"Liberty Dance"

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Featuring the Devon Shirtings Collection by Nancy Gere™
Size: 50" x 50"







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50 inches X 50 inches
Sixteen 8 inch blocks
Skill Level: Intermediate

Designer's Note: I made this quilt using a number of different fabrics for a scrappy look. If you wish to do the same you may need extra fabric. The directions are written using just one fabric of each color.

Materials

- 1 1/4 yard dark blue for outer border and binding
- · 1 yard red for inner border and blocks
- · 1 1/2 yard light print for blocks and pieced border
- 3/4 yard navy blue for blocks and pieced border
- · 1/2 yard medium blue for blocks
- · 3 yards backing
- . 56" X 56" piece of batting

Cutting Directions

From the dark blue fabric cut: five 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X WOF strips for border, five 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X WOF strips for binding From the red fabric cut: two 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips, two 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips, forty 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, twenty 2 7/8" squares, From the light fabric cut: twenty 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, eight 4 7/8" squares,

twenty-eight 2 1/2 " squares, fifty-six 2 7/8" squares.

From the navy blue fabric cut: twenty-four 4 7/8" squares; cut sixteen of these along a diagonal to yield thirty-two triangles for blocks

From the medium blue cut: twenty-eight 2 1/2" squares, twenty 2 7/8" squares

Blocks

- Draw a diagonal line on the back of two light (background) 2 7/8" squares. Lay them over two red (star) 2 7/8" squares, right sides together, and stitch a ¼" seam on both sides of the drawn lines. Cut along the drawn lines and press toward the red fabric to yield four half-square triangle units.
- Sew a light 2 ½ " square to a half-square triangle unit. Sew a red 2 ½" square to another half-square triangle unit. Sew these
 two rows together to make a quarter block. Make two. (Diagram 1)
- Cut two 2 7/8" light squares along a diagonal to yield four triangles. Sew two triangles to adjacent sides of a red 2 ½" square. Sew a navy blue triangle to the light side of this triangular unit to make a quarter block. Make two. (Diagram 2)
- Sew the four quarter blocks together. (Block Diagram)
- Make eight blocks using the light fabric for the background and the red fabric for the stars. Make two blocks substituting the
 medium blue fabric for the light background fabric. Make six blocks substituting the medium blue fabric for the red star fabric.
- · Lay out the sixteen blocks following the quilt layout diagram. Sew together the blocks in each row. Sew together the rows.

Pieced Border

- Draw a diagonal line on the back of the eight 47/8" light squares. Lay them over eight navy blue 47/8" squares, right sides together, and stitch a ¼ " seam on both sides of the drawn line. Cut along the line and press toward the blue fabric to yield sixteen light/navy blue half-square triangle units.
- Follow the quilt layout diagram to make two side pieced border strips consisting of four light/navy triangle units and four 4 ½" light squares. Sew these strips to the sides of the quilt.
- Follow the quilt layout diagram to make the top and bottom pieced border strips consisting of four light/navy triangle units
 and six 4 ½" light squares. Sew these to the top and bottom of the quilt.

Finishing the quilt

- Sew a 1 1/2" X 40 1/2" red strip to each side of the quilt.
- Sew a 1 1/2" X 42 1/2" red strip (piece if necessary) to the top and bottom of the quilt.
- Sew a 4 ½" X 42 ½" dark blue strip (piece if necessary) to each side of the quilt.
- Piece two 4 ½" X 50 ½" dark blue strips. Sew one to the top and bottom of the quilt.
- · Layer the backing, batting and quilt top. Baste and quilt as desired.
- Use the 2 1/2 " navy blue strips to bind the quilt.

