

Cosmati Stars

Judy Mathieson's Mariner's Compass quilt is shown on the cover of the July/August 2008 issue of QN. The foundations are presented here for your convenience.

Here is more from Judy about her methods of quilting. "My technique for positioning a difficult unit onto a main section is a form of applique. Examples on Cosmati Stars are the triple stars with the brown circles. After they were pieced together (there was a little applique where they overlap), I positioned them on the background and applique-basted them down, using $\frac{1}{2}$ "-long basting stitches. Then I cut away the background underneath the applique and machine pieced the unit to the background along the basting.

"Much of the quilting is done with a blending cotton thread in the ditch. The most visible quilting is done with Rainbows polyester thread by Superior Threads. I give new battings a try as they come on the market, but my standard is Hobbs, both the 80/20 and the 100 percent cotton.

"I often find design inspiration in floor designs. Google Cosmati and see what you find. The search will take you to several examples of floors in Italy."

