



THE MEXICAN STAR

RECENTLY a quilt collector found a beautiful old "Mexican Star" quilt up in the mountains of York State. It was a handsome specimen in reds and blues. How these same lovely patterns are found North, South, East and West testify of the far-flung ties that bound together the scattered settlers of Mexican War days, when this pattern was doubtless originated.

This is rather an intricate pattern to piece, but the effect when set together as shown entirely of pieced blocks looks more beautiful than bewildering. If you are a quilt enthusiast, "Mexican Star" will tempt you. Seams are not allowed.

A rather small center, with a band of unbleached, five or six inches wide, then a row of blocks and a final border of red or yellow makes a most interesting plan. Quilts are enriched by borders as pictures are by frames; and besides, this plain strip allows for a band of fancy quilting.

Material Estimate: The Mexican Star may be set together as shown in the sketch so the blocks make an all-over pattern. A finished block is about 10 1/2 inches square. Made with 56 blocks, 7 blocks wide and 8 blocks long, a quilt will finish about 74 by 84 inches. This will require 3 1/4 yards unbleached, 2 yards of red print and 4 3/4 yards of yellow, ten yards in all.