



**Block Name: Star Variation**  
 Similar to Four X's and Swamp Angel

Skill level: Easy (3" block more challenging)  
 Cutting method: rotary cutting

Fabrics: 3 colors  
 or 3 shades of  
 one color - light,  
 medium & dark

Cutting: use the  
 chart below for the  
 size block you need.



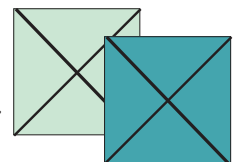
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Quantity to cut	3" block	6" block	9" block	12" block	15" block
Light color:					
2	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"	4.5" x 4.5"	5.5" x 5.5"	6.5" x 6.5"
2	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"	5" x 5"	6" x 6"
Medium:					
2	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"	5" x 5"	6" x 6"
1	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"	4.5" x 4.5"	5.5" x 5.5"
Dark:					
2	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"	4.5" x 4.5"	5.5" x 5.5"	6.5" x 6.5"

*Block size refers to finished size.*

**Constructing the Block**

This block uses 4 units made of quarter-square triangles. These are made using the largest squares cut. The dimensions given in the cutting chart are 1/4" larger than needed to give beginners ample room for error.



**Making the Quarter-Square Triangle (QST) Units**

1. Start with the two largest squares (2.5", 3.5", etc.). Cut each square diagonally twice to make 4 small triangles.

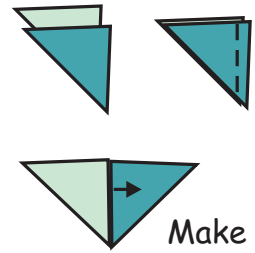




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### Making Sailboat Units continued

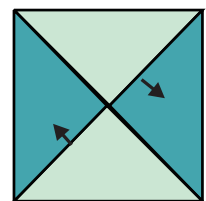
2. Match a light triangle to a dark triangle, right sides together. Place them so that the dark triangle is on the top and the two short sides are at the top and to the right. Sew triangles together on the right-hand short side. On quarter-square triangles, the two short sides are the bias or stretchy sides. - remember to be careful not to stretch these sides as you sew. Repeat with remaining triangles.



Make 8.

3. Press seams toward the dark triangle. Seams should go in the direction indicated by the arrows on the diagrams.

4. Place two units right sides together, seams snugged against each other, just as you would when making a 4-patch unit. Sew seam. Repeat with remaining units to make a total of 4 QST units. Press new seams to one side.



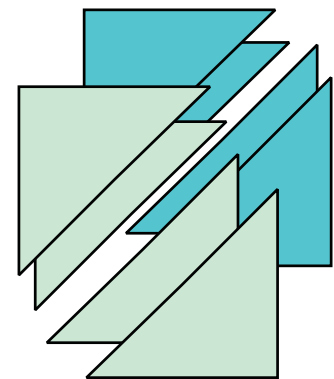
Make 4.

5. Use a ruler with a 90-degree angle marking to trim units to size - they should measure the same as the small medium color square you cut for your block size.

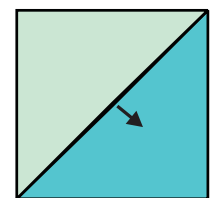
### Making the Half-Square Triangle (HST) Units

1. Cut the medium-size light and medium color squares in half diagonally once.

2. Place one triangle of each color right sides together and sew on the long side - this is the bias or stretchy side so handle carefully. Repeat with remaining triangles to make a total of 4 HST units. Press seams toward the darker color triangle.



3. Trim units to same size as the QST units.



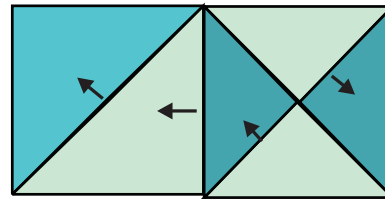
Make 4.



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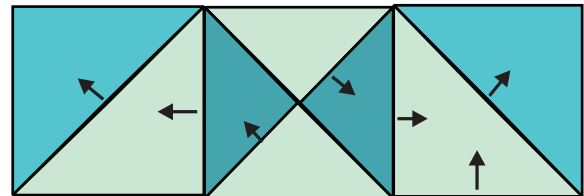
### Making the Top and Bottom Rows

1. Sew a QST unit to a HST unit as shown.. Press seam toward the HST unit.



Make 2.

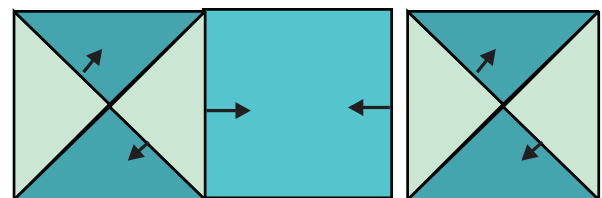
2. Sew another HST unit to the opposite side of the QST unit as shown. Press seam toward the HST unit. Make 2.



Make 2.

### Making the Center Row

1. Sew the medium color square to a QST unit. Press seam toward the square.



Make 1.

2. Sew remaining QST unit to opposite side of the medium color square. Press seam toward the square.

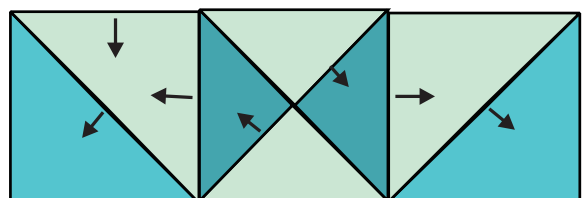
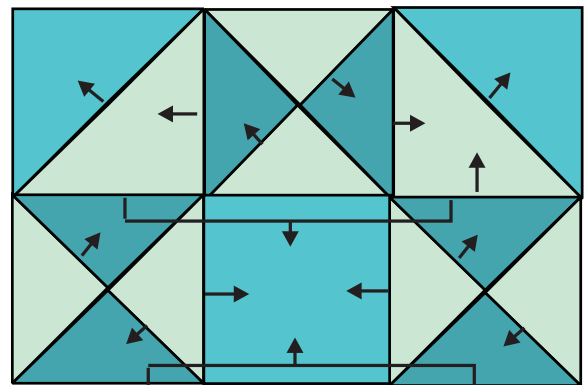
### Assembling the Block

1. On a flat surface, lay out the units as they should go in the finished block.

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

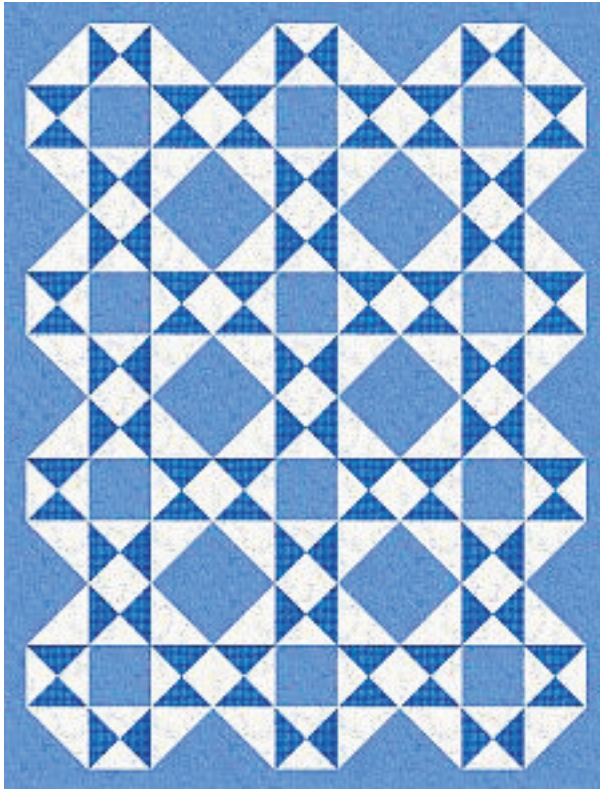
3. Sew bottom row to center row. Press seam toward the center row.

4. Press entire block. Measure and square it up if needed.

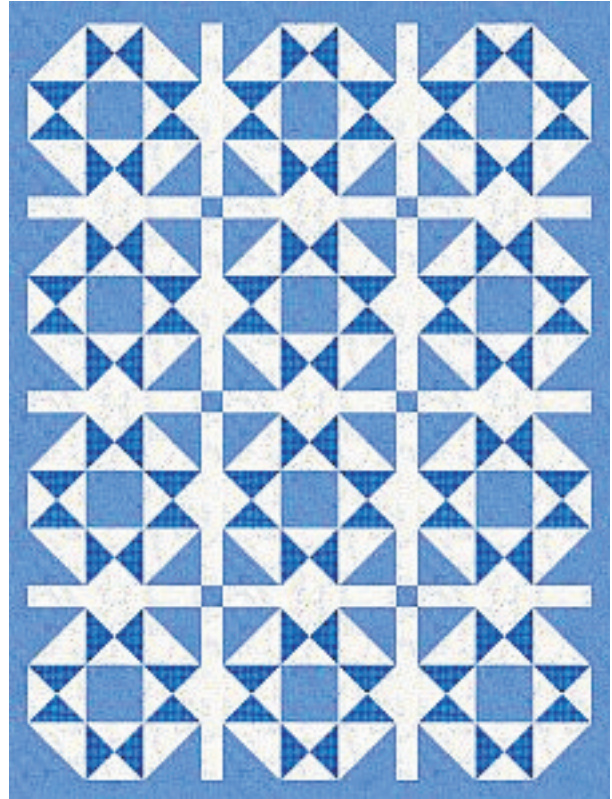




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Set without sashing.



Set with sashing and cornerstones.