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## Yardage Requirements

	Red Quilt	Black Quilt	Amount	Used for
Fabric A	AFOR 473 R	AFOR 473 K	2¾ yards	Blocks, outer border, and binding
Fabric B	AFOR 474 WR	AFOR 474 WK	1¾ yards	Blocks
Fabric C	AFOR 476 R	AFOR 476 K	½ yard	Blocks
Fabric D	AFOR 476 WR	AFOR 476 WK	⅝ yard	Blocks
Fabric E	AFOR 477 R	AFOR 476 K	⅞ yard	Blocks
Fabric F	AFOR 478 R	AFOR 476 K	¾ yard	Blocks
Backing	Any <i>Always and Forever</i> fabric		3½ yards	

## Cutting

*All strips are cut across the width of fabric (wof).*

From Fabric A, cut:

- (11) 3¼" x wof strips
- (6) 4½" x wof border strips
- (6) 2¼" x wof binding strips

From Fabric B, cut:

- (13) 3" x wof strips
- (8) 2¼" x wof strips

From Fabric C, cut:

- (6) 2¼" x wof strips

From Fabric D, cut:

- (2) 4¾" x wof strips; crosscut into (16) 4¾" squares. Cut each square twice diagonally to yield (64) quarter-square triangles.
- (4) 2¼" x wof strips

From Fabric E, cut:

- (11) 2¼" x wof strips

From Fabric F, cut:

- (2) 4¾" x wof strips; crosscut into (16) 4¾" squares. Cut each square twice diagonally to yield (64) quarter-square triangles.

# Construction

1. Trace or copy units 1 and 2 onto the foundation paper of your choice. Make 64 copies of each unit.
2. Using your favorite paper-piecing method, piece unit 1 starting with fabric D. Continue adding pieces in numerical order as indicated on the pattern to complete the unit. Make 64 units. Trim the fabric extending around the edge of the foundation paper so that there is a 1/4" seam allowance around each unit.
3. In the same manner, piece and trim unit 2. Make 64 units.
4. Lay out four *each* of units 1 and 2 as shown. Pin and sew the units together in pairs, matching the seam intersections. Sew the pairs together to make two half-blocks, and then sew the half-blocks together. Carefully remove the foundation paper. Repeat to make a total of 16 block units.



5. Sew fabric D and fabric F triangles together with their short sides aligned and the fabric D triangles on top. Press the seam allowances toward the fabric F triangles. Make 64 units all with the fabric F (dark) triangle on the left.

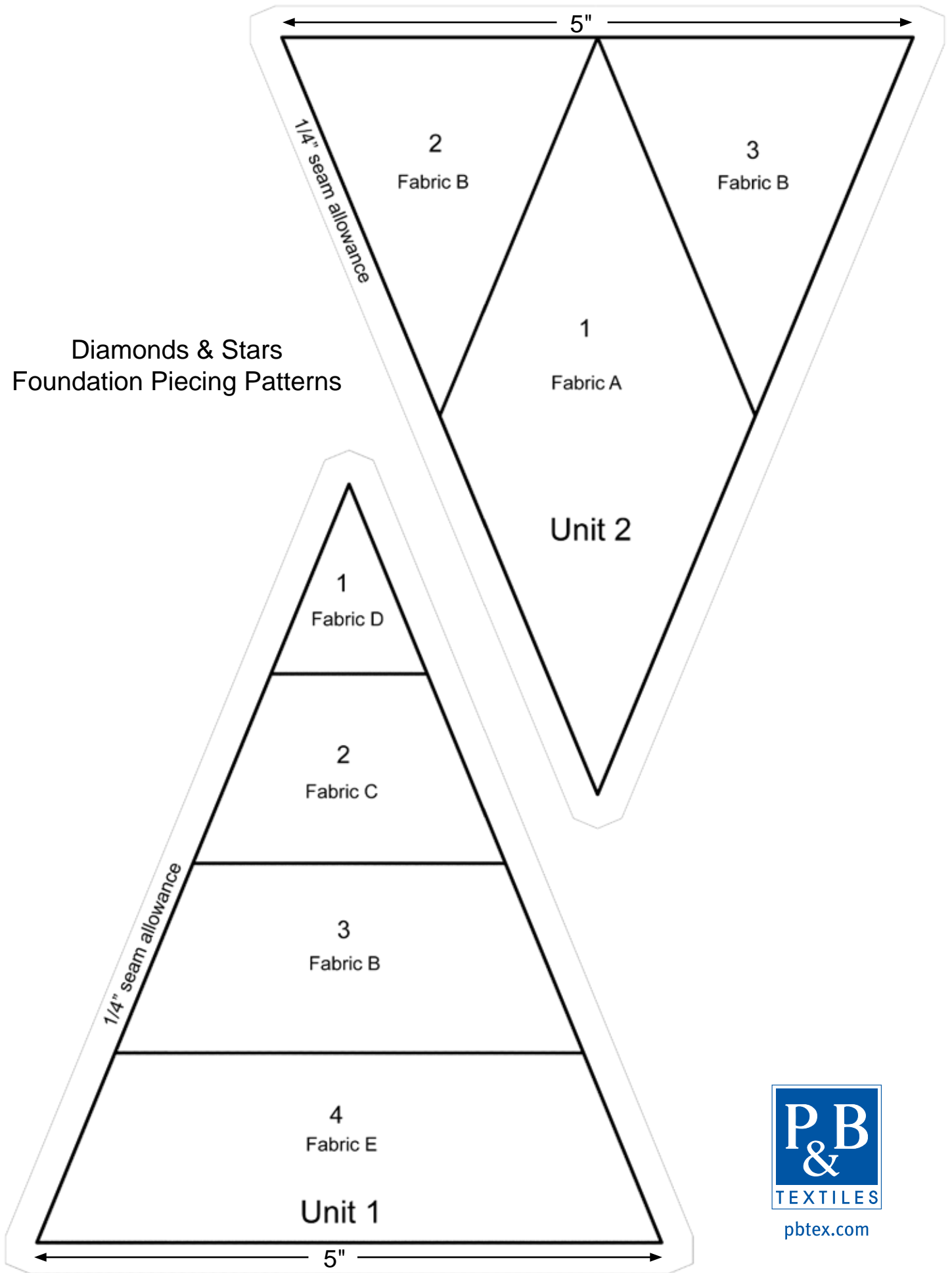


6. Sew a triangle unit from step 5 to each corner of the block unit from step 4 to complete the block. Make 16 blocks.



7. Lay out the blocks in four rows of four blocks each. Sew the blocks into rows; press. Sew the rows together and press.
8. Sew three fabric A outer-border strips together end to end to make a long strip. Repeat to make a second long strip. From the long strips, cut (2) 48½"-long strips and (2) 56½"-long strips. Sew the shorter strips to the sides and the longer strips to the top and bottom of the quilt top.
9. Layer the quilt top with batting and backing; baste. Quilt as desired. Using the 2¼"-wide fabric A strips, bind the edges to finish. Add a label to the back of your quilt and enjoy!

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