

**Under the Stars
Block of the Week Quilt
by Debra Davis**



Tuning My Heart Quilts

Block 7 – Star and Pinwheels

Fabric Needed for Red and White Version:

1 light red, 1 medium red, 1 dark red, grey, and white

Cutting Directions:

A-(cut 2) 5 1/8" x 5 1/8" *light red*


B-(cut 2) 5 1/8" x 5 1/8" *white*


C-(cut 4) 4 3/4" x 8 3/4" *white*

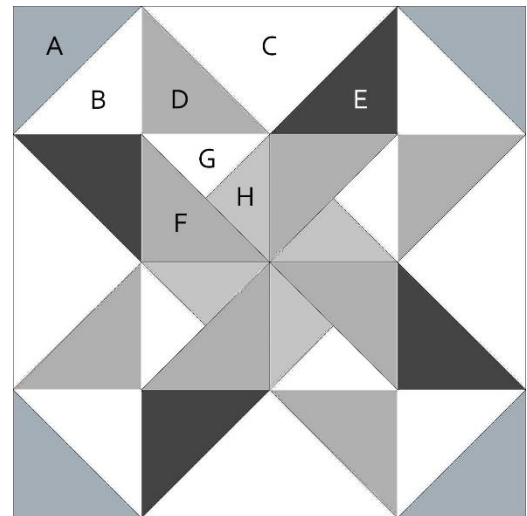
D-(cut 4) 4 3/4" x 4 3/4" *medium red*

E-(cut 4) 4 3/4" x 4 3/4" *dark red*

F-(cut 2) 5" x 5"  *medium red*

G-(cut 1) 5 3/8" x 5 3/8"  *white*

H-(cut 1) 5 3/8" x 5 3/8"  *grey*



Fabric Needed for Color Version: 3 assorted colors plus white background fabric
(I used 1 teal, 2 yellow and 2 purple (darker and lighter) in my block)

Cutting Directions:

A-(cut 2) 5 1/8" x 5 1/8" *yellow #1*


B-(cut 2) 5 1/8" x 5 1/8" *white*


C-(cut 4) 4 3/4" x 8 3/4" *white*

D-(cut 4) 4 3/4" x 4 3/4" *darker purple*

E-(cut 4) 4 3/4" x 4 3/4" *teal*

F-(cut 2) 5" x 5"  *lighter purple*

G-(cut 1) 5 3/8" x 5 3/8"  *white*

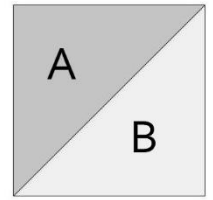
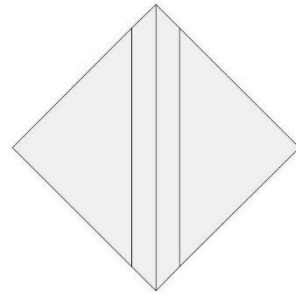
H-(cut 1) 5 3/8" x 5 3/8"  *yellow #2*

To Make the Block:

Step 1: Half-square triangles

Using A and B squares make four Half-square triangle units. (HST's)

On the back of the B squares draw a diagonal line down the middle. Place right sides together with A square. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from each side of the line. Cut apart on line and press towards dark side.



Trim to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

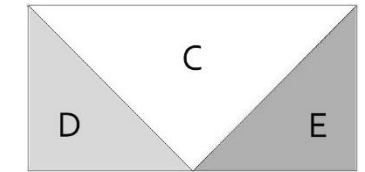
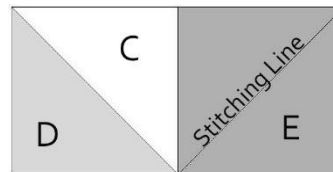
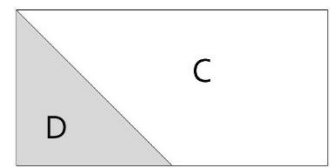
Step 2: Making the Flying Geese

For each Flying Geese unit you will need one C rectangle, one D square, and one E square.

Mark a diagonal line on the back of the D and E squares. Place D square right sides together on C rectangle. Stitch along the line. Trim away excess $\frac{1}{4}$ " from stitching line and press towards the D triangle that is formed.

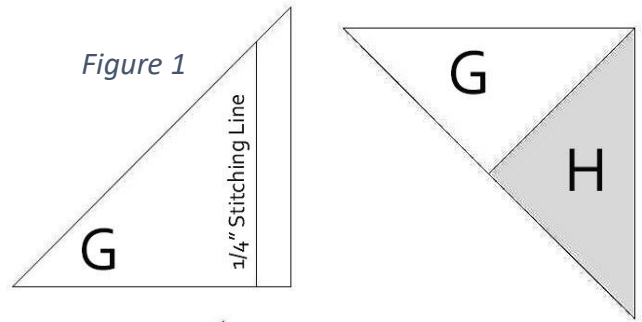
Add the E square to the other side, stitch along the line, trim and press towards the E triangle.

Trim Flying Geese units to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ "

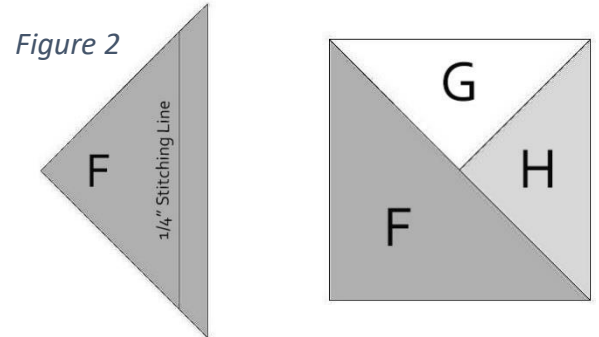


Step 3: Making the Quarter-square Triangles

With right sides together sew the G and H Triangles along the straight edge as shown in Figure 1. Press towards the H triangles.

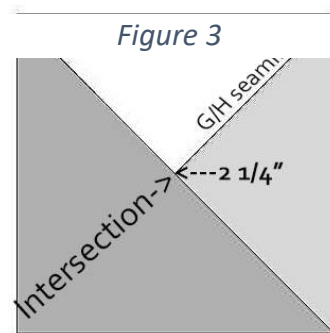


With right sides together place the F triangles on the G/H triangle unit. Sew carefully on the bias edge as shown in Figure 2.



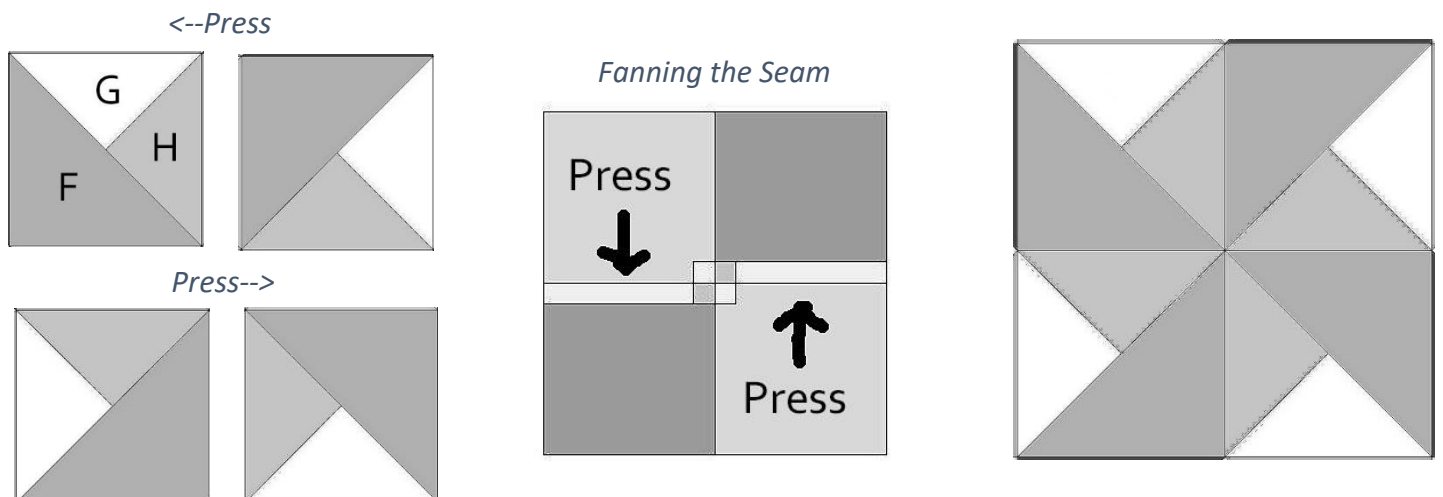
Press towards F.

Trim to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares-making sure to line up the diagonal line of your ruler with the diagonal G/H seamline and with the $2\frac{1}{4}$ " mark on the intersection as in Figure 3.



Step 4: Making the Center Pinwheel

Lay out the Quarter-square Triangle units as shown. Sew together in pairs. Press top row to the left and bottom row to the right. Join the pairs to make the Pinwheel Unit-press, fanning the seam.

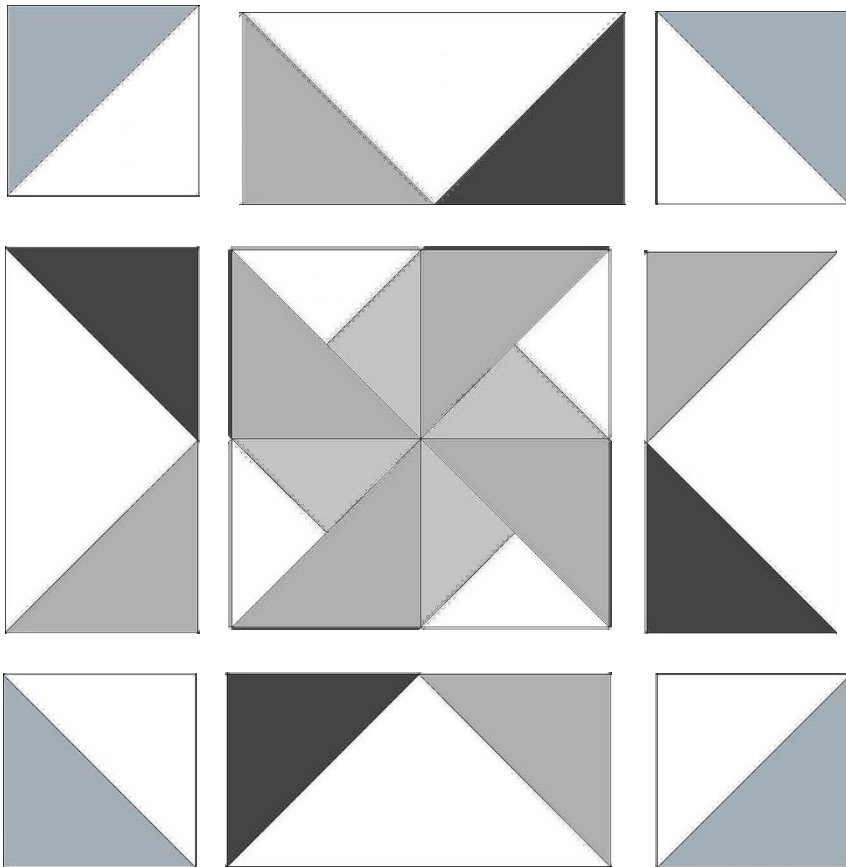


Step 5: Assemble the block

Lay out all of the sections for the block as shown below.

Press top and bottom rows towards corner HST units. Press middle row towards pinwheel unit. Join the rows together and press away from center.

Block now measures 16 ½" X 16 ½"



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