

Aster Blast

The 1930s-era Aster block was designed at a time when individual patch piecing was the only method quilters knew. Today, paper piecing is a favorite technique, and it's an easy way to make the Aster flower. Print and photocopy or trace the pattern 16 times. Cut the pattern out, and cut it apart on the line between patches 1 and 8. Use paper-piecing techniques to make the ring and complete the circle by joining patches 1 and 8. Make 16 flowers.

The central Lone Star can be traditionally pieced by cutting individual diamond patches with a template and joining them into rows. If you prefer to make your star this way, use the template provided. Complete directions for making *Aster Blast* are in the April 2007 (issue 391) issue of *QNM*.

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