# When Sparks Fly 

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## About When Sparks Fly

When Sparks Fly is the moment when something really good comes along and you can feel the electricity inside. Maybe your creativity is flowing, or a new song revs you up, or maybe you've found someone who gives you instant butterflies. It's high voltage, baby. When it comes down to it, life is all about the connections you make with your hands and your heart, a needle and thread, face to face. - Libs Elliott

# When Sparks Fly Quilt 

Introducing Andover Fabrics new collection: WHEN SPARKS FLY by Libs Elliott

Quilt designed by Libs Elliott

Quilt finishes 68" x 68"
24 Flying Geese Blocks: 6" $\times 12$ "
1 Center Star Block: 24" x 24"
This wall quilt is modern and exciting in the use of neutrals with a touch of gold. The dynamic design carries the eye in and out of the quilt center. Strip piecing methods make easy work of the striped units.

## Cutting Directions

Note: Read assembly directions before cutting patches. All measurements are cut sizes and include $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ seam allowances. A fat $1 / 8$ is a $9^{\prime \prime} \times 20^{\prime \prime}-22^{\prime \prime}$ cut of fabric. A fat $1 / 4$ is an $18^{\prime \prime} \times 20^{\prime \prime}-22^{\prime \prime}$ cut. WOF designates the width of fabric from selvedge to selvedge (approximately $42^{\prime \prime}$ wide).

## Fabric A

Cut (4) sashes $61^{\prime \prime} 2^{\prime \prime} \times 32^{\prime \prime}$, cut crosswise
Cut (2) squares $67 /^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{7} / 8^{\prime \prime}$, cut in half diagonally to make 4 half-square triangles

## Fabric B

Cut (1) center square $12^{1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{1} 2^{\prime \prime}}$
Cut (2) strips 2" $\times 12^{1 / 2 \prime}$

## Fabric C

Cut (4) sashes $61 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 32^{\prime \prime}$, cut crosswise
 to make 4 half-square triangles

## Fabric D

Cut (2) squares $93 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 93 / 8^{\prime \prime}$, cut in half diagonally to make 4 half-square triangles for quilt corners
Cut (2) strips $2^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{1 / 2 "}$

## Fabric E

 to make 8 quarter-square triangles

## Fabric $\mathbf{F}$

Cut (7) strips $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF for binding

## Fabric G

Cut (4) squares $67 / s^{\prime \prime} \times 67 / s^{\prime \prime}$ cut in half diagonally to make 8 half-square triangles
Cut (2) strips 2" x $12^{1 / 2 "}$

Fabric Requirements

|  |  | Yardage | Fabric |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Fabric A | sash | $7 / 8$ yard | $8729-\mathrm{MK}$ |
| Fabric B | center, set | fat $1 / 4$ yard | $8730-\mathrm{MC}$ |
| Fabric C | sashes | $7 / 8$ yard | $8730-\mathrm{MK}$ |
| Fabric D | set | $3 / 8$ yard | $8739-\mathrm{K}$ |
| Fabric E | blocks | $1 / 2$ yard | $8740-\mathrm{ML}$ |
| Fabric F | binding | $5 / 8$ yard | $8741-\mathrm{K}$ |
| Fabric G | blocks, set | fat $1 / 4$ yard | $8742-\mathrm{MK}$ |
| Fabric H | blocks, set | fat 114 yard | $8736-\mathrm{K}$ |
| 3 Dk. Prts. | blocks, set | fat $1 / 4$ yard each |  |
|  | $8737-\mathrm{MK}$ | $8738-\mathrm{MC}$ | $8740-\mathrm{K}$ |
| 5Lt. Prts. | blocks, set | fat $1 / 4$ yard each | $8737-\mathrm{WW}$ |
|  | $8738-\mathrm{L}$ | $8739-\mathrm{L}$ | $8741-\mathrm{WW}$ |
|  | $8742-\mathrm{L}$ |  |  |
| 5 Fat $1 / 8 \mathbf{s} \mathbf{s}$ | set | fat $1 / 8$ yard each | $8736-\mathrm{MC}$ |
|  | $8737-\mathrm{MC}$ | $8740-\mathrm{MC}$ | $8741-\mathrm{C}$ |
|  | $8742-\mathrm{C}$ |  |  |
| Backing |  | $41 / 2$ yards | $8739-\mathrm{C}$ |

## Fabric H

 twice to make 4 quarter-square triangles
Cut (2) strips 2" $\times 121 / 2^{\prime \prime}$

## 3 Dk. Prts.

From each of 3:
Cut (1) square $13^{1 / 4^{\prime \prime}} \times 131 / 4^{\prime \prime}$, cut in half diagonally twice to make 4 quarter-square triangles
From each of 2:
Cut (2) strips 2" x $121 / 2^{\prime \prime}$

## 5 Lt. Prts.

From each:
Cut (4) squares $67 / s^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{7} / s^{\prime \prime}$, cut in half diagonally to make 8 half-square triangles
Cut (2) strips $2^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{1 / 2 "}$

## 5 Fat 1/8s

From each:
Cut (2) strips 2" $\times 12^{1 / 2 "}$

## Backing

Cut (2) panels $38^{\prime \prime} \times{ }^{\text {r }} 76^{\prime \prime}$, pieced to fit quilt top with overlap on all sides

## When Sparks Fly Quilt

## Making the Quilt

1. Referring to the A-D blocks in Diagram 1, join $2^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{11 / 2 "}$ strips in groups of 4 light and 4 dark to make squares. Press seam allowances in A and B blocks toward the dark strip on the left. Press seam allowances in C and D blocks toward the light strip on the right.
2. Referring to Diagram 2, cut the A-D blocks diagonally in the directions shown. It is important that you keep the blocks oriented as shown while cutting.
3. Referring to Diagram 3, join A1 and B1 to make a large triangle. Repeat with C1 and D1. Join the 2 large triangles to make a Side Unit 1. Repeat to make a second Side Unit 1. Make 2 Side Unit 2 using A2-D2 triangles. Stay stitch
 near the edge of the long side to prevent stretching of the bias edges.
4. Referring to Diagram 4, join Fabric A and Fabric C triangles to make 4 pieced squares (HST).
5. The Flying Geese blocks will be easier to piece if you first mark the sewing lines on the wrong side of the half-square and quarter-square triangle patches. Sew Fabric G triangles to the short sides of a Fabric H triangle, matching sewing lines (Diagram 5). The block should measure $61 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{1 / 2 \prime}$. Make 4 Star Flying Geese blocks like this.
6. Join the HST, Star Flying Geese, and Fabric B square to make the Center Star (Diagram 6). Be sure to rotate the patches as shown to make the star design.
7. Refer to the quilt photograph and Diagram 7 for fabric placement. Make a total of 20 Flying Geese blocks (as shown in Diagram 5) with Fabric E, Lt. Print, and Dk. Print triangles, in groups of 4 blocks alike. Join 5 Flying Geese blocks edge to edge in the order shown. Make 4 Flying Geese Units alike.


HST - Make 4 Diagram 4


Star Flying Geese - Make 4 Diagram 5



Diagram 2


Side Unit 1 Make 2


Diagram 3


Flying Geese Unit - Make 4 Diagram 7

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8. Referring to the quilt diagram, on a flat surface or design board, arrange the Flying Geese Units, Fabric D triangles, Side Units, the Star Block, and Fabric A and C sashes as shown. The sash ends will be trimmed later. Sew Fabric D triangles to the ends of the Flying Geese Units. Join the blocks, units and sashes in diagonal rows. Join the rows. Trim the ends of the sashes even with the sides of the quilt.

## Finishing the Quilt

9. Layer the quilt with batting and backing and baste. Quilt in the ditch around sashes and patches. Quilt around the printed motifs in the sashes if you wish. Bind to finish the quilt.


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