

Community Star

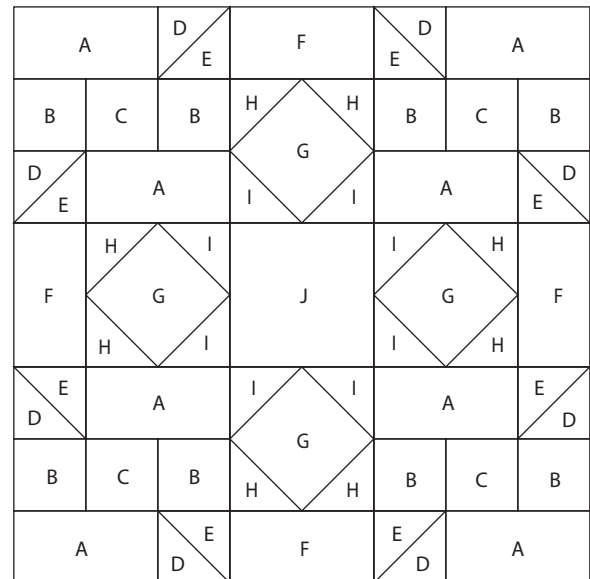
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I liked the idea of a community of stars, with a center one that is supported on all sides by its fellow stars (who are all halfway peeking into the block). Doesn't it look like the outer perimeter has stars reaching in to hold hands with the one in the center and are forming a circle around the center star? This feels like community to me!



Cutting Instructions

Qty	6" finished block	12" finished block
8	2" x 1 1/4" rectangles (A)	3 1/2" x 2" rectangles (A)
8	1 1/4" squares (B)	2" squares (B)
4	1 1/4" squares (C)	2" squares (C)
4	1 3/4" squares (D)	2 1/2" squares (D)
4	1 3/4" squares (E)	2 1/2" squares (E)
4	2" x 1 1/4" rectangles (F)	3 1/2" x 2" rectangles (F)
4	1 5/8" squares (G)	2 5/8" squares (G)
4	1 3/4" squares, cut in half diagonally (H)	2 1/2" squares, cut in half diagonally (H)
4	1 3/4" squares, cut in half diagonally (I)	2 1/2" squares, cut in half diagonally (I)
1	2" square (J)	3 1/2" square (J)



Use this block to plan color and fabric placement!

My Swatches

A B C D E F

G H I J



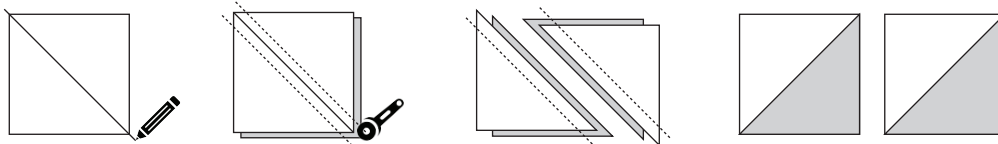


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Piecing Instructions

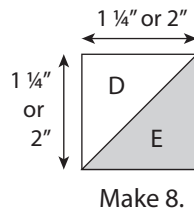
Step 1

On the wrong side of each D square, draw a line from one corner to the opposing corner as shown. Place D and E squares right sides together. Stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides of the drawn line. Cut the square apart on the line to yield 2 HSTs, and press the seams to the darker triangles (E).



1 D square + 1 E square = 2 D/E HSTs

Repeat to make 8 D/E HSTs.
Trim HSTs to $1\frac{1}{4}$ " (6" block) or 2" (12" block).

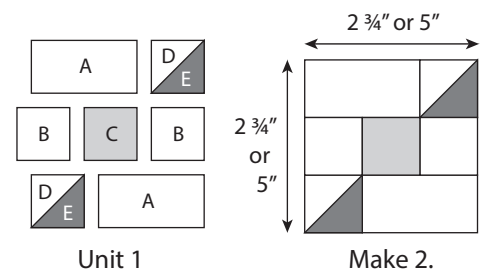


Step 2

Lay out 2 A rectangles, 2 D/E HSTs, 2 B squares, and 1 C square as shown in Unit 1 diagram.

Join to make a corner unit measuring $2\frac{3}{4}$ " (6" block) or 5" (12" block).

Repeat to make 2 units.

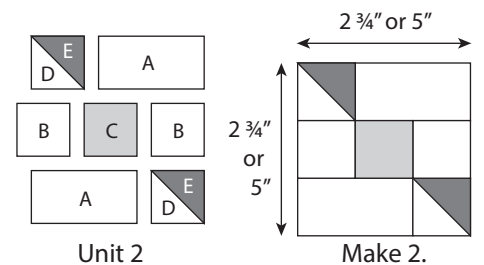


Step 3


Lay out 2 A rectangles, 2 D/E HSTs, 2 B squares, and 1 C square as shown in Unit 2 diagram.

Join to make a corner unit measuring $2\frac{3}{4}$ " (6" block) or 5" (12" block).


Repeat to make 2 units.



Get to know Robin...

 I know the stars have aligned when...
A design comes together, my husband makes dinner, my daughter and I have a fun FaceTime call, and my son comes over for the weekend. Simple, good stuff!

 If I could wish on a star, I'd wish for...
Extra time each week to just be creative and relaxed.

 I thank my lucky stars that...
I work with Moda and get to design fabric and quilts. I love what I do and feel so grateful.

 Star Trek, Star Wars, or Dancing With the Stars?
Star Wars, since that is what the whole family would gather to watch.



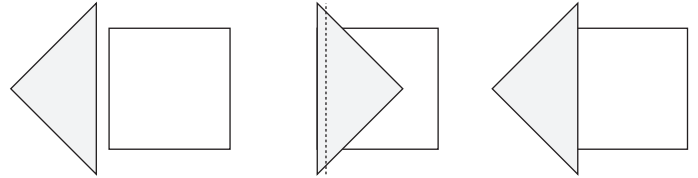


Piecing Instructions, continued

Step 4

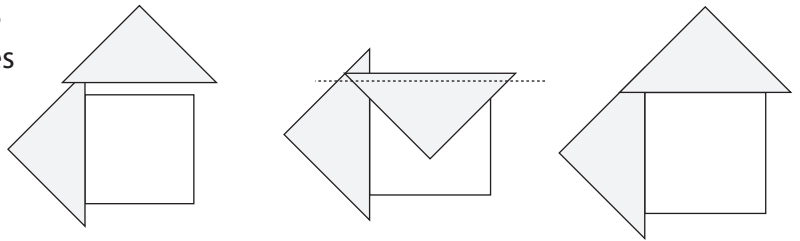
Align the diagonal cut edge of an I triangle with one side of a G square, right sides together, as shown.

Stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam along the edge, and press the seams to the I triangle.

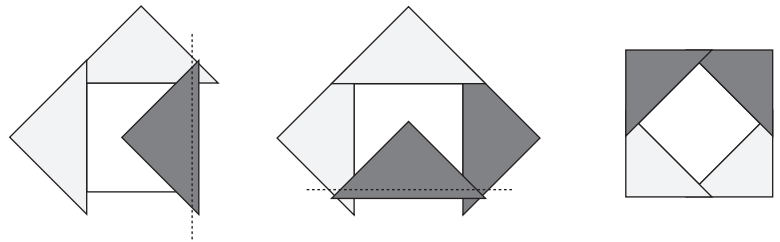


Align the diagonal cut edge of another I triangle with the adjacent side of the G square, right sides together, as shown.

Stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam along the edge, and press the seams to the I triangle.



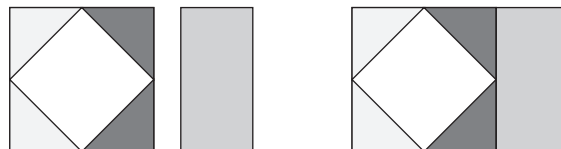
Follow the same process to join 2 H triangles to the other sides of the G square to make a square-in-a-square unit. Make sure to join the I triangles first so that the H points overlap the I points.



Repeat to make 4 square-in-a-square units.
Trim units to 2" (6" block) or 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (12" block).

Step 5

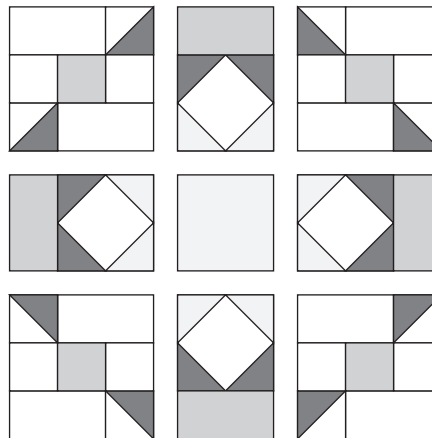
Join F rectangles to square-in-a-square units as shown.



Step 6

Lay out corner units, square-in-a-square units, and J square as shown.

Join units to make the full block.
Trim to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " or 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".





Additional Coloring Blocks

