

Something Blue... is designed with nine different fabrics (fabric 10 is the backing fabric). The fabrics are identified by number on the back side of the pattern: 1 through 9. Six of these nine fabrics are used in the **Stars**. The next two tables provide cutting guidelines for the thirteen stars. Before we do anything else, though, please put a new blade in your rotary cutter. We will be cutting through several layers of fabric at once and a sharp blade will make this task easier for you. Because we make the star points using the paper foundation technique, it is not necessary to cut the fabric pieces with extreme precision. Just follow the steps, and you will see how fast and easy it is to cut the fabrics for the 13 stars.

Fabric Selection Chart for: The Star Points

	Fabric Point 1	Fabric Point 3	Fabric Point 5	Fabric Point 7	Fabric Point 2	Fabric Point 4	Fabric Point 6	Fabric Point 8
Foundation point 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Foundation point 2	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Foundation point 3	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4
Foundation point 4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Foundation point 5	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	1

The star point background is shown as foundation point 1 on both the paper pattern and in the chart. The star background is always fabric 1. Foundation point 2, the shorter star point, is always fabric 8. I used two different colors of the middle blues for foundation point 3: the odd points are made of fabric 5, and the even points are made of fabric 4. For foundation point 4, I always use fabric 3 and I also have used 2 different colors for the odd and even star point center points: the odd points are made of fabric 7 and the even points are made of fabric 1. Cut the fabrics as described in the “**Fabric cutting chart for the 13 Stars**.”

Fabric cutting chart for the 13 Stars.

Fabric 1 -	Cut 9 strips, $8\frac{3}{4}$ " x 44" Cut 2 strips, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 44"	Foundation point 1. Cut 104 pieces: $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{3}{4}$ ". You will get 12 pieces from each of the first 8 strips and 8 pieces from the ninth. Foundation point 5, even points (2, 4, 6, 8). Cut 26 pieces: $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ", 17 pieces from the first strip and 9 pieces from the second strip.
Fabric 8 -	Cut 2 strips, $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 44" Cut 2 strips, 5" x 44"	Foundation point 2, odd points (1, 3, 5 & 7). Cut 26 pieces: $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". Cut 17 pieces from the first strip, and 9 pieces from the second strip. Foundation point 2, even points (2, 4, 6, 8). Cut 26 pieces: 5" x $2\frac{1}{4}$ ". Cut 17 pieces from the first strip and 9 from the second strip.
Fabric 5 -	Cut 2 strips, 6" x 44"	Foundation point 3, odd points (1, 3, 5, 7). Cut 26 pieces: 6" x $2\frac{3}{4}$ ". Cut 15 pieces from the first strip and 11 pieces from the second strip.
Fabric 4 -	Cut 2 strips, $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x 44"	Foundation point 3, even points (2, 4, 6, 8). Cut 26 pieces: $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x $2\frac{3}{4}$ ". Cut 15 pieces from the first strip and 11 pieces from the second strip.
Fabric 3	Cut 4 strips, $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x 44"	Foundation point 4. Cut 104 pieces: $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x $1\frac{1}{4}$ ", 33 pieces from each of the first 3 strips and 5 pieces from the fourth strip.
Fabric 7	Cut 2 strips, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 44"	Foundation point 5, odd points. Cut 26 pieces: $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ", 17 pieces from the first strip and 9 pieces from the second strip.

Cut out the paper foundations for the first eight star points. Cut your papers a smidge bigger than the outside lines of the template

Cutting Chart for Part A: The Center Arches

Fabric 2	Cut 12 strips, $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x 44"	Cut 144 pieces: $3\frac{1}{4}$ " x $4\frac{1}{4}$ ". Cut 13 pieces from the first 11 strips and 1 piece from the twelfth strip. If you cut fabric 2 this way you have also cut all the fabric 2 pieces for Spiked Arch C
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Fabric 6	Cut 9 strips, 4¼" x 44"	Cut 108 pieces: 3¼" x 4¼". Cut 13 pieces from the first 8 strips and 4 pieces from the ninth strip. If you cut fabric 6 this way you have also cut all the fabric 6 pieces for Spiked Arches A, D, E and F.
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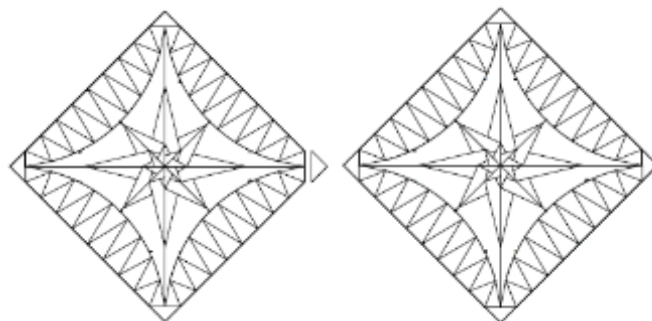
Cutting Chart for Part B, C, D, E & F: The Spiked Arches

Fabric 3	Cut 12 strips, 4¼" x 44"	Cut 156 pieces: 3¼" x 4¼". Cut 13 pieces from each of the 12 strips. If you cut fabric 3 this way you have also cut all the fabric 3 pieces for Spiked Arches: B, D, E and F
Fabric 4	Cut 6 strips, 4¼" x 44"	Cut 72 pieces: 3¼" x 4¼". Cut 13 pieces from the first 5 strips and 7 pieces from the sixth strip.
Fabric 7	Cut 12 strips, 4¼" x 44"	Cut 144 pieces: 3¼" x 4¼". Cut 13 pieces from the first 11 strips and 1 piece from the twelfth strip

The size of the fabric pieces is larger than necessary. This allows you to make two spikes from each rectangle you cut. After sewing the first spike, cut the excess fabric and set the remnant aside for a moment. Keep the remnants in order. We need to use all those leftover pieces to make the next spike. Repeat these steps for all the other Spiked Arches

The triangle part K

We have almost completed this section of Something Blue... The last step is to cut the 60 small triangles to complete the corners of this section. We use fabric 2 and 3 for the triangles. These two fabrics complete the outside color of the arches. Fabric 2 will complete the curved arches from the 32 C arches and the 4 A arches. Fabric 3 will complete the 16 B arches and the 8 D/E arches.



Cut the paper template for part K: **the small triangle**. Fold fabric 2 in half, and cut a 4" strip the full width of the fabric, approximately 44". The strip is a little wider than you need, but this gives you a little extra space to place the triangles on to the fabric. Place the paper template for part K on top of fabric 2. Cut part K 18 times to yield 36 triangle pieces. Do the same with the 24 triangles of fabric 3: fold fabric 3 in half, and cut a 4" strip across the full width of fabric, approximately 44". Place the paper template for part K on top of fabric 3. Cut part K 12 times to yield 24 triangles. Remember to transfer the marking onto the fabric.

Cut from the template part F 1x, Part D 1x Part E 1x and part C 4 x and part K 4x

And the outside border parts H I and J 2x

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