



### The Seventh Block: Cowboy Star

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This is another original block design (because at the last minute I noticed that the block I'd chosen for this month was not in the public domain - opps!) I looked through my two big quilt block reference books and did not find this block, so I'm naming it Cowboy Star. You can make a hundred thousand dozen of them to make quilts, table runners, tote bags, aprons, etc. And you can draw them in your Electric Quilt or Quilt Pro

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Cowboy Star is easier than the last few blocks we've made, giving us a little break during the busy month of August. Many of the seams do not intersect, so you don't have to worry so much about pressing direction or matching seams. I used all six colors in this block, too. You can read more about this block on [my blog](#).

### Cutting Requirements

Color & amount	7" block	14" block	21" block
Color A (very light) 2	3" x 3"	5" x 5"	7" x 7"
Color B (light) 12	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"
Color C (medium) 4	1.5" x 2.5"	2.5" x 4.5"	3.5" x 6.5"
Color D (medium) 2	3" x 3"	5" x 5"	7" x 7"
Color E (dark) 8	1.5" x 2.5"	2.5" x 4.5"	3.5" x 6.5"
Color F (very dark) 5	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"

### Directions for Assembling the Block

(scroll down for links to pdf files)

#### Step 1: Half-Square Triangles Units

With the large color A and D squares, use your favorite method to make 4 half-square triangle units. Press seams toward one side (it doesn't really matter which side).



Make 4.

**Step 2: Arrow Units**

- a) Draw diagonal lines on the back side of 8 color B squares.
- b) Place the squares on the color E rectangles so that 4 point left and 4 point right.
- c) Sew on the diagonal lines. Tip: for best results, stitch on the outside edge of the line.



Make 4 of each direction.

**Step 3:**

- a) Trim units from previous step 1/4 inch from stitching.
- b) Press seams toward color B (if you prefer, you can press toward color E as there is no right or wrong way).



Make 4 of each direction.

**Step 4:**

Sew the left pointing arrow units to the half-square triangle units as shown. Note: when upside-down, these units look like they're pointing right as in the photo. Press seams toward the HST unit.



Make 4.

**Step 5:**

Sew a color F square to the remaining four right pointing arrow units. Press seams toward the color F square.



Make 4.

**Step 6:**

Sew the step 5 units to the step 4 units. Press seams toward the direction you find easiest. You have now completed the four "paw" units.



Make 4.

**Step 7:**

Sew the remaining 4 color B squares to the color C rectangles. Press seams toward color of choice.



Make 4.

**Step 8:**

Lay your 4 "paw" units on a flat surface in the positions they will go in the finished block. Sew a color B/C strip to the right side of the two "paw" units that are on the left side of the block. Press seams toward color B/C strips.



Make 2.

**Step 9:**

Sew the "paw" units for the right side of the block to the color B/C strip of their respective left side counterparts. Press seams toward color B/C strips.



Make 2.

**Step 10:**

Sew the remaining color F square to color C of a color B/C strip as shown. Press seam toward color C.



Make 1.

**Step 11:**

Sew remaining color B/C strip to color E square to make the center row. Press seam toward color C.



Make 1.

**Step 12:**

Sew the center row to the top row. Press seam toward center row.

Make 1.

**Step 13:**

Sew bottom row to center row. Press seam toward center row.

Press finished block and trim to square if necessary.