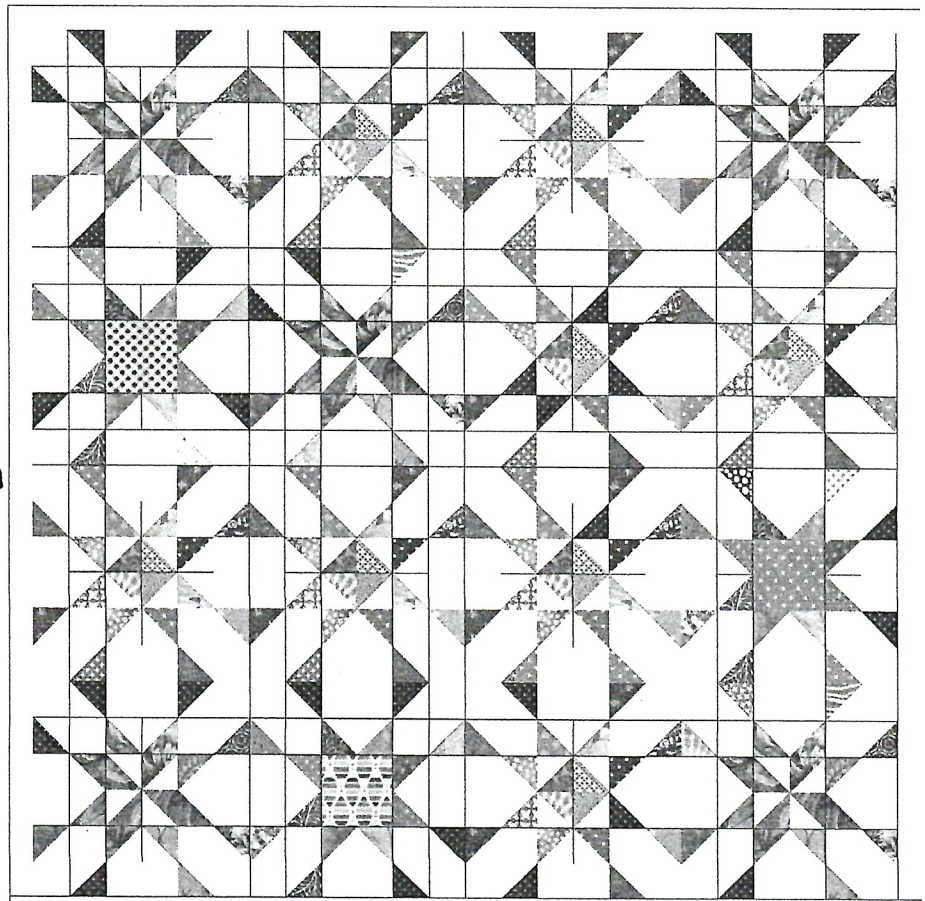


There are three star blocks to play with this month. Make which ever blocks look fun to you!

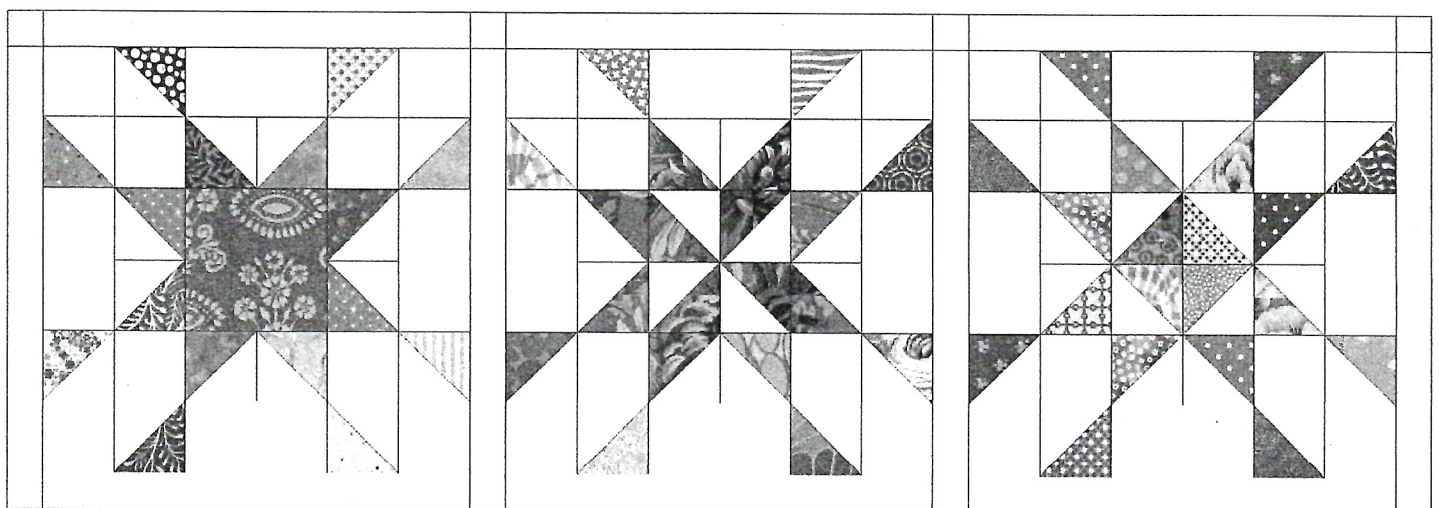
COLORS -

Let's celebrate Spring with lots of Pinks, Orange, Yellows, and a sprinkling of bright spring green and light turquoise.

BACKGROUND - White.



This is all about having fun, so get frisky with your fabrics, and pick some cheerful spring colors that make you feel good.



Star Flower

Pinwheel Flower

Meadow Flower

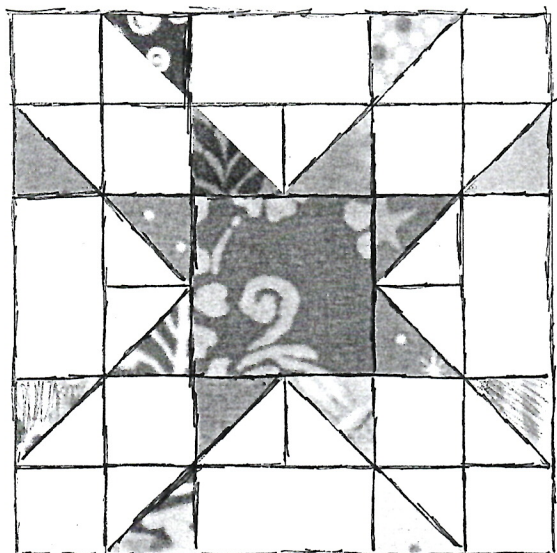
HST'S - four at a time:

1. To make the HST's, layer a color and a background 4-1/2" square together; right sides together.
2. Sew all around the four sides of the layered squares, $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the outside edge.
3. Iron each square to flatten and set the seams.
4. Cut diagonally from corner-to-corner both ways across the sewn patches in an X.
5. Open the 4 HST's, and iron to the darker side.
6. TRIM all HST's to 2-1/2". Do this by placing the diagonal line on your ruler exactly over the diagonal seam line in your block. Trim so that the tips of the diagonal seam fall exactly into the corners of your 2-1/2" block. This makes a perfect HST.

When sewing the rows in your blocks together, layer your two rows together, nesting seams as much as possible, and put the two ends you're sewing exactly on top of each other. Sew to the middle.

If you think the other end of the seam might be uneven, (one row longer than the other) cut your thread, flip the row around, place the two unsewn ends exactly on top of each other, and then sew back to the middle easing in any extra fabric into the seam as you stitch back to the middle. This guarantees even ends on the rows, and protects the HST points on both ends of the row.

The Star Flower Block - 12-1/2" block



Fussy-cut Center patch -

Cut one 4-1/2" square of a floral or other fun spring color fabric for the center.

HST colors -

Cut one 4-1/2" square from each of four different spring color fabrics (geometrics, strips, dots, checkers, prints, solids, batiks - anything you like!)

White -

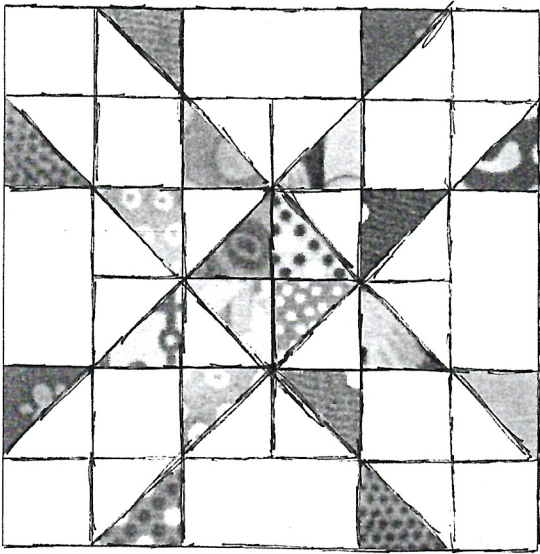
Cut four 4-1/2" squares for HSTs

Cut eight 2-1/2" square for corner patches

Cut four 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles

1. Make the HST's using the four-at-a-time method (see instruction page). Trim to 2-1/2".
2. You now have all the parts of the block ready to sew together.
3. Lay out your pieces to look like the diagram above, paying special attention to having the HST's arranged in the right direction.
4. Double-check against the diagram - the HST's on the outside edge of the block can look a bit strange at first, so double check before sewing together.
5. Sew carefully so you can protect the tips of the HST's in the seam allowances. When you sew 2 patches or 2 rows together, arrange them so you can see the HST's as they pass under your needle, so you can be sure not to sew more than $\frac{1}{4}$ " into the HST.
6. Sew this beauty together, and enjoy what a fun and frisky block you just built.

The Meadow Flower Block - 12-1/2" block



HST colors -

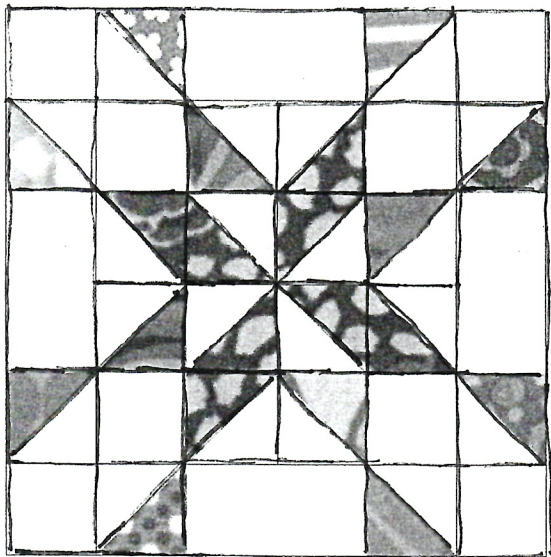
Cut one 4-1/2" square from five fabrics.
(spring colors in geometrics, stripes, dots,
checkers, prints, solids, batiks - anything you like!)

White -

Cut five 4-1/2" squares for HSTs
Cut eight 2-1/2" square for corner patches
Cut four 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles

1. Make the HST's using the four-at-a-time method (see instruction page). Trim to 2-1/2".
2. You now have all the parts of the block ready to sew together.
3. Lay out your pieces to look like the diagram above, paying special attention to having the HST's arranged in the right direction.
4. Double-check against the diagram - the HST's on the outside edge of the block can look a bit strange at first, so double check before sewing together.
5. Layer the patches you are sewing together carefully so the edges are even before putting under the needle. Sew carefully so you can protect the tips of the HST's in the seam allowances. When you sew 2 patches or 2 rows together, arrange them so you can see the HST's as they pass under your needle, so you can be sure not to sew more than $\frac{1}{4}$ " into the HST.
6. Sew this beauty together, and enjoy what a pretty darn spectacular block you just built.

The Pinwheel Flower Block - 12-1/2" block



HST colors -

Cut two 4-1/2" squares from one fabric
(for the long pointed pinwheel shapes)

Cut one 4-1/2" square from three other fabrics.
(spring colors in geometrics, stripes, dots,
checkers, prints, solids, batiks - anything you like!)

White -

Cut five 4-1/2" squares for HSTs

Cut eight 2-1/2" square for corner patches

Cut four 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles

1. Make the HST's using the four-at-a-time method (see instruction page). Trim to 2-1/2".
2. You now have all the parts of the block ready to sew together.
3. Lay out your pieces to look like the diagram above, paying special attention to having the HST's arranged in the right direction.
4. Double-check that you have arranged the 8 same-color HST's in the pinwheel shape.
5. This time, double-check the HST's on the outside edge of the block --- make sure they are facing the right ways shown on the diagram.
6. Layer the patches you are sewing together carefully so the edges are even before putting under the needle. Sew carefully so you can protect the tips of the HST's in the seam allowances. When you sew 2 patches or 2 rows together, arrange them so you can see the HST's as they pass under your needle, so you can be sure not to sew more than $\frac{1}{4}$ " into the HST.
7. Sew this beauty together, and enjoy what a lovely block you just built.