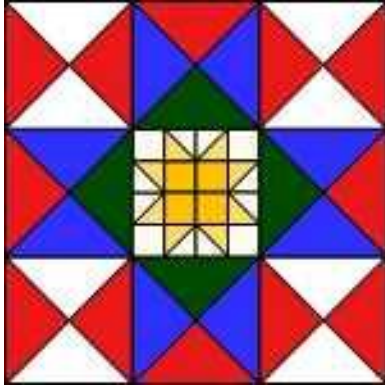


Month 11 – The Big Plane



About this block:

This block appears on a barn along the latest Arkansas quilt trail, Washington County (6-04). While there is a webpage for the trail, it isn't in the online version of the trail brochure (at least not as of the time I did my research). More information about the Arkansas Barn Quilt Trails may be found at www.arkansasquilttrails.com.

History: This block is made up of two different traditional blocks: an Ohio Star variation called many different names, including the variable star (See the information provided in the linked tutorial for this block), with a second block, the Sawtooth Star, replacing the traditional plain center. According to one source, the Sawtooth Star block pattern was published in 1884 in the *Farm and Fireside*. See <http://threadbarecreations.blogspot.com/2019/08/classic-quilt-blocks-sawtooth-star.html>

Construction:

1. The variable star

The Generations Quilt Pattern website (an excellent resource) has a tutorial for this block, here: <https://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/variable-star-quilt-block.html>. This tutorial is particularly useful for the instructions on how to make the multicolored quarter square triangle units. You will make two changes to the tutorial block. First, replace the center plain block with a 4" finished size Sawtooth Star block (instructions below). Second, replace the plain corners with quarter square triangle units made from colors 1 (shown as red) and 2 (shown as white). Make sure the corner blocks are oriented as shown in the diagram, above. To make a block like the barn quilt, you will need the following for the quarter square triangle units:

- Color 1 (shown as red) – Three 5-3/4" squares. Two of these squares will be paired with the white squares to make the corner two color quarter square triangle units. The other square will be paired with one of the blue squares to make the multicolored quarter square triangles.
- Color 2 (shown as white) - two 5-3/4" blocks
- Color 3 (shown as blue) – two 5-3/4" blocks. Pair one of these squares with a red square and the other with the green square.

- Color 4 (shown as green) – one 5-3/4 block. Pair this block with one of the blue squares.

2. The sawtooth star center

For the center, you will make a 4" finished size Sawtooth Star. A tutorial for making this block using flying geese units can be found here: <https://www.diaryofaquilter.com/2016/08/fast-flying-geese-sawtooth-star.html>. Refer to the tutorial for fabric requirements for a 4" finished (4-1/2 inch raw) block. You also can make this block using only plain squares and half square triangles. If you use this method, you will need four 1-1/2" squares of color 2 (white) and color 5 (shown as yellow), as well as four 2" squares of each of those two colors for making the eight half square triangles, which you will trim to 1-1/2 inches.

Here is a photo of my finished block. You may note that I chose to make the center Sawtooth Star using half square triangles and plain blocks.



OK, ladies. We are almost done. Only one more month!!!