THE UNION FOREVER

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60” x 84”
Fabric Requirements and Cutting Guide

**Technique:** This quilt is made using the Potholder Method popular in the Civil War Era.

Note: In cutting "wof" means width of fabric

**Fabric A** 4964-0111 1-1/2 yards large rose print
Cut (5) 2-1/2" x wof strips, recut into (8) 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" and (8) 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" block borders
Cut (2) 12-1/2" x wof strips, recut into (4) 13" squares for block A backing
Fussy cut: (4) 8-1/2" squares for block centers

**Fabric B** 4965-0150 1/2 yard small foral print
Cut (1) 3-7/8" x wof strip, recut into (2) 3-7/8" squares; trim remainder of strip to 3-1/2", then cut (4) 3-1/2" squares for block E
Cut (1) 12-1/2" x wof strip, from this strip cut (1) 13" for block E backing. Trim remainder of 13" strip to 2-1/4" x wof strips and sew together end-to-end for Block E binding

**Fabric C** 4966-0111 1-1/3 yards red/gold scroll print
Cut (1) 6-7/8" x wof strip, recut into (6) 6-7/8" squares, then cut each square in half on the diagonal once to make (12) half-square triangles for blocks H
Cut (1) 6-1/2" x wof strip, recut into (3) 6-1/2" squares for block G
Cut (1) 3-7/8" x wof strip, recut into (2) 3-7/8" squares; trim remainder of strip to 3-1/2", then cut (4) 3-1/2" squares for block D
Cut (11) 2-1/4" x wof strips for binding block J

**Fabric D** 4966-0150 3/4 yard blue/taupe scroll print
Cut (2) 3-1/2" x wof strips, recut into (8) 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles for block C
Cut (1) 6-1/2" x wof strip, recut into (3) 6-1/2" squares for block M
Cut (1) 12-1/2" x wof strip, recut into (3) 13" squares for block M backing

**Fabric E** 4967-0111 3/4 yard red medallion print
Cut (1) 6-1/2" x wof strip, recut into (2) 6-1/2" squares for block C
Cut (2) 3-1/2" x wof strips, recut into (12) 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" strips for block I
Cut (1) 13" x wof strip, recut into (2) 13" squares to back block C, trim remainder of this strip to 2-1/4" strips and sew together end-to-end to for binding block G

**Fabric F** 4967-0113 2/3 yard brown medallion print
Cut (2) 3-1/2" x wof strips, recut into (12) 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles for block M
Cut (1) 13" x wof strip, recut into (2) 13" squares for backing block N

**Fabric G** 4967-0150 3/4 yard blue medallion print
Cut (1) 6-1/2" x wof strip, recut into (3) 6-1/2" squares for block H
Cut (2) 2-1/4" x wof strips, sew together end-to-end to bind block D
Cut (1) 13" x wof strip, recut into (3) 13" squares for backing block H

**Fabric H** 4968-0111 7/8 yard red double flower print
Cut (1) 6-1/2" x wof strip, recut into (3) 6-1/2" squares for block J
Cut (1) 5" x wof strip, recut into (8) 5" squares for block B
Cut (1) 3-7/8" x wof strip, recut into (2) 3-7/8" squares for block F, trim remainder of strip to 3-1/2" and cut (4) 3-1/2" squares for block F
Cut (1) 13" x wof strip, recut into (3) 13" squares for backing block J

**Fabric I** 4968-0135 1/2 yard purple double flower print
Cut (1) 3-7/8" x wof strip, recut into (2) 3-7/8" squares for block E, trim strip to 3-1/2" and cut (4) 3-1/2" squares for block E
Cut (4) 2-1/4" x wof strips, sew together end-to-end for binding block K

**Fabric J** 4969-0111 2/3 yard red small flower print
Cut (1) 2-1/2" x wof strip, recut into (4) 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" strips for block N
Cut (1) 3-1/2" x wof strip, recut into (4) 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles and (4) 3-1/2" squares for block E
Cut (6) 2-1/4" x wof strip, sew together end-to-end for binding block A
Fabric K  4969-0113  1/2 yard  brown small flower print
Cut (1) 2-1/2" x wof strip, recut into (4) 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" strips for block N
Cut (6) 2-1/4" x wof strips, sew together end-to-end for binding block B

Fabric L  4969-0150  1 yard  blue small flower print
Cut (1) 6-7/8" x wof strip, recut into (6) 6-7/8" squares, cut each square in half on the diagonal once to make (12) half-square triangles for block J
Cut (1) 3-7/8" x wof strip, recut into (2) 3-7/8" squares for block D, trim strip to 3-1/2" and cut (4) 3-1/2" squares for block D
Cut (1) 3-1/2" x wof strip, recut into (4) 3-1/2" and (4) 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles for block F

Fabric M  4970-0113  3/4 yard  brown stripe
Cut (1) 6-1/2" x wof strip, recut into (2) 6-1/2" squares for block L
Cut (1) 12-1/2" x wof strip, recut into (2) 13" squares for backing block L
Cut remainder of 6-1/2" strips and 13" strips into 2-1/4" strips for binding block I
Cut (3) additional 2-1/4" x wof strips for binding block I

Fabric N  4970-0150  7/8 yard  blue stripe
Cut (1) 6-1/2" x wof strip, recut into (3) 6-1/2" squares for block K
Cut (1) 6-7/8" x wof strip, recut into (6) 6-7/8" squares, then cut each square in half on diagonal once to make (12) half-square triangles for block G
Cut (1) 13" x wof strip, cut into (3) 13" squares for backing block G

Fabric O  4971-0111  2/3 yard  red diamonds floral
Cut (1) 6-7/8" x wof strip, recut into (6) 6-7/8" squares, then cut each square in half on diagonal once to make (12) half-square triangles for block K
Cut (1) 13" x wof strip, recut into (2) 13" squares for backing block K

Fabric P  4971-0150  2/3 yard  blue diamonds floral
Cut (1) 6-7/8" x wof strip, recut into (4) 6-7/8" squares, then cut each square in half on diagonal once to make (8) half-square triangles for block L
Cut (1) 13" x wof strip, recut into (2) 13" squares for backing block L

Fabric Q  4972-0135  1/3 yard  lavender tiny flowers
Cut (4) 2-1/4" x wof strips, sew together end-to-end for binding block M

Fabric R  4972-0150  1/4 yard  blue tiny flowers
Cut (3) 2-1/4" x wof strips, sew together end-to-end for binding block C

Fabric S  4973-0111  3/4 yard  red stylized flowers
Cut (1) 6-1/2" x wof strip, recut into (3) 6-1/2" squares for block I
Cut (3) 2-1/4" x wof strips, sew together end-to-end for binding block N
Cut (1) 13" x wof strip, recut into (3) 13" squares for backing block I

Fabric T  4973-0150  1/3 yard  blue stylized flowers
Cut (4) 2-1/4" x wof strips, sew together end-to-end for binding block H

Fabric U  4974-011  1-1/4 yard  multi-stripe
Cut (1) 8-1/2" x wof strip, recut this strip cut (2) 4-1/2" x 8-1/2" rectangles for block N, cut remainder of 8-1/2" strip into (2) 3-1/2" x wof strips, recut cut (4)
Cut (2) 3-1/2" x wof strips, recut these strips into (12) 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles for block B
Cut (2) 13" x wof strips, recut these strips into (4) 13" squares for backing block B

Fabric V  4986-0150  2/3 yard  blue ovals
Cut (3) 2-1/4" x wof strips, sew together end-to-end for binding block L
Cut (1) 13" x wof strip, recut into (1) 13" square for backing block F

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Materials

Batting: Cut (35) 13" squares of batting to quilt each block. For 60" wide batting you will need 3-1/2 yards or (60" x 120") or a double bed size (84" x 96") size batting. Cut batting into (35) 13" squares
Neutral machine quilting thread
Threads to match binding fabrics
12-1/2" square ruler to square-up blocks after they are quilted

Note: Additional backing and binding is not required as each block is backed and bound as it is made.

Instructions

1. **Block Assembly:** Refer to the block assembly diagrams and the blocks showing the fabric designations for each individual block to construct the blocks.
2. **Picture Block:** Position a 4-1/2" square in opposite corners of a 8-1/2" square, stitch from corner to corner, trim 1/4" from stitching line fold out triangle and press. Repeat in the remaining two corners. Join the short border pieces to the sides and the long border pieces to the top/bottom of the block. Make 4 blocks A.
3. **Signature Block:** Position a 5" square in opposite corners of a fabric W fussy cut 6-1/2" square. Stitch in a from corner to corner, cut 1/4" from stitching line, fold out and press both triangles. Join a 3-1/2" square to each side of a 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangle, making 2 units. Join a 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangle to opposite sides of the signature square. Join a square/rectangle unit to the top/bottom to complete the block. Make 4 blocks B.
4. **Thrift Block:** Join a 7-1/4" fabric W quarter-square triangle to each side of a 6-1/2" square. Join a 6-7/8" half-square triangle to each side of the fabric W triangles to complete the block. Make 3 blocks G, 3 blocks H, 3 blocks J, 3 blocks K and 2 blocks L.
5. **Stripes and Bars Block:** Join a 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" fabric W piece to opposite sides of a fabric U 4-1/2" x 8-1/2" piece. Join a fabric J 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" piece to opposite sides of this unit. Join a fabric W 2-1/2" square to each side of a fabric K 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" piece to complete a top/bottom bar to be joined to the assembly to complete block N. Make 2.
6. **Star Blocks:** Make a star point unit by positioning a 3-1/2" square to one side of a fabric W 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangle, stitch in a diagonal line from corner to corner, trim 1/4" from stitching line, fold out and press. Repeat in the opposite side of the rectangle using a contrasting square. Make 4 identical units for each block. Draw diagonal line on the back of the different 3-7/8" squares for each block. Position the light square on top of the coordinating dark 3-7/8" square in sets of two to make the half-square triangle units. Stitch 1/4" on both sides of the drawn line. Cut apart on the line. Fold out dark triangle and press. Match the units to make a center pinwheel unit. Join a star point to opposite sides of a pinwheel unit. Join a 3-1/2" square to each side of a star point unit, then join these units to the top/bottom of the center section to complete the block. Make 1 block D, 1 block E and 1 block F.
7. **Puss in the Corner Block:** Join a 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangle to opposite sides of the center square. Join a 3-1/2" square to each side of a 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangle, making 2 units for each block. Join a square/rectangle unit to the top/bottom to complete the block. Make 2 blocks C; make 3 blocks L and M.
8. **Quilting:** Layer each block individually with batting and backing as designated in the cutting instructions. Quilt the layers together by hand or on the machine. Using your 12-1/2" square ruler, square up the block after quilting to trim batting and backing to size. Quilting by hand or machine can slightly alter the size or shape of the block. You may find your block is slightly smaller than 12-1/2". If this occurs, keep any batting that is showing within the 1/4" seam allowance and it will be easily covered when you sew the binding in place.
9. **Select the designated binding fabric for each block. Fold the binding in half lengthwise and press fold line sharply. Position raw edge of binding next to the right side of the raw edge of the block, making a folded mitered corner as you turn the corners. Sew in place using a full 1/4" seam allowance. Turn folded side of binding to the back of the block and stitch in place by hand or machine to complete the block. Bind each of the 35 blocks in the quilt individually.
10. **Quilt Assembly:** Place the blocks edge to edge and join together. Use a whip stitch if you are joining the blocks by hand. Use a machine feather stitch or a stitch of your choice to join the blocks together by machine. (It is recommended to bind a couple of short pieces of quilt sandwich strips and experiment with your machine stitches before selecting a stitch and stitch width to join the blocks.) When joining by machine, use the widest setting for the decorative stitch width and a tighter stitch length to insure a secure joining of the blocks.

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