

Allegiance Quilt

This quilt was designed as a mystery quilt specifically for veterans and military. It's offered in 2 sizes. **The larger quilt is for the Quilts of Valor program and will finish to approximately 68" x 89".** **The smaller quilt is for my local quilt club and our veterans quilt projects. That version finishes to approximately 48" x 63".** Regardless of how you choose to use the pattern, the instructions will be color coded and referenced as **QOV** and **Veterans**. Instructions will come weekly for 4 weeks.

Fabric Requirements (as specified by Electric Quilt):

Fabric	Color in My Version	Veterans Quilt	Quilt of Valor
Fabric 1 – block background	Light Gold	.75	1.25
Fabric 2	Dark Gold	1.25	1.75
Fabric 3	Dark Red	1.5	2.25
Fabric 4 – background	Blue	3	4
Binding – Any except fabric 1		.5	.5 - .628 (5/8)



This quilt requires 4 fabrics:

The background can be light or dark. Fabrics 2 and 3 are the main design fabrics and should contrast well against the background. They should be “different” colors instead of different values of the same color. Fabric 1 should be a different value from Fabric 3. You can easily make this scrappy by picking 4 colors and pulling scraps in those color groups.

Some possible non-patriotic combinations:

Palette	Fabric 1	Fabric 2	Fabric 3	Fabric 4
Beachy	Sky Blue	Med to Dark Tan	Med to Dark Blue	Tan
Tropical	White	Yellow	Orange	Turquoise
Woodsy	Tan	Medium Tan/Brown	Medium Green	Dark Green
Flower Garden	Pale Green	Yellow/Gold	Red/Dark Pink	Green
Black/White/Red	White	Gray	Red	Black

Step 1

In this step we will make 18 pinwheel blocks.



Using Fabrics 1 (pale yellow) and 3 (dark red) make 18 pinwheel blocks. **For the veterans quilt the blocks will finish to 6" (6.5" unfinished).** **For the Quilt of Valor the blocks will finish to 9" (9.5" unfinished).**

There are many ways to make a pinwheel block and you should use your favorite method. If you are cutting half square triangles here are the cutting instructions:

Veterans quilt: Cut 36 squares in each fabric $3\frac{7}{8}$ " and cut once on the diagonal.

Quilt of Valor: Cut 36 squares in each fabric $5\frac{3}{8}$ " and cut once on the diagonal.

You can press the seam however you prefer. Just try to minimize the bulk at the center of the block. The direction of the seams on the edges of the block doesn't matter at all.

Step 2



Time to make some rail fence blocks. All cutting instructions are for the full width of fabric.

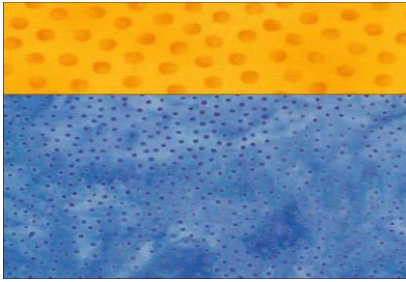
Quilt of Valor:

Cut 6 strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide in each of fabrics 2 (gold), 3 (dark red) and 4 (blue). Sew the strips together with fabric 4 in the middle. You will have 6 strip sets. Sub-cut these into $9\frac{1}{2}$ blocks for a total of 24 blocks. The blocks will be $6\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$.

Veteran's Quilt:

Cut 4 strips 2" wide in each of fabrics 2 (gold), 3 (dark red) and 4 (blue). Sew the strips together with fabric 4 in the middle. You will have 4 strip sets. Sub-cut these into $6\frac{1}{2}$ blocks for a total of 24 blocks. The blocks will be $5 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$.

Step 3



In this step we are going to make another set of simple rail fence blocks and cut some additional pieces. The rail fence block cutting instructions are for the full width of the fabric.

Quilt of Valor:

Cut 6 strips 2 ½" wide in fabrics 2 (gold). Cut 6 strips 4 ½" wide in fabric 4 (blue). Sew the strips together to make 6 strip sets. Sub-cut these into 9 ½ blocks for a total of 24 blocks. The blocks will be 6 ½ x 9 ½.

Additionally cut 8 - 6 ½" squares from fabric 3 and cut 9 - 6 ½" squares from fabric 2.

Veteran's Quilt:

Cut 4 strips 2" wide in fabrics 2 (gold). Cut 4 strips 3 ½" wide in fabric 4 (blue). Sew the strips together to make 4 strip sets. Sub-cut these into 6 ½ blocks for a total of 24 blocks. The blocks will be 5 x 6 ½.

Additionally cut 8 - 5" squares from fabric 3 and cut 9 - 5" squares from fabric 2.

Step 4

Now it's time to put it all together.

First a little more cutting. This quilt is assembled on point so we have to cut side and corner setting triangles.

Quilt of Valor:

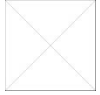
All of these cutting directions are for fabric 4 (blue)



Corner triangles: Cut 2 squares 7 3/16" (or round up to 7 ¼"), cut once on the diagonal for 4 triangles



Large side triangles: Cut 3 squares 13 15/16" (or round up to 14"), cut twice on the diagonal for 12 triangles. You will use 10 of them.



Small side triangles: Cut 4 squares $9 \frac{11}{16}$ " (or round up to $9 \frac{3}{4}$ "), cut twice on the diagonal for 16 triangles. You will use 14 of them.

Cut 8 strips (WOF) $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " for the border.

Veteran's Quilt:

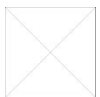
All of these cutting directions are for fabric 4 (blue)



Corner triangles: Cut 2 squares $5 \frac{1}{8}$ ", cut once on the diagonal for 4 triangles



Large side triangles: Cut 3 squares $9 \frac{11}{16}$ " (or round up to $9 \frac{3}{4}$ "), cut twice on the diagonal for 12 triangles. You will use 10 of them.

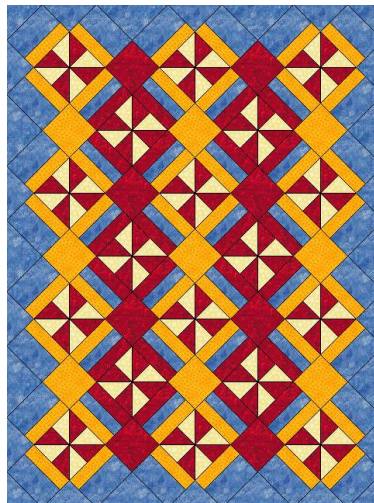


Small side triangles: Cut 4 squares $7 \frac{9}{16}$ " (or round up to $7 \frac{5}{8}$ "), cut twice on the diagonal for 16 triangles. You will use 14 of them.

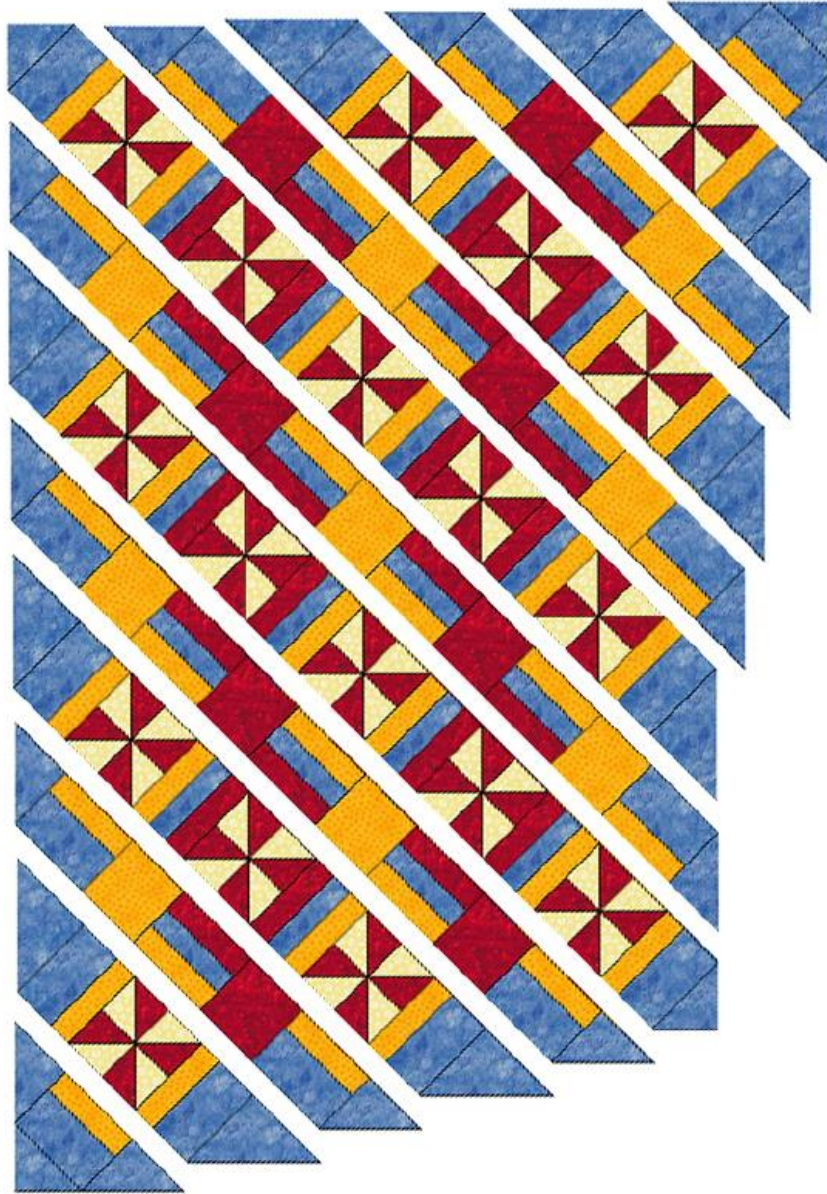
Cut 6 strips (WOF) $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " for the border.

Now let's put it all together!

Here's the center of the quilt.



It will be put together in rows. The chart on the next page will help.



As you are assembling the rows pay particular attention to the orientation of the rail fence blocks to get the colors lined up properly.

For the border sew the 2 ½" strips together end to end. Measure the length of the quilt. It's best to measure on the sides and in the center and use the average measurement to cut the side strips. Sew the side borders. Measure for the top and bottom borders the same way. Cut them and sew them on the quilt to finish it off.

Here's the finished quilt. I hope you have enjoyed the mystery and that the quilt has been as easy to make as I intended it. If you would like to use this quilt pattern for a guild or other community service project contact Vicki Welsh at vickiwelsh.com.

