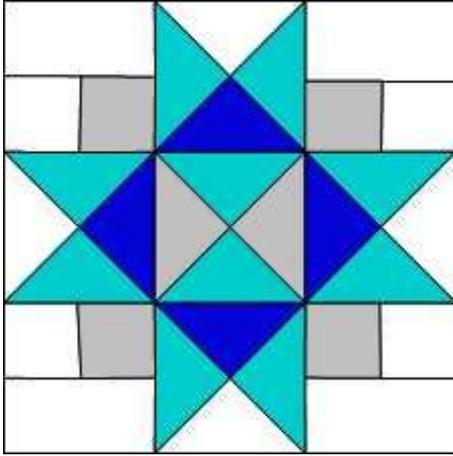


Month Seven



About this block:

This block is a variation of the traditional Ohio Star pattern. It appears on a barn along the Searcy County, Arkansas quilt trail (#2-13). More information about the Arkansas Barn Quilt Trails may be found at [www.arkansasquilttrails.com](http://www.arkansasquilttrails.com).

The block will finish 12" square, and is 12-1/2 inches raw.

Fabric:

Choose 4 colors:

- Color 1 (shown as white) for corner T blocks and quarter square triangle units
  - Four 2-1/2x4-1/2 inch rectangles for T blocks
  - Four 2-1/2 squares also for T blocks
  - One 5-1/2 square for quarter square triangle units
- Color 2 (shown as gray) for secondary square design and center quarter square
  - Four 2-1/2 inch squares for the T blocks
  - One 5-1/2 inch square for the quarter square triangle units
- Color 3 (shown as light blue) for quarter square triangle units
  - Three 5-1/2" squares for quarter square triangle units
- Color 4 (shown as dark blue)
  - One 5-1/2 inch square for quarter square triangle units.

Steps:

- Make the corner "T" blocks. Sew one 2-1/2 inch square of color one and of color two together. Press. Sew to the 2-1/2x4-1/2 rectangle of color 1, making two mirrored sets (i.e., make sure the color 2 square is in the upper right corner of two units and in the upper left corner of the other two). Press and trim to 4-1/2 inches as needed. This unit should look like this:

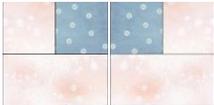
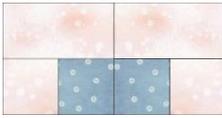


Two units



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If you lay the four units out in a square, it should look like this:



BUT, don't sew them together!

- Make the half square triangle for the center block. Place one square of color 2 and one square of color 3 right sides together. Draw a diagonal line from one corner to the other. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch on either side of the drawn line. Cut along the drawn line. Press to the dark side. Do not trim yet. Place the resulting two half square triangles right sides together, nesting the diagonal seams. Draw a line along the unsewn diagonal from corner to corner. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch on either side of the drawn line. Cut along the drawn line. Press and trim the final unit to 4-1/2 inches as necessary. This unit should look like this:



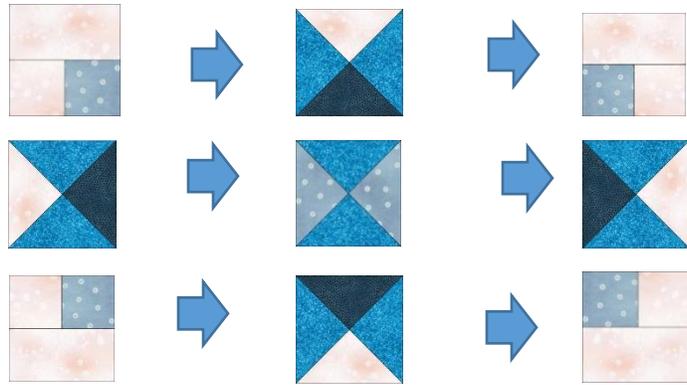
NOTE: you will have two quarter square units. You only need one for this block. Save the other for another use.

- Make the remaining quarter square triangles.
  - First, place one square of color 1 and one square of color 3 right sides together Draw a diagonal line from one corner to the other. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch on either side of the drawn line. Cut along the drawn line. Press to the dark side. Do not trim yet. Make two HST units.
  - Then, do the same with one square of color 4 and one square of color 3.
  - Sew the half square triangles from the previous step into quarter square triangle units.
    - Place one color 1-3 HST and one color 3-4 HST right sides together, interlocking the seams, and draw a line along the unsewn diagonal from corner to corner.
    - Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch on either side of the drawn line. Cut along the drawn line.
    - Press and trim the final unit to 4-1/2 inches.

You should have a total of four quarter square triangle units. These units should look like this:



- Assemble the block as shown. Trim to 12-1/2 inches if necessary.



NOTE that the T-square units are arranged so that the color one rectangles are placed to the outside edges such that they frame the top and bottom of the block.

Here is my block for reference. As always, use the fabric of your choice.

