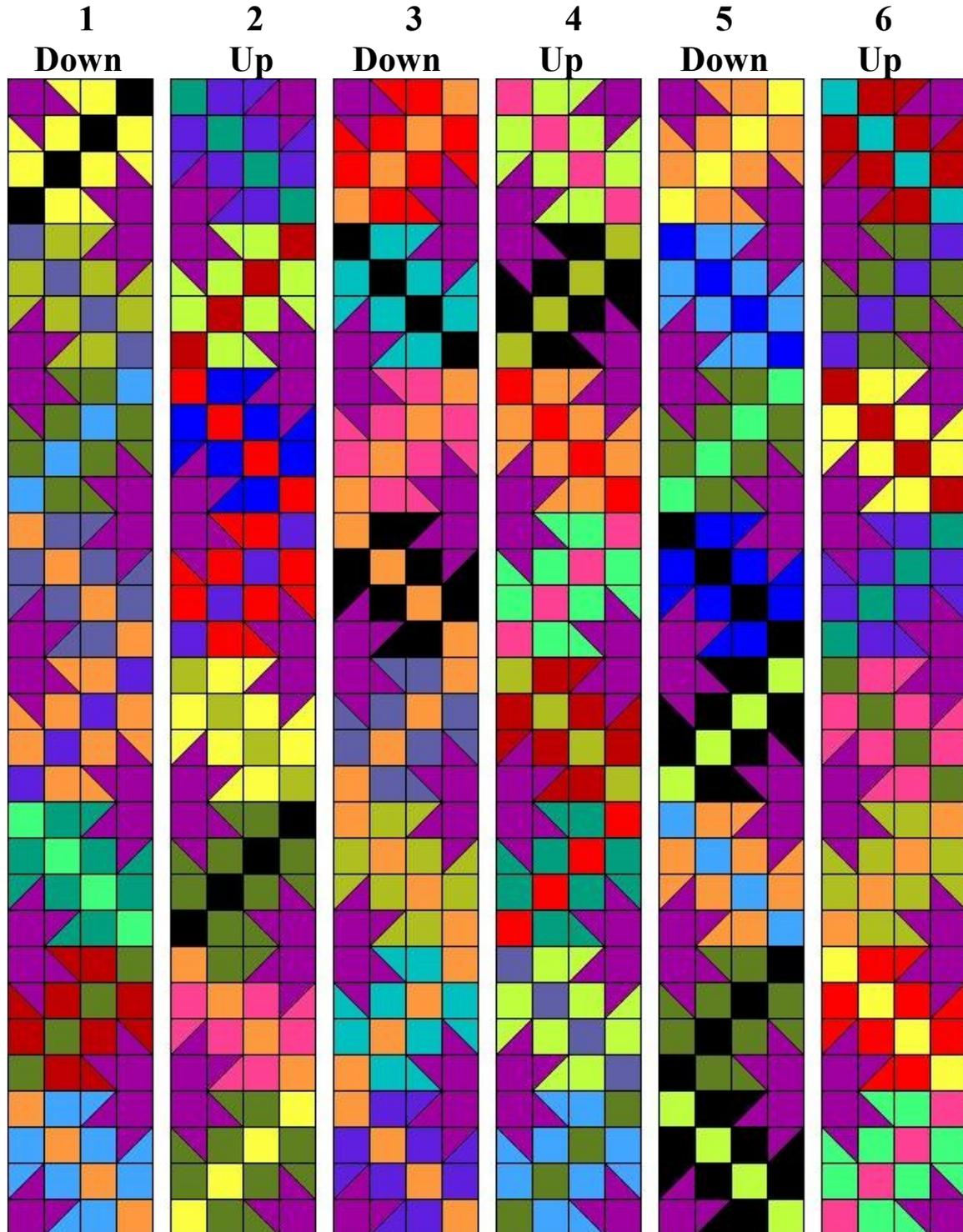
Assembling the Center of the Quilt:

Sew the blocks together in columns 1 through 6, matching the direction of the purple stars in the drawing below.

Press all the blocks in columns 1, 3 and 5 with the seams down.

Press all the blocks in columns 2, 4 and 6 with the seams up.

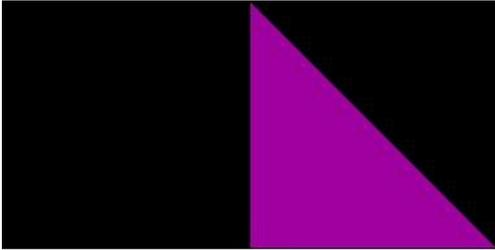
Sew the columns together, nesting the seams. Press to the right.



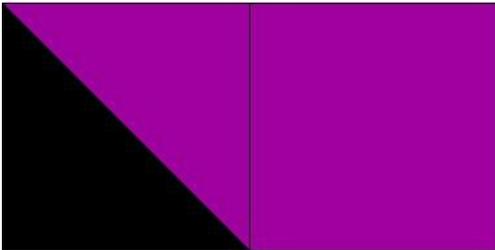
Creating Your Borders:

Step 1. Make (32) of the following unit. Pay close attention to the pressing instructions.

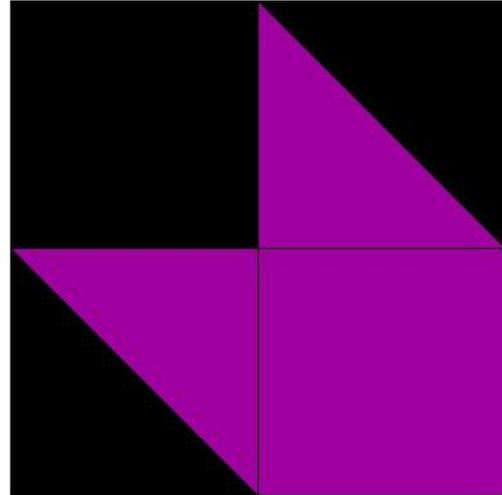
Press to the Right >>



Press to the Left <<

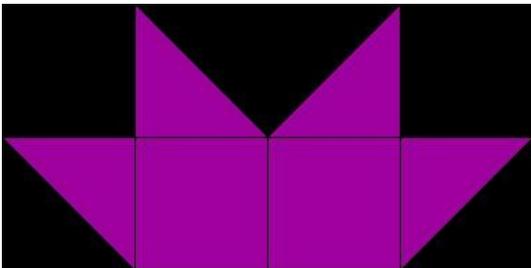


Press Down >>



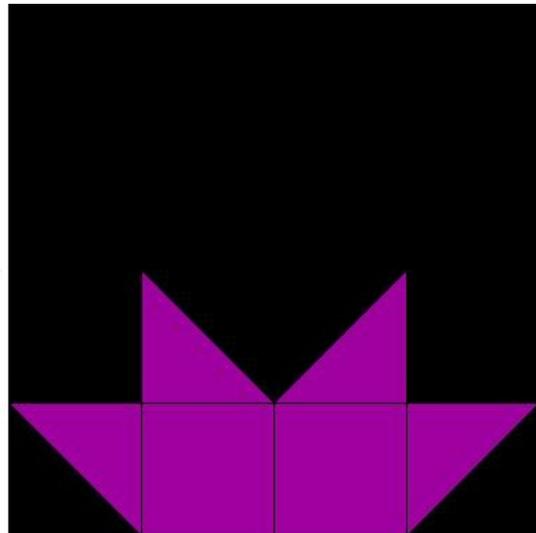
Step 2. Make (14) of the following unit. Pay close attention to the pressing instructions.

Sew a 4.5" by 8.5" rectangle to each half star unit.

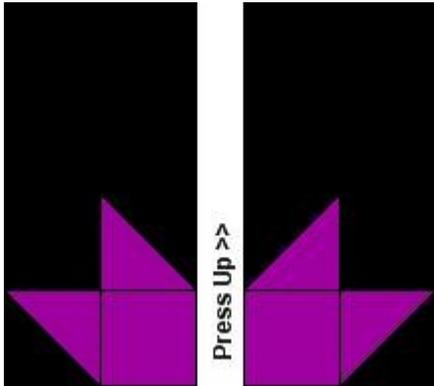


Sew and Press Nesting Seams

Press Up >>



Step 3. Make (2) of the following units.
You will be joining a quarter star unit to a 4.5" square.

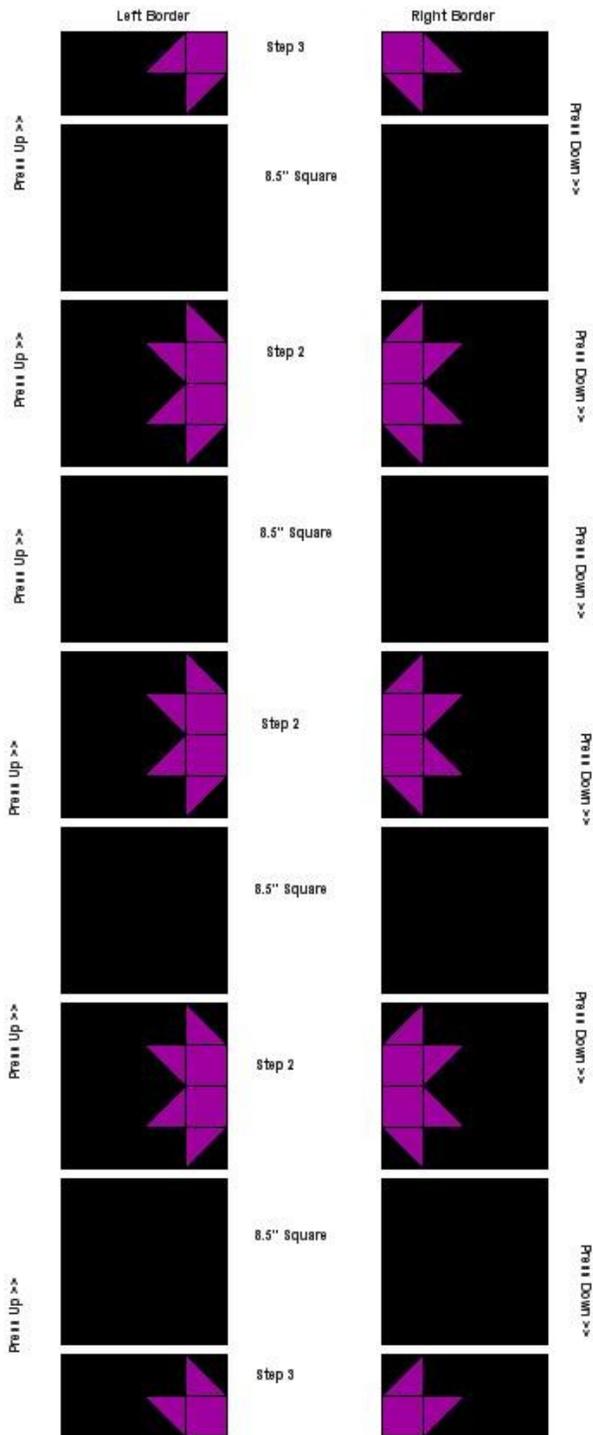


Step 4. Make (4) of the following unit.
You are joining (2) 4.5" squares together.

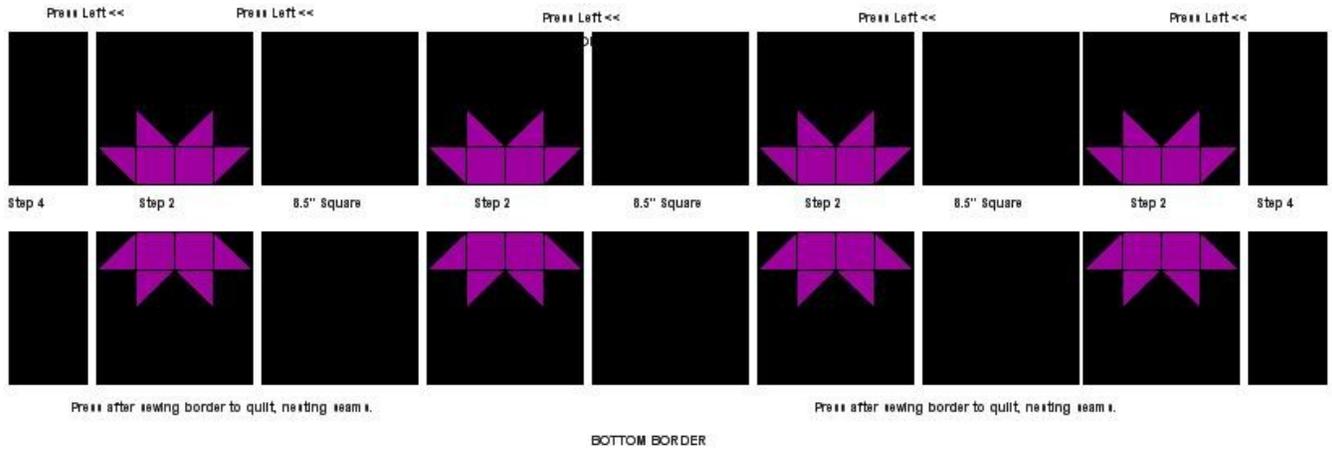


Press in either direction.

Assembling Left and Right Inside Borders:



Assembling Top and Bottom Inside Border:



Sew the side border to the quilt, nesting seams.
Sew the top and bottom borders to the quilt, nesting seams.

Adding Outside Borders:

Sew (2) 2.5" by WOF fabric strips together to get 4 strips.
Trim two of the strips to 80.5".
Trim the other two to 68.5".
Sew the longer strips to the sides and the shorter to the top and bottom. Press.

