

# National Quilting Day

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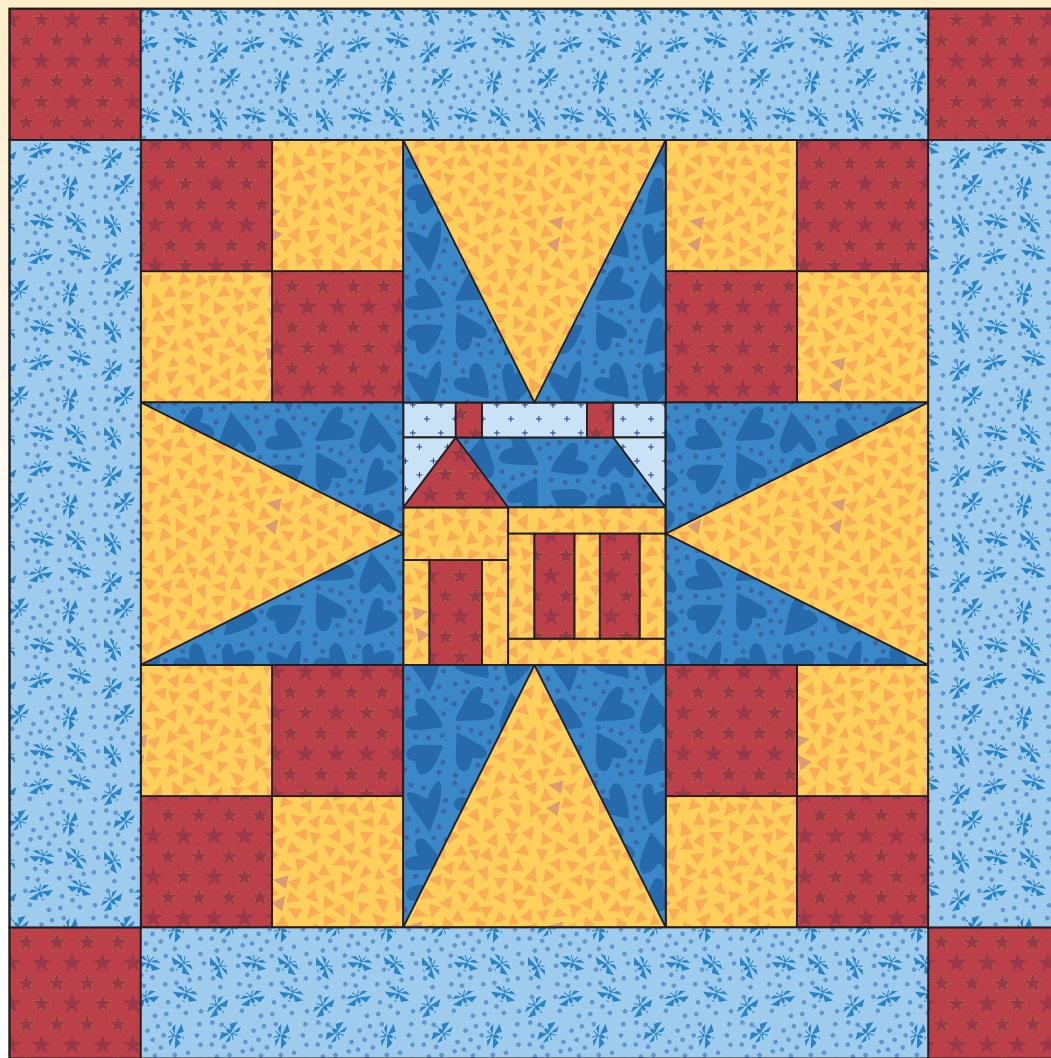
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## *Welcome Home*

As our country looks forward to 2009 with a new president and new hope for our country, we at The National Quilting Association thought it would be appropriate this year, to devote National Quilting Day, to the home. The housing market is in decline and foreclosures are on the rise, with greater numbers of homeless families to follow.

We would like to encourage our members, guilds, and sponsors to join together and give their effort and energy to those who may be struggling for warmth and comfort. We have created this pattern, "Welcome Home", to help you help others.

One of our chapters turned National Quilting Day, into a fun competition event by creating teams of five quilters ranging in various skill levels. The teams were named, the Colonials, Victorians, Bungalows and Cottages, etc. Fabrics were donated by the members using a patriotic theme. The teams were allowed to "shop" for their fabrics and given 15 minutes to strategize and plan. As the bell rang quilters could be heard bustling, scrambling, and laughing to complete their quilt top. A simple but cozy quilt top was completed by all teams in less than an afternoon.



Of course food and chocolate were provided for sustenance and the winning team received fat quarters as their prize. Check with your local Habitat for Humanity organization for their needs or homeless shelters to receive the completed quilts.

However you decide to celebrate National Quilting Day, the NQA would like to thank you for your community awareness, as this has long been the tradition and focus of quilters.

## House Quilt Fabric Requirements and Cutting Instructions

**Note:** Templates to cut the roof unit pieces are on page 24.

### 1-1/4 yd red

Cut: (3) 8" x width of fabric (wof) strips, recut (12) 8" squares. Trim remainder of 3rd strip to 6-1/2" and cut (1) 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" door A and (2) 2-3/4" x 6-1/2" windows D.

Cut (1) rectangle 7" at bottom x 4-5/8" high – use the template E provided to cut the house peak.

Cut (2) 2" x 2-1/2" chimney H pieces from remainder of strip. Cut (7) 2-1/4" x wof strips for binding, sew together end-to-end.

### 1/4 yd light blue

Cut: (1) strip 5" x wof and use the template provided to cut (1) triangle G and (1) triangle G-reverse.

Cut remainder of strip to 2-1/2" wide, then recut (2) rectangles 2-1/2" x 3-1/2" and (1) rectangle 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" for sky.

### 1-1/2 yd gold

Cut (2) strips 15-7/8" x wof, then recut into (4) 15-7/8" squares. Fold the squares in half and press fold line. Keeping the square folded, cut on the diagonal from one bottom corner to the top fold line, unfold for large star unit triangle.

Cut (2) 8" x wof strips, recut (8) 8" squares. From remainder of gold cut (1) 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangle A for house, (5) 2" x 6-1/2" house strips B and (2) 2" x 9-1/2" house strips C.

### 2/3 yd dark blue

Cut (1) strip 16-1/4" x wof, then recut into (4) 16-1/4" x 8-1/8" rectangles.

Cut (2) rectangles in half on diagonal from bottom left to top right and (2) rectangles in half on diagonal from bottom right to top left to make a total of (8) star points, (4) in one direction and (4) in the opposite direction.

Cut (1) strip 4-1/2" x wof and cut (1) roof piece from template F. Note that template 5 is half of the roof so you will need to make two copies of the roof template and turn one paper template 180° to tape them together along the center line before using the template to cut your fabric in one long piece.

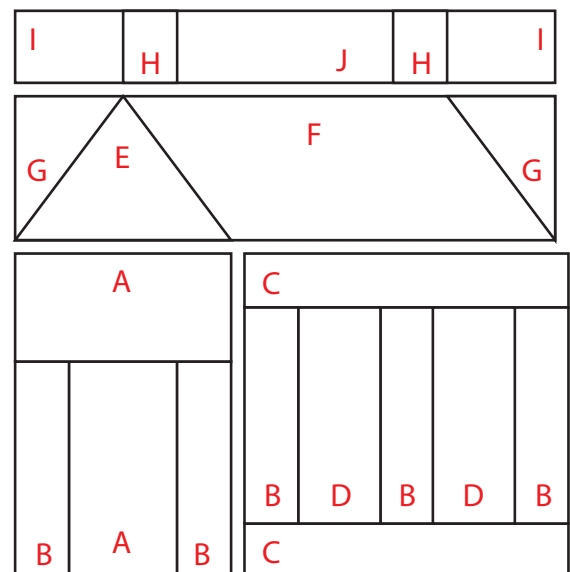
### 1-1/3 yd medium blue

Cut (4) 8" x 45-1/2" strips on the length of fabric for the borders.

## Sewing:

- Step 1** Referring to the house block diagram, sew the block together in units as shown. Make 1.
- Step 2** Sew a dark blue triangle to each side of a gold triangle to make 4 star point blocks.
- Step 3** Sew 2 red squares to 2 gold squares to sew a four patch block. Make 4.
- Step 4** Referring to the quilt diagram sew the quilt center together.
- Step 5** Sew a medium blue border to opposite sides of the quilt center. Sew a red square to each end of the two remaining border strips, then sew to the top and bottom of the quilt.
- Step 6** Layer the quilt top, batting and backing. Quilt the layers together. Bind the outside edges with red binding strips.

Turn the page for the roof unit templates.



Full Size Templates for Roof and Sky Unit

