

Block of the Month: June Missouri Star



You have two choices for the centre square: you can make a snowball with a small flower in the middle or you can use a bigger flower for the whole block.

Cutting:



From flower fabric:

Snowball centre square: fussy cut $3\frac{3}{4}$ "

OR

Block centre: fussy cut 5"

Accent colour for snowball: two $3\frac{1}{4}$ " squares, cut on the diagonal

White:

one $5\frac{3}{4}$ " square for geese

four $2\frac{3}{4}$ " squares for corners

Star points:

two yellow $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

two dark $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

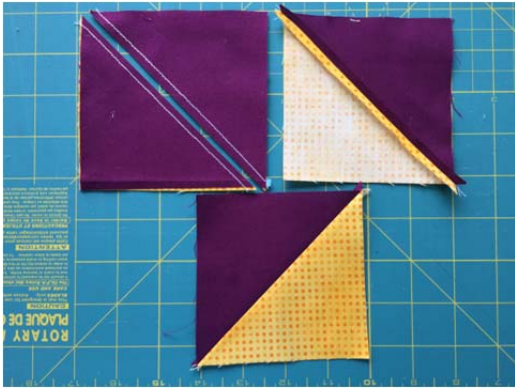
Construction:

Make a snowball: Put an accent piece on each side of the centre square, right sides together. Stitch and press. Trim to 5". Or use a 5" fussy cut square.



Prepare the split half-square-triangle block:
Draw a diagonal line on the two yellow squares.

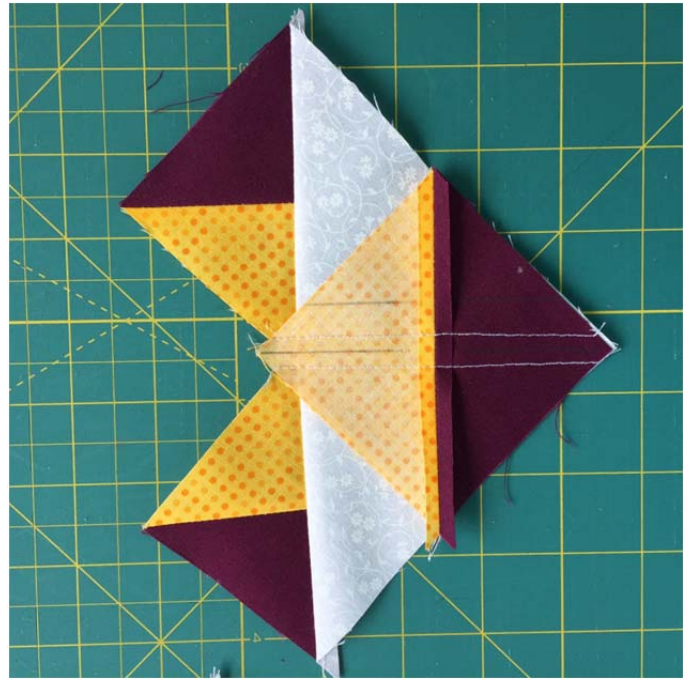
Right sides together with the dark squares sew a quarter inch each side of the line. Cut along the line. Press the seams open. You have four split half-square-triangle (HST) blocks. Trim to $3\frac{1}{8}$ ".



Make the flying geese: Draw diagonal lines on the backs of the four split HST blocks. Place two on opposite corners of the large white square, right sides together. The yellow will touch in the middle. Stitch a quarter inch on each side of the drawn line, then cut along the drawn line. Press open.



Place the remaining two HST blocks on the white corners. Again, the yellow will be touching. Sew either side of the drawn line and cut along the line.



Press and reveal the flying geese. Trim to $5'' \times 2\frac{3}{4}''$. You can make flying geese another way as long as they will finish at $4\frac{1}{2}''$ by $2\frac{1}{4}''$ (that is $5''$ by $2\frac{3}{4}''$ with seam allowances included).

Putting the block together: Set out three rows, with the yellow of the flying geese against your centre flower block or snowball, and the small white squares in the corners. Assemble the rows and then join the rows to make the block.

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