

Our Block of the Month Program

There will be instructions for a different star-themed quilt block each month. Please make one block (or more) to donate to the guild using red, white, and blue fabric. In November we put together the donated blocks to make tops for our Veterans program. The instructions for each block will be in the monthly newsletter and instructions for all 9 blocks will be on our website.

April Block of the Month: Joy Star

The history of the star quilts is shrouded in myth and legend. Some say the star quilt is a representation of the heavenly north, while others say it is a symbol of hope and good luck. Regardless of its origin, the star is a popular quilt block that is easy to sew and looks amazing.

Unfinished Block size 12 ½" X 12 ½" (12" finished)

The basic building squares in this pattern are HST. A good resource for making HST can be found at: www.blog.treasurie.com/half-square-triangles/

Fabric needed:

Background: Eight 2 ½" squares for HST

Eight 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles for corners (or use sixteen 2 ½" squares)

Star color 1: Six 2 ½" squares for center and four 2 ½" squares for HST

Star color 2: Eight 2 ½" squares for center and four 2 ½" for HST

Make the following HST combinations:

Four HST color 1 & background

Four HST color 2 & background



Arrange your squares as shown and sew together



A different color weight & uses all 2 ½" squares

Hint: If you choose directional fabrics, pay close attention to the orientation of the fabrics during cutting and assembly to add to the realism of woven ribbons. If you want an extra challenge, you can adjust your cuts so that the pattern matches in adjacent pieces, making those seams all but disappear! But we'll leave that to your patience level.

Happy sewing, Roxy