

FVQG May 2007 Block of the Month

Quilt Stars

8" X 8" Finished Block - 8½ X 8½ unfinished

Fabric Requirements:

You will need four fabrics. One conversation/feature fabric that is quilt related for the center snowball block and three fabrics that coordinate with this fabric to be used for the star and background.

Feature Fabric:

1 - 4½" X 4½" square - can be "fussy cut" to show off a certain picture in the fabric.

Background Fabric:

4 - 2½" X 2½" squares (for the four block corners)

4 - 3" X 3" squares (used to create the quick method of half-quarter-square triangle blocks - you may need more if you use your own method.)

Star Fabric - Two Colours:

Colour 1 - 4 Squares 3½" X 3½" Squares

Colour 2 - 4 Squares 3½" X 3½" Squares

Frame Colour 4 - 1½" Squares for corners on snowball block

Step #1: Create a Snowball Block for the center

Using the colour that you have chosen for the inside frame of your star draw a diagonal line (stitching line) on the back of the 1½" squares. Place these squares on each corner of your feature fabric (right sides facing) and stitch on the diagonal line. See **Diagram #1**. Finish this block by trimming off the back triangles - using your favourite method and square up your block to 4½" X 4½".

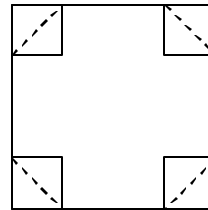
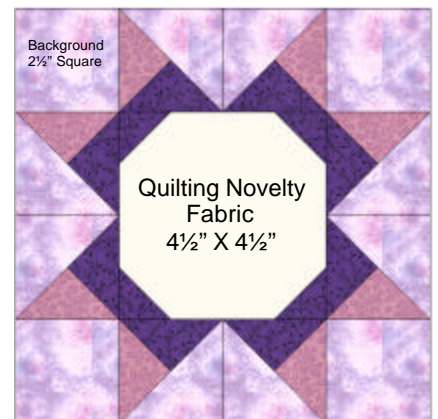


Diagram #1



Step #2: Create eight (8) Half-Quarter-Square Triangle Blocks

You can use your own method of construction for this block. The finished size required is 2½" x 2½" Square.

Note: You will need four (4) each with alternating (opposite) colours for the star points

Quick Half - Quarter - Square Triangle Block Directions:

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of four of your "chosen frame colour" 3½" X 3½" squares. Using the two frame colours (one with the diagonal line and the other colour) place right sides together and sew ¼" from each side of the diagonal line (remember to use a "scant" ¼"). See **Diagram # 2**. Cut down the centre line that you have drawn. You should now have eight (8) half square triangle blocks that are your two frame colours. If they aren't the correct size - square them up to 3" X 3" before proceeding to the next step.

Using one of your created half square triangle blocks (3" x 3") and one 3" X 3" square of your chosen background fabric repeat the same process as when you created the half square triangle. Draw your diagonal line on the solid square of background fabric and place it right sides facing with the diagonal crossing the stitching line on your half square triangle. Stitch ¼" from either side of the line and cut apart on your drawn diagonal line. You will have created two half-quarter-square-triangle blocks. Trim the two blocks that you have created down to 2½" X 2½" to use as your star points. Create your other six (6) blocks using the same technique. Using this method you will create 4 each of alternating colours which are needed in this block.

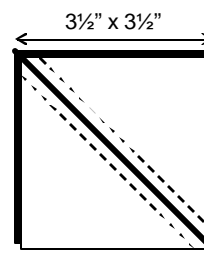


Diagram #2

Final Step:

Assemble the block using the diagram above being careful to have all the half-quarter-square triangle blocks pointing in the right direction.



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