



ALASKA

In this 3 part series I will show you how to make this pattern easy using DEB TUCKER's WEDGE STAR tool instead of the paper templates that come with the pattern, or Edyta Sitar's Acrylic Template set. With the Wedge Star tool you will make the blocks slightly oversized and trim them down for precision piecing.

In the first class I will review how I Tuckerized the Alaska pattern to use the Wedge Star tool. I will also show you how to cut out the units and get organized using the paper plate method. In each class you will be instructed on one of the 3 different blocks that make up this beautiful quilt. You will also learn many tips for putting this quilt together to get perfect star points, and will discuss ways to quilt your quilt.

SUPPLY LIST

- Pattern - **ALASKA** (available at the Old Country Store)
- **Studio 180 Design - Wedge Star tool** and Instructions for tool (available at the Old Country Store)
- **Tucker Trimmer 3 (recommended) or a square ruler to trim 9 1/2" blocks** (available at the Old Country Store)
- 13 - Paper plates - dinner size - 8.5" - 10" to help with organization

Basic Sewing and Quilting Supplies -

- Sewing Machine with a new needle, power cords and manual (just in case)
- Thread - 50 wt is good for piecing
- Seam ripper
- Scissor snips
- Extra fine pins - Clover Patchwork Extra Fine Pins
Or Magic Pins - extra fine
- Small cutting mat - 12" x 12" or larger
- Rotary Cutter with a sharp blade
- Marking pen or pencil - (frixion pen or marking pencil such as Sewline)
- Straight edge ruler 4.5" x 8.5" or larger with 45 degree angle
- Invisigrip or true grips highly recommended for back of tools

Fabric Requirements

Some of these fabric requirements are different than what is published on pattern to be able to use the Wedge Star tool.

BLOCKS:

Print 1 (Light Fabrics) - 2 1/2 yards
Print 2 (Medium Light Fabrics) - 1 1/3 yards
Print 3 (Light Blue fabric) - 1 1/4 yards
Print 4 (Medium blue fabric) - 1/4 yard
Print 5 (Dark blue fabric) - 1 1/4 yards
Print 6 (Very dark blue fabric) - 2/3 yard

BORDER: 1 1/8 yards of light fabric

BINDING: 2/3 yard fabric

BACKING: 4 1/4 yards

(The “Alaska” quilt is made using Bakers Dozen by Laundry Basket)

****PLEASE DO NOT BUY THE PRECUT ALASKA KIT FROM LAUDRY BASKET QUILTS because the pieces are precision cut and you can not use the Wedge Star with the kit.****

CUTTING DIRECTIONS

The following are the Tuckerized cutting directions for Alaska. Using Deb Tucker’s Wedge Star tool from Studio 180 Design this pattern is really a lot of fun. In class you will learn how to make the three blocks that make up this quilt - The Wedge Block, Mixed Wedge Block and the Wedge Star Block. We will be working on Block 1 in the Alaska Pattern during our 1st class. I am given you cutting directions for Block 1 and also the cutting directions for the entire quilt if you want to cut everything out prior to class but that is not necessary. To help organize yourself I recommend you put a fabric swatch for each print on the following chart.

FABRIC SELECTION CHART

Print 1	Print 2	Print 3	Print 4	Print 5	Print 6

For class you will just need to cut the following:

NOTE: WOF = Width of fabric. 1/2 WOF = 1/2 Width of fabric

CLASS 1 -

BLOCK 1 - Wedge Block

Print 1 - 1 strip 5 1/2” x WOF; and 8 - 4” squares cut once on diagonal

Print 2 - 1 strip 5 1/2” x WOF

Print 4 - 1 strip 5 1/2” x WOF

You only need to cut strips - you will learn how to cut out the small wedges, large wedges and diamonds using the Wedge Star tool in class. **Cut the squares out prior to class and cut them once on the diagonal.**

**** Below is the full cutting directions for the entire Alaska pattern****

*****For 9 1/2" unfinished blocks:*****

- A = Diamonds** in pattern - Diamond strips - 2 1/2"
B = Half Diamonds in pattern - Small Wedge strips - 3 1/2"
C = Wedges in pattern - Large Wedge strips - 5 1/2"
D = Triangles in pattern - Corner Squares - 4"
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Print 1:

- B - 4 1/2 strips - 3 1/2" x WOF** (104 Small Wedges)
C - 10 strips - 5 1/2" x WOF (156 Large Wedges)
D - 3 strips - 4" x WOF (subcut into 26 - 4" squares then cut diagonally) (52 Corner Triangles)

Print 2:

- A - 1 Strip - 2 1/2" x 1/2 WOF** (4 Diamonds)
B - 4 strips - 3 1/2" x WOF + remnant from 5 1/2" strip (104 Small Wedges)
C - 3 strips - 5 1/2" x WOF (NOTE: use remnant for B) (32 Large Wedges)
D - 3 strips - 4" x WOF (subcut into 26 - 4" squares then cut diagonally) (52 Corner Triangles)

Print 3

- A - 6 strips - 2 1/2" x WOF** (60 Diamonds)
B - 2 strips - 3 1/2" x WOF (48 Small Wedges)
C - 2 1/2 strips - 5 1/2" x WOF (32 Large Wedges)
D - 1 strip - 4" x WOF (subcut into 10 - 4" squares then cut diagonally) (20 Corner Triangles)

Print 4

- C - 1 strip - 5 1/2" x WOF** (12 Large Wedges)

Print 5

- A - 8 strips - 2 1/2" x WOF** (80 Diamonds)
B - 1 1/2 strips - 3 1/2" x WOF (32 Small Wedges)
C - 1 strip - 5 1/2" x WOF (8 Large Wedges)
D - 1 strip - 4" x WOF (subcut into 8 - 4" squares then cut diagonally) (16 Corner Triangles)

Print 6

- A - 1 strip - 2 1/2" x WOF** (8 Diamonds)
B - 1 strip - 3 1/2" x WOF (16 Small Wedges)
D - 3 strips - 4" x WOF (subcut into 28 - 4" squares then cut diagonally) (56 Corner Triangles)

If cutting the entire pattern out just cut the highlighted strips. You will learn in class how to use the Wedge Star to cut the small and large wedges and the diamonds **SO ONLY CUT THE STRIPS!!** You can cut the squares into triangles. The letters correspond to the unit.

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