



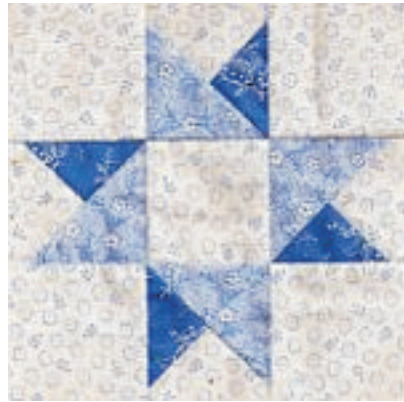
Block Name: Twin Star

Skill level: Easy

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.



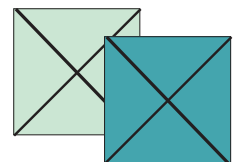
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Quantity to cut	3" block	6" block	9" block	12" block	15" block
Light color:					
5	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"	4.5" x 4.5"	5.5" x 5.5"
1	2.25" x 2.25"	3.25" x 3.25"	4.25" x 4.25"	5.25" x 5.25"	6.25" x 6.25"
Medium:					
2	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"	5" x 5"	6" x 6"
Dark:					
1	2.25" x 2.25"	3.25" x 3.25"	4.25" x 4.25"	5.25" x 5.25"	6.25" x 6.25"

Block size refers to finished size.

Constructing the Block

This block uses 4 units made of quarter-square and half-square triangles. These units remind me of sailboats, so I'll refer to them as "sailboat units."



Making the Sailboat Units

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

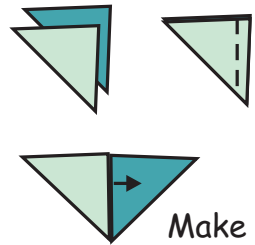




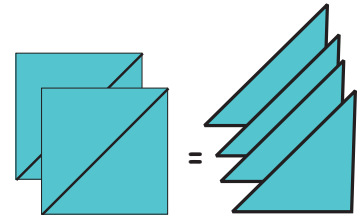
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Making Sailboat Units continued

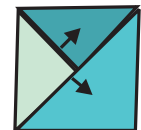
2. Match a light triangle to a dark triangle, right sides together. Place them so that the dark triangle is on the bottom and the two short sides are at the top and to the right. Sew triangles together on the right-hand short side. On quarter-square triangles, the two short sides are the bias or stretchy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



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



4. Cut the medium color squares in half to make 4 half-square triangles.

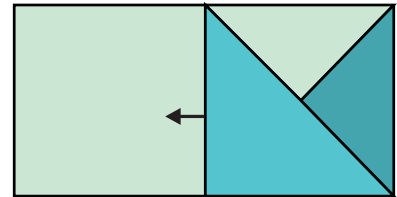


5. Sew a half square triangle to each quarter-square triangle unit. Press seams toward the medium color triangle.

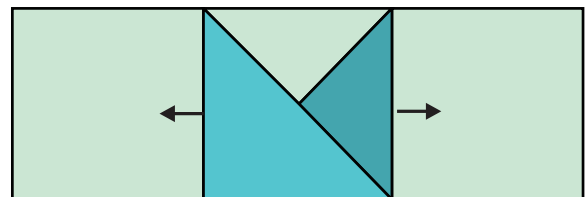
6. Trim each unit to size required - same size as the remaining light color squares.

Making the Top and Bottom Rows

1. Sew a light color square to a Sailboat Unit - pay careful attention to color placement as it's easy to put them together incorrectly. Make 2. Press seams toward the light square.

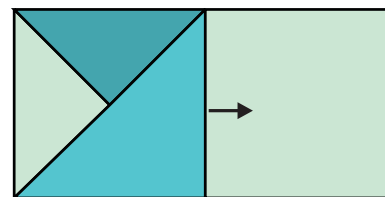


2. Sew another light square to the opposite side of the Sailboat Unit. Press new seams toward the light square.



Making the Center Row

1. Sew the remaining light color square to a Sailboat Unit - again, pay careful attention to the color arrangement. Press seam toward the light color square.

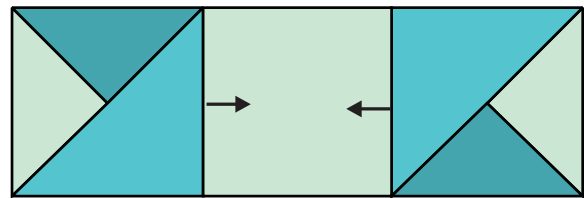




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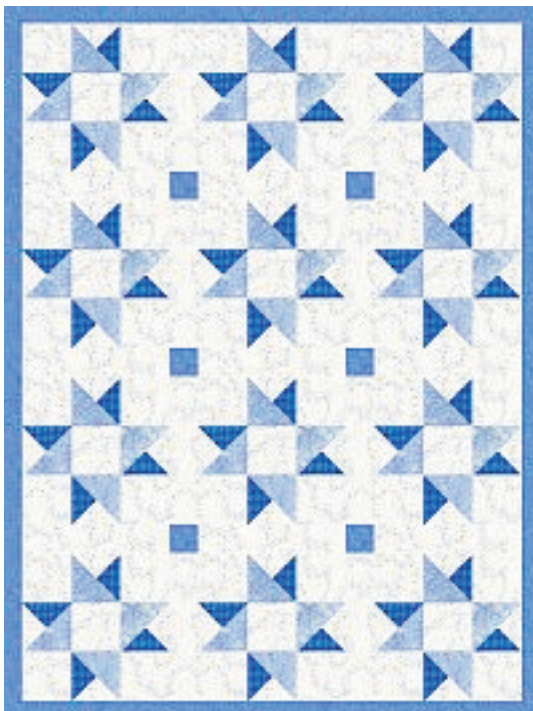
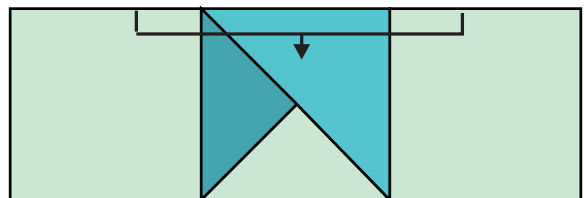
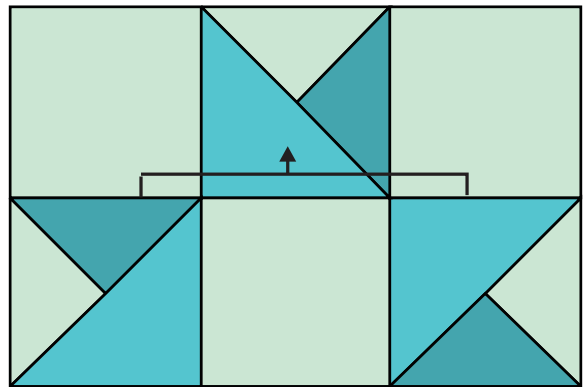
Making the Center Row, continued

2. Sew the remaining Sailboat Unit to the opposite side of the light color square. Press new 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 top row.
3. Sew bottom row to center row. Press seam toward the bottom row..
4. Press entire block. Measure and square it up if needed.



Set with sashing and cornerstones.

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Set without sashing.

When set without sashing, the "star" tends to get lost. Instead, a geometric grid forms. To preserve the "star," set with sashing as shown on page 3, or set with alternating blocks as shown below. The sample quilt at bottom left shows an alternating block done in a different color pattern - both the "star" and grid pattern appear. The sample quilt at bottom right uses a completely different block, 4-Patch Chain, as the alternating block. When alternated, this block creates a frame that shows off whatever block is used with it.



4-Patch Chain
block

