

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Summer Solstice Queen pattern is a long awaited publication from Quiltworx, expanding the Summer Solstice pattern, a customer favorite, to a Queen size layout. To accomplish this, a few changes had to be made to the pattern. In addition, some updated techniques were incorporated into this design to increase yardage efficiency, time efficiency, and organization. Through these updates, we have designed a great pattern, although not compatible with the original design. As a result, if you are hoping to use this queen pattern to expand the original quilt, we recommend just remaking the center and New York Beauty units using the new papers. During assembly, you will be very glad that you did!

The design for this Queen layout was created using Quiltster. The center diamond is the same size as the Diamond blocks in Amazon Star, Congo Star, Tarnished Windmill and Red River Star. We presently have 7 different options for the center star. The New York Beauty blocks are 10" square, which match windmill blocks we've designed for the Tarnished Windmill, and the Quarter Star blocks used in Southern Belles for a total of 3 options. We have designed two background options for the center background, there are 8 possible C-Borders, and 4 different Queen Expansions. With all the currently available options, there are over 1,400 different combinations of blocks available for creating another Queen size quilt using this layout. I am certain that in the future additional designs will be available as well.

Foundation Papers: This pattern includes enough foundation papers to complete (1) 99" x 99" quilt. The foundation papers and templates for this pattern are printed on newsprint. Newsprint is lightweight and tears away from your stitches without damaging the threads. Please pull apart this package and check, at this time, to make sure your pattern includes all of the newsprint shown below.

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Corrections: If corrections are needed for the Summer Solstice Queen, they will be posted at <http://www.quiltworx.com>. You can find them by going to Products: Corrections, then scrolling down to "Summer Solstice Queen". Corrections will be listed by date and the pattern. Look on the back of each pattern for a print date. If the date is after that included on your pattern, you will need the correction. If your pattern has the more recent date, the correction has already been made in your instructions and you can just move on! If there is nothing there, then your pattern may not have any corrections! If you run across something you think might be in error, please send us an e-mail so we can review it and either post a correction or provide a clarification for you. To quickly access the pattern page, scan the code to the right.



SUPPLY LIST

General Supply List: Steam iron, ironing board, large size cutting board, 6" by 24" ruler, small scissors, rotary cutter, seam ripper, and a sewing machine with a quarter-inch foot.

Paper Piecing Supply List: 12" and 18" *Add-A-Quarter* rulers, Scotch tape, fabric glue stic, washout fabric glue pen, a fold template, flower pins, large Ziploc bags, a Purple Thang, size 70 sewing needles, and a high-quality cotton thread. Other handy items used to keep your templates, fabrics, and papers organized, are paper clips and binder clips.

NOTE - Taking Workshops: If you are taking a class from one of our Certified Shops or Instructors please use the class handout and supply list that they provide for their classes.

DEFINITION COMMON TOOLS AND TERMS

Purple Thang: A small plastic tool used like a stiletto that does not poke through the fabric. I use it to guide the fabric between the presser foot and feed dogs when sewing over several layers of stacked seams.

Add-A-Quarter Ruler: A small ruler with a quarter-inch lip on the bottom side used to trim the quarter-inch seams for Foundation Paper piecing. These can be purchased in three (3) sizes: 6", 12", and 18" rulers. I recommend the 12" & 18" rulers for this pattern.

Washout Fabric Glue Stic and Glue Pen: I use a water soluble glue stic to adhere the first piece of fabric to the backside of the foundation paper. We use the glue pen to temporarily glue the raw edges together before sewing any long straight or curved seams.

Flower Pins: Flower pins are a long pin with a flat flower glued to the head of each pin. The flower is flat so the paper can easily be folded back over the pin and still lay flat.

Fold Template: A flat piece of template plastic used as a straight edge while folding back the foundation papers just before trimming with the *Add-A-Quarter* ruler. A 3" by 12" piece of template plastic should be cut to use with the 12" *Add-A-Quarter*. A 3-1/2" by 18" piece is cut for the 18" ruler.

Sewing Lines on the Foundation Papers: You will find the sew lines on each foundation unit labeled as Sew Line 1, Sew Line 2, 3, & 4. The lines are marked in chronological order.

Dashed Lines on the Foundation Paper: These lines are reference lines marking the edge of your 1/4" seam allowance. They are not sewing lines. The dashed lines when sewing are lined up with the raw edges on the strips.

Ziploc Bags: We use Ziploc bags to keep the Templates and Template Layout Sheets together with the Foundation Papers. After you cut your fabric pieces for each unit the fabrics are placed into the corresponding bags with the Foundation Papers.