

PIECED STAR

THERE are many lovely versions of the star quilt piecing, varying from four points to eight, and even a feather edged pattern which scintillates with small points along all edges of its large ones. Star blocks have been named for many localities, Northumberland Star, California, St. Louis, and Chicago Star, which by the way, is quite different from the "Shooting Star!"

Some are named for people, as "Dolly Madison's Star" and the "Cowboy's Star." There are Morning and Evening versions, falling, flying, rising, rolling, and joining stars, perhaps a hundred varieties of this basic motif.

The one here given is an airy, open-looking block about 11 inches square. It is made by piecing 8 small squares from two

triangles each, and four oblong blocks of three triangles each, then sewing them together in the block as shown.

Star blocks may be set together with alternate plain squares placed either horizontally or diagonally on the quilt. Here they make a handsome coverlet with white strips about 3 inches wide between two blocks joining with a 3-inch square of print at the corners, if seams are added.

Material Estimate: 28 plain blocks, and 28 pieced, 7 wide and 8 long, finishes 77 inches by 88 inches. Allow: 5 1/2 yards white, 3 1/2 yards print.



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