

Tonga Firework

Star Sparklers
Designed by Nan Baker



Fabric Requirements

³/₈ yard Tonga-B8501 Love

¹/₄ yard Tonga-B8623 Heart

⁵/₈ yard Tonga-B7839 America

¹/₂ yard Tonga-B8670 Brave

⁵/₈ yard Tonga-B8501 Liberty

¹/₃ yard Tonga-B8623 Pledge

¹/₃ yard Tonga-B8668 Red

11/2 yards Tonga-B7900 Parchment

¹/₄ yard Tonga-B7839 USA

¹/₃ yard Tonga-B8214 Honor

⁷/8 yard Tonga-B7839 Navy (includes ¹/₂ yard for binding)

 $3^{1/2}$ yards Tonga backing fabric of your choice $61" \times 73"$ batting

Cutting

For easier assembly, label the pieces as you cut them A-N. (There is no I.) When multiple sizes are cut from the same fabric, note the different sizes for labeling purposes.

From Tonga-B8501 Love:

• Cut four $2^{1/2}$ " × width-of-fabric (WOF) strips. Sub-cut thirty $2^{1/2}$ " × $4^{1/2}$ " rectangles (**A**).

From Tonga-B8623 Heart:

• Cut two $2^{1/2}$ " × WOF strips. Sub-cut ten $2^{1/2}$ " × $4^{1/2}$ " rectangles (**B**).

From Tonga-B7839 America:

- Cut three $2^{1}/2^{11} \times WOF$ strips. Sub-cut twenty $2^{1}/2^{11} \times 4^{11}/2^{11}$ rectangles (**C**).
- Cut six $1^{1/2}$ " × WOF strips for the first border (**D**).

From Tonga-B8670 Brave:

• Cut five $2^{1/2}$ " × WOF strips. Sub-cut eighty $2^{1/2}$ " squares (**E**).

From Tonga-B8501 Liberty:

• Cut six $2^{7/8}$ " × WOF strips. Sub-cut eighty $2^{7/8}$ " squares (**F**).

From Tonga-B8623 Pledge:

• Cut three $2^{7/8}$ " × WOF strips. Sub-cut forty $2^{7/8}$ " squares (**G**).

From Tonga-B8668 Red:

• Cut four $2^{1/2}$ " × WOF strips. Sub-cut thirty $2^{1/2}$ " × $4^{1/2}$ " rectangles (**H**).

From Tonga-B7900 Parchment:

- Cut ten $2^{1}/2^{"} \times$ WOF strips. Sub-cut ninety $2^{1}/2^{"} \times 4^{1}/2^{"}$ rectangles (**J**).
- Cut eight $2^7/8^{"} \times$ WOF strips. Sub-cut (100) $2^7/8^{"}$ squares (**K**).

From Tonga-B7839 USA:

• Cut two $2^{7/8}$ " × WOF strips. Sub-cut twenty $2^{7/8}$ " squares (**L**).

From Tonga-B8214 Honor:

• Cut two $4^{1/2}$ " × WOF strips. Sub-cut ten $4^{1/2}$ " squares (**M**).

From Tonga-B7839 Navy:

- Cut six $1^3/4^{11} \times WOF$ strips for the second border (**N**).
- Cut seven $2^{1/4}$ " × WOF strips for the binding.

Block Construction

All seam allowances are ¹/₄" and pieces are sewn right sides together. Note the orientation of units during block construction.

Star Block

- 1. Pair sixty 2⁷/₈" **F** squares and sixty 2⁷/₈" **K** squares. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the **K** squares. Layer the squares and sew ¹/₄" on each side of the drawn line.
- 2. Cut the triangles apart on the drawn line, flip open and press the seam allowances toward the darker fabric. Make a total of (120) **F/K** half-square triangles (HST) measuring 2¹/₂" square each (*figure 1*).

Fig. 1









F/K HST Make 120.

3. Repeat steps 1 and 2, pairing twenty 2⁷/8" **F** squares and twenty 2⁷/8" **L** squares to make forty **F/L** HST; and forty 2⁷/8" **K** squares with forty 2⁷/8" **G** squares to make eighty **G/K** HST (*figure 2*).

Fig. 2







K/G HST Make 40.



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4. Following Figure 3, sew together the $2^{1/2}$ " squares and HST to make row 1. Press seams in one direction. Make a total of twenty of row 1.

Fig. 3



Row 1 Make 20.

5. Following Figure 4, sew together the 2¹/₂" squares and HST to make row 2. Press seams in the opposite direction from row 1. Make a total of twenty of row 2.

Fig. 4



Row 2 Make 20.

6. Matching adjacent seams, sew row 2 below row 1 (*figure 5*). Make twenty units measuring $4^{1}/2^{11} \times 12^{11}/2^{11}$ each.

Fig. 5



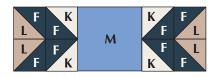
Make 20.

7. To make the middle row, follow Figure 6 to sew together four HST. Make a total of twenty units measuring 41/2" square. Sew one unit to each side of the 41/2" **M** square (figure 7).

Fig. 7

Fig. 6



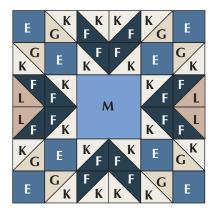


Make 20.

Make 10.

8. Sew one row 1/2 unit to the top of the middle row and one 1/2 unit to the bottom of the middle row. Make a total of ten Star Blocks, each measuring 12¹/₂" square (*figure 8*).

Fig. 8



Star Block Make 10.

Stripes Block

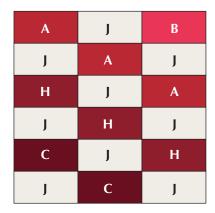
9. Following Figure 9, sew together the designated $2^{1/2}$ " \times $4^{1/2}$ " rectangles to make ten rows of each color grouping. Press seams in the opposite direction for adjacent rows.

Fig. 9 В Row 1 J Row 2 J A J Н J Row 3 J Н J Row 4 C J Н Row 5 C Row 6

Make 10 of each row.

10. Matching adjacent seams, sew the rows together in order to create the Stripes Block. Press the seams in one direction. Make a total of ten Stripes Blocks, each measuring 12¹/₂" square.

Fig. 10



Stripes Block Make 10.

Quilt Top Assembly

- 11. Following the quilt photo, alternately lay out five rows of four blocks each. Number the rows for easier assembly.
- 12. Matching adjacent seams, stitch the blocks together in each row. Press the seams in alternate directions for adjacent rows.
- 13. Matching adjacent seams, stitch the rows together in order. Press the seam allowances in one direction.
- 14. Sew the 1¹/₂" × WOF B7839 America border strips (**D**) together end to end using diagonal seams. Measure the width of the quilt top through the center and cut two strips that length from the pieced strip. Sew one strip to the top and the other strip to the bottom of the quilt top. Press seam allowances toward the border.

- 15. Measure the length of the quilt top through the center. Cut two strips that length from the pieced border strip. Sew one strip to each side of the quilt top. Press the seam allowances toward the border.
- 16. In the same manner, make and attach the second border, using the $1^3/4^{\text{"}} \times \text{WOF B7839 Navy}$ strips (**N**).

Finishing

- 17. Layer the quilt top, batting, and backing, and quilt as desired.
- 18. Stitch the binding strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Fold and press the resulting long strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Stitch to the quilt front, matching raw edges and mitering the corners.
- 19. Fold the binding to the quilt underside and hand-stitch the folded edge to the quilt back.

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