

Better Angels

Assemble Quilt Center

- Follow the quilt lay out diagram to lay out five rows of five blocks each for the center of the quilt. Stitch together the blocks in each row. Stitch together the rows.

Add Borders

- Cut one hundred thirty-six dark 3 ½ " squares.
- Sew fifteen squares together end to end. Make four. Sew two strips to each side of the quilt.
- Sew nineteen squares together end to end. Make four. Sew two strips to the top and bottom of the quilt.

Finish Quilt

- Layer the backing, batting and quilt top. Baste and quilt as desired. Bind the quilt with 2 ½ " strips cut from the remaining dark fabrics for a scrappy look. You may also cut the strips from one ½ yard piece of dark fabric.

ENJOY!



"The mystic chords of memory,
stretching from every battle field
and patriot grave to every living
heart and hearthstone all over this
broad land, will yet swell the chorus
of the Union, when again touched,
as surely they will be, by the
better angels of our nature."

Abraham Lincoln
First Inaugural Address
March 4, 1861

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Quilt designed by Maria Tavy Umhey



Featuring Fabrics from the
Lincoln Bicentennial Collection 1809 - 2009 by Nancy Gere

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57" X 57"

Twenty-five 9" Blocks

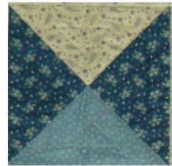
Skill Level: Intermediate

Designer's Note: I used a wide variety of fabrics from the Lincoln Bicentennial Collection to make this quilt. The dark prints were predominantly blue. In four of the Ohio Star Blocks I substituted a medium blue print in the dark position. If you don't have a lot of scraps to work with, a plain 6" border could be substituted for the pieced border. The quilting is in-the-ditch to emphasize the scrappy, old-fashioned look.

Material

- 4 ½ yards assorted dark prints (Predominantly blue)
- 1 ½ yards assorted light prints
- ¼ yard medium blue print
- ½ yard assorted medium prints and focus fabric prints
- 3 yards backing
- 60" square piece of batting

Hour Glass Blocks (Make four blocks)



- Cut: Two dark blue 10 ¼" squares, one medium blue 10 ¼" square, one light 10 ¼" square.
- Draw a diagonal line on the back of the light square and the medium square. Place each of these on top of a dark blue square, right sides together and stitch a ¼" seam on each side of the drawn line. Cut along the line to yield four ½-square triangle units. Press toward the dark fabric.
- Draw a diagonal line perpendicular to the seam on the wrong side of the units with the light fabric. Place them on top of the units with the medium fabric, right sides together butting the seams. Orient the two layers so that the dark fabrics do not overlap. Sew a ¼" seam on each side of the drawn lines. Cut along the lines to yield four ¼-square triangle blocks (9½" unfinished).

Ohio Star Blocks (Make nine blocks)



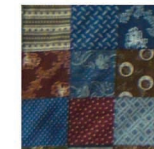
- For each block cut: Two dark 4 ¼" squares, one medium 4 ¼" square, one light 4 ¼" square, four light 3 ½" squares, one focus fabric 3 ½" square for center patch.
- Using the 4 ¼" squares follow the directions for the Hour Glass Block above to make four ¼-square triangle patches (3 ½" unfinished).
- Following the block diagram, sew together the patches in each row. Sew the rows together to complete the block.

Split 9-Patch Blocks (Make eight blocks)



- Cut: Twenty-four dark 3 ½" squares, twelve 3 7/8" dark squares, twenty-four light 3 ½" squares, and twelve 3 7/8" light squares.
- Draw a diagonal line on the back of the light 3 7/8" squares. Place each of these on top of a dark 3 7/8" square, right sides together, and stitch a ¼" seam on each side of the drawn line. Cut along the line to yield twenty-four ½-square triangle units. Press toward the dark fabric.
- Following the block diagram, sew together three light 3 ½" squares, three dark 3 ½" squares and three ½-square triangle units for each block.

9-patch Blocks (Make four blocks)



- Cut: Thirty-six dark 3 ½" squares.
- For each block sew together nine 3 ½" dark patches in three rows of three patches.