

FEBRUARY 2011 BLOCK A MONTH

12" Finished

Fabric & Cutting:

From background fabric, cut:
Four 3-1/4" squares
Two 4-7/8" squares
Four 2-1/2" x 4-1/2"

From Star 1 fabric (medium to light value),
cut:

One 4-1/2" square
Two 3-1/4" squares

From Star 2 fabric (medium to dark value), cut:

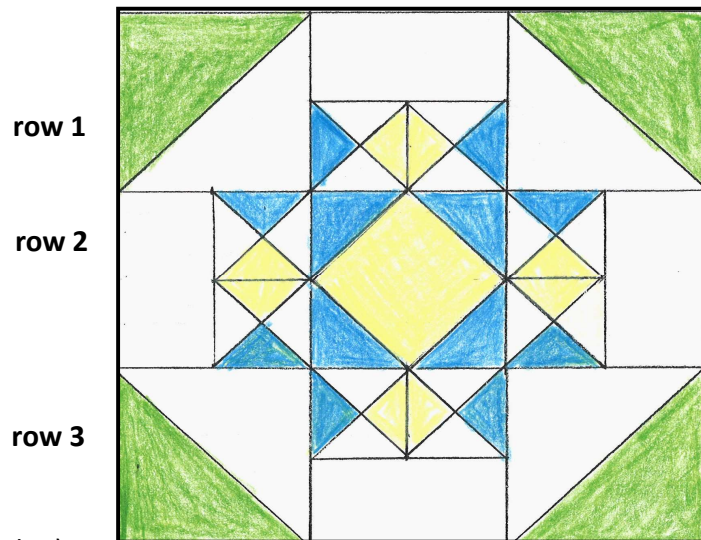
Four 2-1/2" squares
Two 3-1/4" squares

From block border fabric, cut:

Two 4-7/8" squares

Sewing:

1. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the four (4) 3-1/4" background fabric squares. Pair each with one of the Star 1 or Star 2 fabric squares 3-1/4", right sides together, and stitch 1/4" away from the drawn diagonal line on both sides of the line. Cut along the drawn line and press the seams toward the darker fabric. You will end up with 8 half triangle squares.
2. Draw a diagonal line on the back of each Star 1 half triangle squares in the opposite corners from the existing seam. Pair with one Star 2 half triangle square placing right sides together where each of the Star fabric half blocks is paired with the background fabric. Align seams of the two half triangle blocks. *Note that the pressed seams of half blocks will be opposite of each other.* Stitch 1/4" away from drawn diagonal line on both sides of the line. Cut along the drawn line and press open the seam just sewn. You will end up with 8 quarter triangle squares.
3. Sew two quarter triangle squares together aligning Star 1 fabric side to form a 2-1/2" by 4-1/2" rectangle. Press seam open. The rectangle will have a Star 1 fabric square in center. Make four.
4. Sew background fabric 2-1/2" by 4-1/2" rectangles to rectangles created in step 3. Press seam to the background fabric. Make four.



5. Follow step 1. Using the 4-7/8" squares of the background and block border fabric. Press seams toward border fabric. You will end up with 4 half triangle squares.
6. Place the four 2-1/2" star 1 squares on each of the corners of a 4-1/2" background square, right sides together and draw diagonal line across the corner on each of the two smaller squares. Sew along the diagonal lines, press small square toward larger square corner then trim seam to 1/4". This will become the center of your block.
7. Lay out pieces to match picture. There are three rows of three 4-1/2" squares. Sew each row together pressing seams in rows 1 and 3 toward corner and row 2 toward the center.
8. Sew row 1 to row 2 together pressing seam toward row 1. Sew row 2 to row 3 pressing seam toward row 3.

Bring your completed block to show at the February Guild meeting. If you have any questions call Sarah at 805-305-3986.

The quilt pictured on the next page was my inspiration for this year's Block a Month quilt. However, only a couple of the blocks will be the same and of course we will be doing 9 different blocks instead of 12 as shown in picture.

