

STAR FABRIC..... White, or white on white

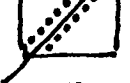
BACKGROUND... White, or white on white

COLOR FABRICS... Dig thru your Prints stash stash of fun, cheerful colors, especially prints/colors that have strong contrast next to your white fabric.

CUTTING:

WHITE fabric: Four: 2-1/2" squares for corners
 Fourteen: 3-1/4" squares

COLORS: Four: 2-1/2" squares – all different
 Fourteen: 3-1/4" squares – all different

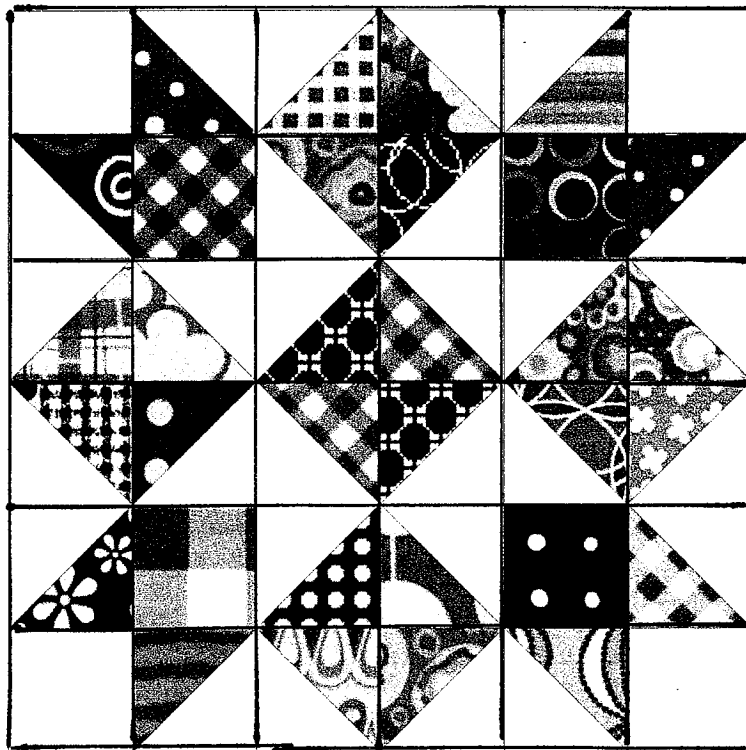
1. **Make the HST's:** Draw line across the wrong sides of the white 3-1/4" squares. 
2. **Pair each with a color 3-1/4" square, right sides together, and sew 1/4" away from each side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line; iron to the color side.**
3. **Trim HST's to 2-1/2":** Place the 45 degree line on your ruler over the seam line; be sure enough fabric is around each side to trim away keeping a 2-1/2" square; trim 2 sides. Turn HST 180 degrees. Trim other 2 sides, giving you a pretty little 2-1/2" square.
4. **You now have an amazing pile of gorgeous HST's and colorful squares.**
5. **Layout:** Choose your four favorite HST's and place them in a square, with the color sides in the middle, making your center diamond square. (just layout; don't sew yet)

Now the points of the star: Place two HST's (in flying geese formation) on each side of your center diamond square. This gives you a flying goose, facing toward the center of the block, on each side of your center diamond square. (double-check with image)

Place a color square in each corner between the star points. You now have the inner square with the diamond center and star.

7. **Lay two HST's in a flying goose shape, on next to each of the four flying geese on the sides of your block, so that the flying geese blend together to make diamond shapes. (check with image above).**

8. Now, place the final star points next to the corners. See image. These two points in each corner can be tricky to get placed in the right direction, so it may help to place the white corner squares in your layout, and then put in the final star points, just keep turning them til they look like the image.
9. Get a cup of something that makes you happy, and look at your layout for a bit. Make sure you have good contrast colors next to the edges of the star, so that star really pops. Change the squares around til you're happy with the color contrasts, and sew together in rows.
10. Nice Work!!! You have made a fun, happy block !!!



FOR A FUTURE QUILT (not for this BOM):

If you want to make a large center block, for a quilt of your own, here are the cutting sizes for a 24-1/2" block:

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 Fourteen: 5-1/4" squares

COLORS: Four: 4-1/2" squares – all different
 Fourteen: 5-1/4" squares – all different