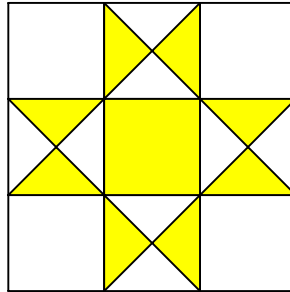


Block of the Month - December 2003

Ohio Star



Description:

The 12" Ohio Star block is made from 4 Quarter-Square Triangle blocks and squares of the background and focus fabrics. The center block may be made from a coordinating fabric instead of the focus fabric if desired. The Quarter-Square Triangle blocks may be made with Triangles on a Roll if desired. This pattern will tell how to make them without the Triangle papers.

Fabric Requirements for one block:

Color A: Focus Fabric, one strip 29" long by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide
 Color B: Background, one strip 23" long by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide
 Color C: Coordinate Fabric if desired, 5" square

Cutting:

Background Fabric (Shown in White)	2 - 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares 1 - 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square
Focus Fabric (Shown in Yellow)	2 - 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares 4 - 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square
Coordinate 1 (if Desired - this would replace the square of the focus fabric)	1 - 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square

Piecing:

1. On the wrong side of the 6" squares of background fabric and focus fabric draw a line from corner to opposite corner. Do this in both directions so that you have an x on the wrong side of the fabric.
2. Layer 1 square of your Focus Fabric with 1 square of the background fabric right-sides together.
3. Stitch a quarter inch seam away on both sides of one of the diagonal lines you drew on the fabric. Repeat with the second set of squares. Cut the blocks you just stitched together on the diagonal line you just stitched beside. Press the blocks open.
4. Take 2 of the blocks made in step 3 and put them right-sides together, making sure to have the fabrics reversed. (Focus Fabric will be lined up with the background fabric.)
Note: Make sure that you have the diagonal lines lined up on both of the blocks.

5. Stitch a quarter inch seam on both sides of the second diagonal line that you drew in step 1. Cut the stitched block on the diagonal line and press open. You will have quarter-square blocks that look like the drawing above.
the same direction that are shown in the block picture at the top.
6. Sewing the Rows together -
 - Row 1 - Background square, Quarter-Square Triangle block, Background square
 - Row 2 - Quarter-Square Triangle block, Center block, Quarter-Square Triangle block
 - Row 3 - Background square**Note:** be sure to make sure that the Quarter-Square Triangle blocks are sewn together in the same direction that are shown in the block picture at the top.

Note: Be sure to use a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance when sewing the squares together.

Skills to Learn/Reinforce:

Piecing with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

Quarter Square Triangle blocks.