

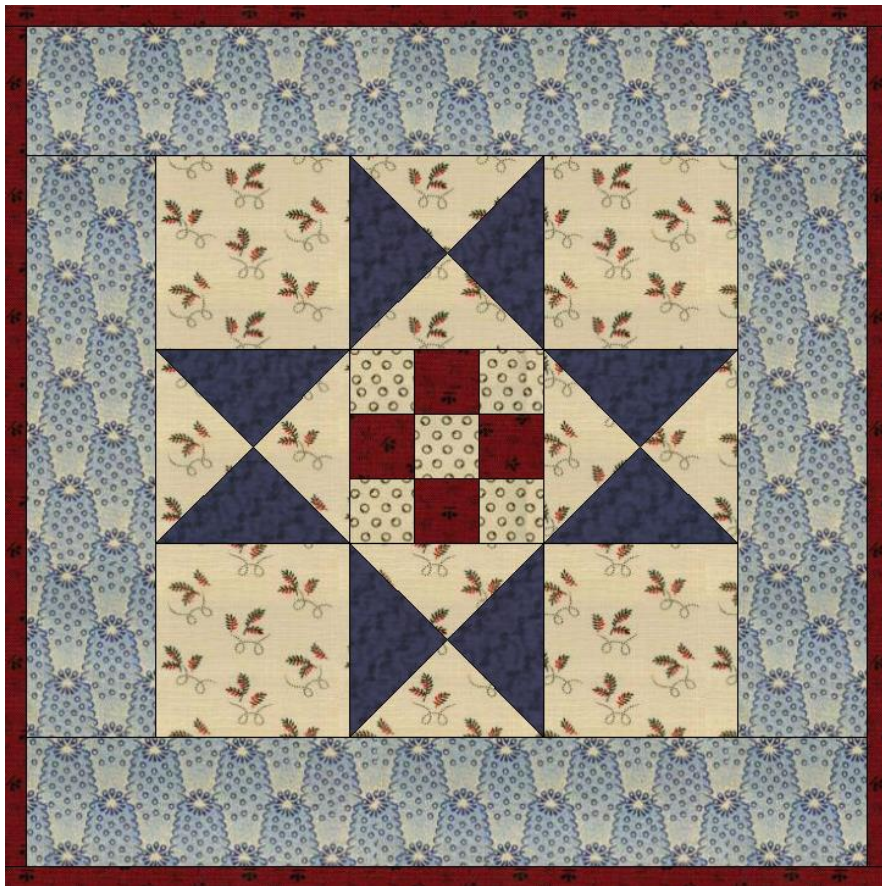
★ *Fourth of July Mini Mystery Quilt – Step 3* ★

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Add the borders

Before you add borders, make sure your block is squared up and measures $7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 7\frac{1}{2}''$.

You can finish your little quilt any way you like. Here are a few options -



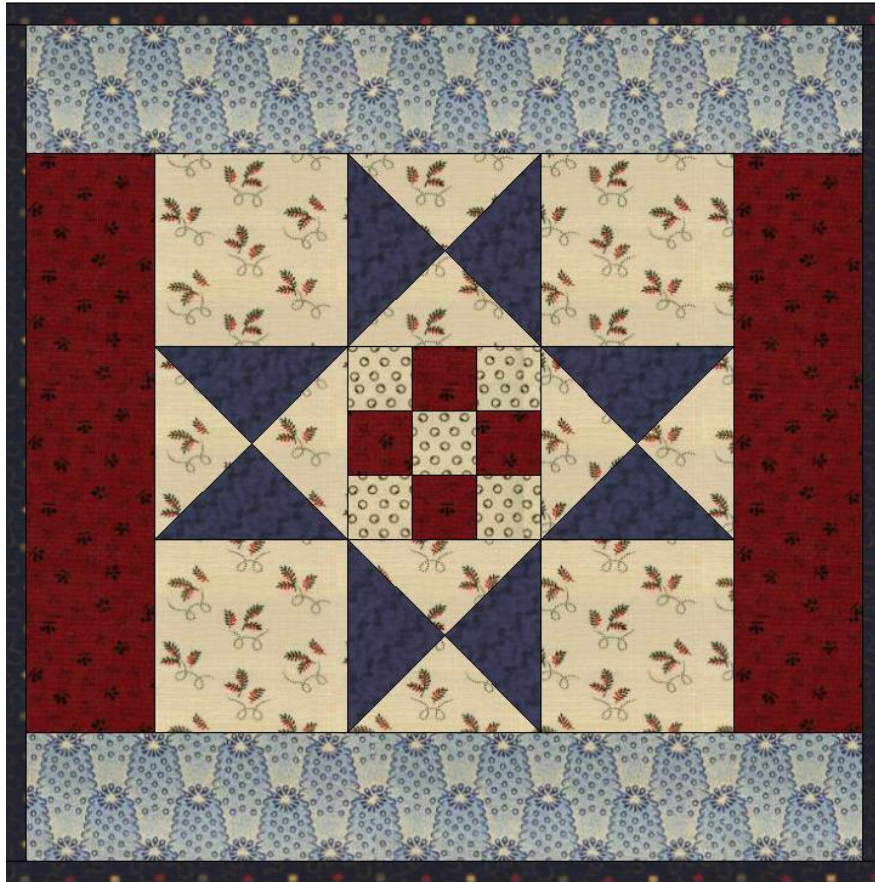
Simple finish: $9\frac{3}{4}'' \times 9\frac{3}{4}''$ finished quilt

Option 1: Cut 2 strips from light blue fabric, $2'' \times 7\frac{1}{2}''$. Sew strips to the sides of your block.

Cut 2 light blue strips, $2'' \times 9\frac{3}{4}''$. Sew to the top and bottom of quilt.

Layer quilt top, batting and backing. Pin or thread baste the layers together. Quilt by hand or machine.

For binding: Cut a red strip 1 ¼" wide and sew a single-fold binding.



Scrappy border: 9 ¾" x 9 ¾" finished quilt

Option 2: Cut 2 red fabric strips, 2" x 7 ½". Sew to the sides of your block. Cut 2 strips from a blue fabric, 2" x 9 ¾". Sew to the top and bottom of quilt.

Layer quilt top, batting and backing. Pin or thread baste the layers together. Quilt by hand or machine.

For binding: Cut a dark blue strip 1 ¼" wide and sew a single-fold binding.



Four-patch border: $10 \frac{3}{4}$ " x $10 \frac{3}{4}$ " finished quilt

Option 3: Cut 4 blue fabric strips, $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $7 \frac{1}{2}$ ". Sew two strips to the sides of your block.



Cut 8 squares from a red print, $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ".

Cut 8 squares from a light print, $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ".

Make a four-patch block that measures 2 ½" x 2 ½". **Make four blocks.**



Make 4.

Sew two four-patch units to both ends of a 2 ½" x 7 ½" strip as shown (so that the red squares are pointing outward). Make 2 strips.



Sew the strips with four-patch blocks to the top and bottom of the quilt.

Layer quilt top, batting and backing. Pin or thread baste the layers together. Quilt by hand or machine.

For binding: Cut a dark blue strip 1 ¼" wide and sew a single-fold binding.