

A couple of years ago I purchased Carol Doak's book "Fifty Fabulous Stars". I looked at that book many times, but I could not decide which of the blocks I wanted to use. Then one day my Gems of the Prairie newsletter came and with it the answer to my problem. Carol Doak was going to come to speak at our Guild and teach Workshops so I knew immediately that I wanted to make a quilt using all fifty of her blocks, one representing each state. It would be time consuming, but after all, I had almost 2 years, I could make one block a week and have time left to quilt and bind. There was no question about my color choices, it had to be red, white, and blue. Problems all solved I set to work and quickly turned out the first 10 blocks. Then things began to happen in my life that made it necessary for me to lay aside my project for many months. Suddenly, the visit from Carol Doak was just around the corner, I had to pick up the pace. My goal of a block a week had become a block a day to leave quilting time. Well, I made it, I spent a rainy Memorial Day weekend binding, by hand, 414 inches of quilt. I think the results were worth the effort. I hope you enjoy the finished project and much as I enjoyed making it. (Machine quilting by Elsie Green)