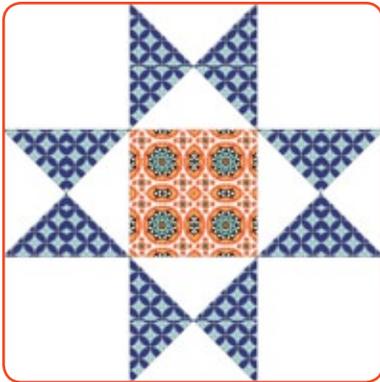




Ohio Star Block Pattern

Block No. 15 – August .....



This pattern uses just one of several methods for making quarter square triangles. Each method has pros and cons and, since preferences do range from one person to the next, feel free to construct your quarter square triangles via a different method if you would like.

**Materials**

- 5½" (14 cm) or one fat quarter background fabric
  - 5½" (14 cm) or one fat quarter print fabric
- Use two fabrics if you want your center square to be different from your points.

**Cutting**

**Print fabric (star)**

- Cut one 4½" (11.4cm) square (for the center)
- Cut two 5½" (14cm) squares (for the points)

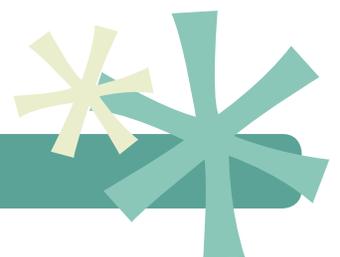
**Background fabric**

- Cut four 4½" (11.4cm) squares (for the corners)
- Cut two 5½" (14cm) squares

**Construction**

1. From the 5½" (14 cm) background squares, create 4 quarter square triangles as follows:
  - Layer each background square on top of a 5½" (14 cm) print square, right sides together and pin.
  - Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the two background squares.

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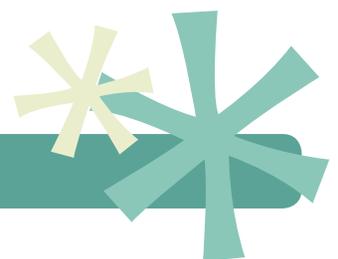
2 Patterns

## Ohio Star Block Pattern

- For each pair, stitch a **scant**  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) seam on **both** sides of the drawn line. Cut along the line and press the units open with the seam allowance toward the darker fabric. You'll have four half square triangle (HST) units at this point.
- Using a ruler and rotary cutter, on the wrong side of each of these HST units, make two unit by cutting a diagonal line corner to corner, perpendicular to the seam.
- Switch halves and pair up units, right sides together. Make sure your coordinating fabrics are opposite one another and the center seams are "nested." (Feel with your fingers to make sure there's no bump.)
- For each pair, pin at both sides of the center intersection. Stitch a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) seam on both sides of the drawn line.

*Tip: Stitching these seams with the top seam allowance pointing toward the presser foot will aid in the center seams aligning more closely, as the presser foot will slightly push the seam allowances toward one another as you stitch.*

- Press open and trim these units to  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (11.4 cm).
2. Lay out all the squares and units, using the block illustration as a guide.
3. Join each row, using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) seam.
4. Press the seam allowances away from the quarter square triangles.
5. Nest and pin all of the matching seams between rows. Now stitch the rows together using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) seam.
6. Press. Double check that the block is  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " (31.8 cm) square and trim if necessary.





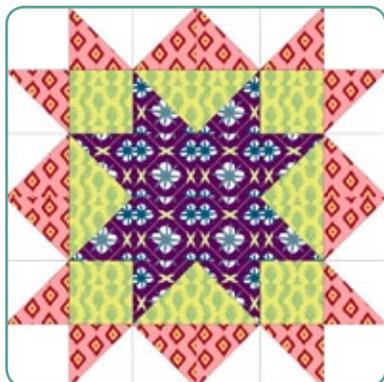
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2 Patterns

## Double Star Block Pattern

### Block No. 16 – August .....



#### Materials

- 4½" (11.4cm) background fabric
- 4½" (11.4cm) x WOF of three different print fabrics or three print fat quarters

For clarity in the instructions, I'll refer to the the colors used in my block (white, purple, green and pink); you will, of course, "translate" each of them to your personal color choices. It's crucial that your three prints have different values, i.e. light, medium and dark. You may certainly choose to change the placement order of the different fabrics, such as making your inner star light, not dark like mine, but do be sure your three fabric choices have a nice contrast against one another so these star patterns are obvious.

#### Cutting

##### White Fabric

- Cut four 2½" (6.5 cm) squares
- Cut eight 4½" x 2½" (11.5 cm x 6.5 cm) rectangles

##### Purple Print

- Cut one 4½" (11.5 cm) square
- Cut eight 2½" (6.5 cm) squares

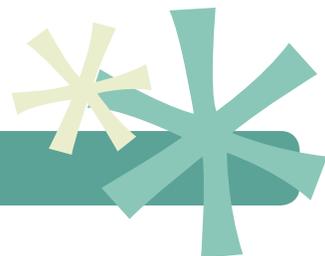
##### Green Print

- Cut four 4½" x 2½" (11.5 cm x 6.5 cm) rectangles
- Cut four 2½" (6.5 cm) squares

##### Pink Print

- Cut 16 2½" (6.5 cm) squares

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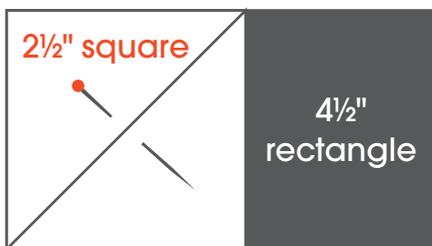
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## Double Star Block Pattern

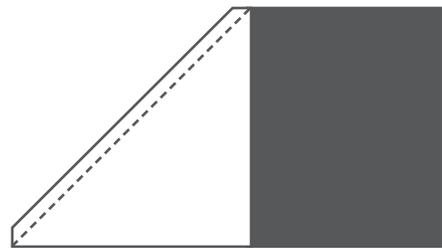
### Construction

For this block, you'll be making 12 flying geese units, eight for the pink star and four for the purple star. There are three methods to make flying geese: traditional, magic, and corner-to-corner. We will be using the corner-to-corner method in this pattern.

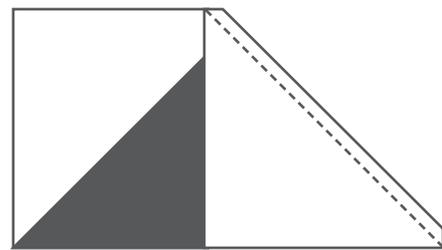
1. Sort your pieces to pair two small squares with each rectangle. You should have the following combinations:
  - Four pairs of two small purple squares with one green rectangle
  - Eight pairs of two pink squares with one white rectangle. Set aside the remaining four white squares, four green squares, and one large purple square.
2. Using one pink and white pair, make one flying geese unit as follows:
  - Draw a diagonal line, corner-to-corner, across the wrong side of both pink squares.
  - Lay one pink square on a white rectangle, right sides together, aligning at one end as shown.



- Pin. Stitch **on** the drawn line.
- Trim away the outer corners to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) seam allowance and press the pink triangle open.

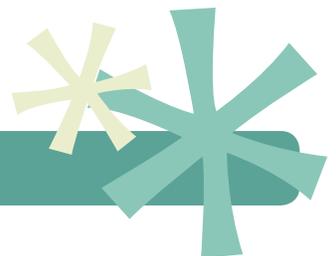


- Align and stitch a second pink square to the other end of the rectangle, trimming and pressing open just as before.



- Repeat to make a total of 12 flying geese units, four with the green and purple patches and eight with the pink and white patches.
3. Following the block diagram, lay out all your pieces on a design board or flat next to your machine to create the Double Star pattern.

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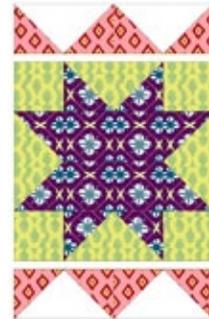
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## Double Star Block Pattern

- To assemble:** Be sure your seams are a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) throughout the assembly.
- Join purple/green flying geese units to two opposite sides of the large purple square as shown, nesting and pinning as needed.

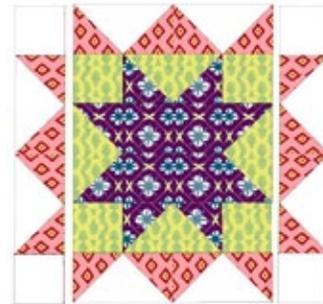


- Join two pink/white flying geese units. Repeat. Stitch these to opposite sides of the purple/green section.



- Stitch another purple/green flying geese unit between two green squares. Repeat with the remaining unit and squares. Stitch these to the remaining sides of the purple square, orienting them as shown.

- Stitch white squares to both ends of one remaining unit. Repeat. Stitch these to the remaining sides to complete the assembly.



- To finish, press the block and trim to  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " (31.8 cm) as needed. Expect very little waste.

End

