

Under the Stars
Block of the Week Quilt
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Tuning My Heart Quilts

Block 6 – Starburst

Fabric Needed for Red and White Version:

*1 grey, 2 medium red, 1 dark red, and white
(optional: 1 light red to replace 1 medium red)*

Cutting Directions:

A-(cut 4) 4 ½" x 4 ½" grey

B-(cut 2) 5 ¾" x 5 ¾" medium red #1

C-(cut 4) 5 ¾" x 5 ¾" white

D-(cut 2) 5 ¾" x 5 ¾" medium red #2

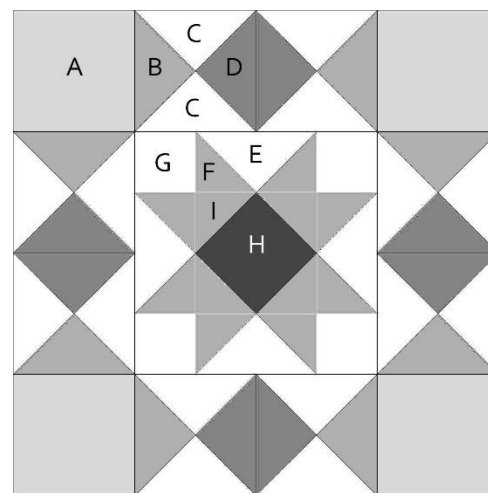
E-(cut 1) 5 ½" x 5 ½" white

F-(cut 4) 3 1/8" x 3 1/8" medium red #1

G-(cut 4) 2 ½" x 2 ½" white

H-(cut 1) 4 ½" x 4 ½" dark red

I-(cut 4) 2 ½" x 2 ½" medium red #1 (or opt. light red)



Fabric Needed for Color Version: 6 assorted colors plus background fabric

(I used 1 yellow, 2 purples, 1 teal, 1 dark pink, and 1 green in my block)

Cutting Directions:

A-(cut 4) 4 ½" x 4 ½" green

B-(cut 2) 5 ¾" x 5 ¾" dark pink

C-(cut 4) 5 ¾" x 5 ¾" white

D-(cut 2) 5 ¾" x 5 ¾" teal

E-(cut 1) 5 ½" x 5 ½" white

F-(cut 4) 3 1/8" x 3 1/8" purple #1

G-(cut 4) 2 ½" x 2 ½" white

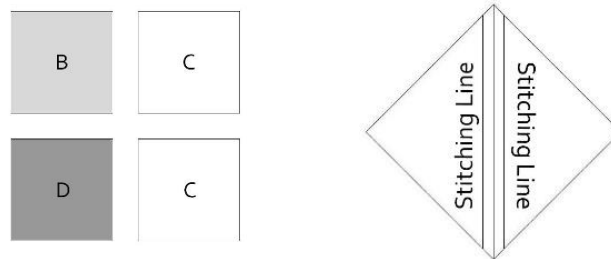
H-(cut 1) 4 ½" x 4 ½" yellow

I-(cut 4) 2 ½" x 2 ½" purple #2

To Make the Block:

Step 1: Making the Hour-Glass Units

Using the B, C, and D squares make a total of eight Half-square triangles (HST's): four B/C HST's and four C/D HST's. To do this, draw a diagonal line down the center of the C squares. With right sides together place the C squares on the B and D squares. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from each side of the diagonal line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press towards the dark side.

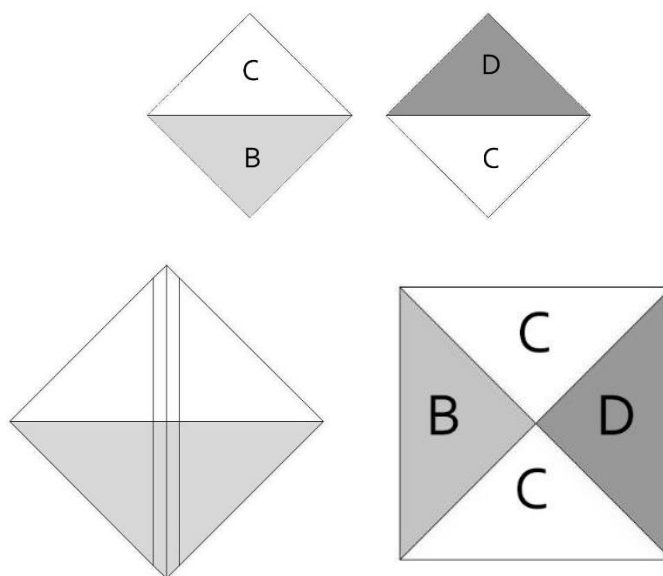


On the back of the B/C HST's draw a diagonal line down the center. Place right sides together with a C/D HST as shown in figure 1 and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from each side of the line.

Cut apart on the drawn line. Press half of the units one direction and half the other.

Trim the Hourglass units to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. (The center intersection falls at $2\frac{1}{4}$ " on your ruler. Be sure to line up the diagonal line of your ruler with the diagonal seam lines when trimming.)

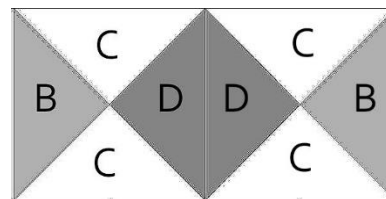
Figure 1:
Arrange the HST's to go together as shown



Step 2: Making Section 1

Join the Hourglass units together in pairs to create four Section 1 units. Press to one side.

Section 1 measures $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ "

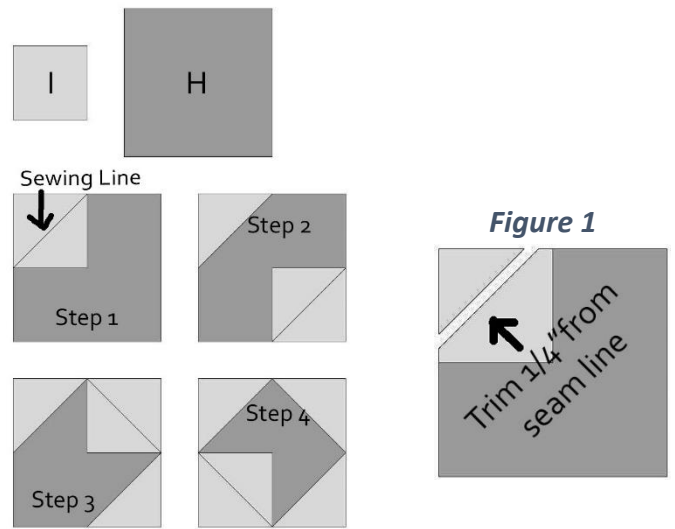


Step 3: Making the Square-in-a Square Unit

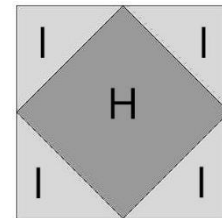
Using H and I squares make the Square-in-a Square unit.

On the back of the I squares draw a diagonal line down the middle. Place one in the upper left corner, right sides together, on the H square. Sew along the diagonal line. Trim away excess $\frac{1}{4}$ " from seam line. (see Figure 1) Press towards the small triangle.

Repeat with the remaining I squares adding them in opposite corners.



The Square-in-a-Square unit will measure $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $4 \frac{1}{2}$ "



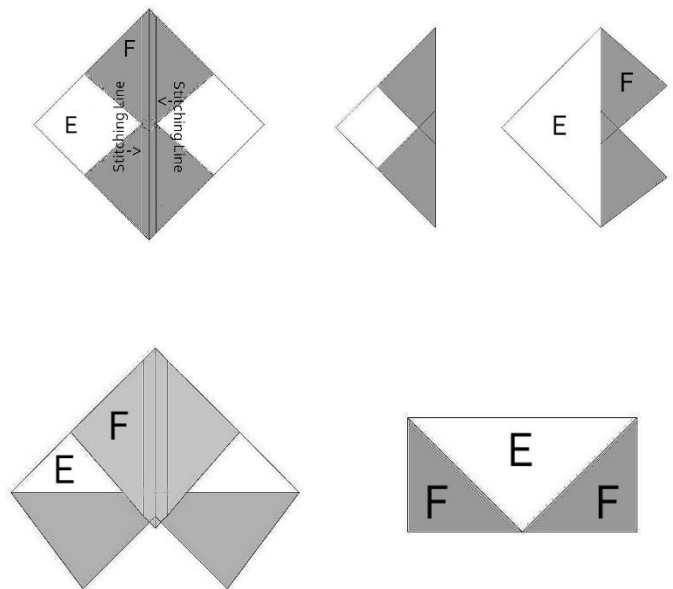
Step 4: Making the Flying Geese Units.

Use the E and F squares to make four Flying Geese units.

Place two F squares right sides together on the E square. Draw a line down the middle. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from each side of the line. Cut apart on the line and press towards the small triangles.

Next, draw a diagonal line down the middle of the remaining F squares. Place an F square on top of the E/F unit and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from each side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the line and press towards the small triangles.

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



Step 3: Making the Center Star

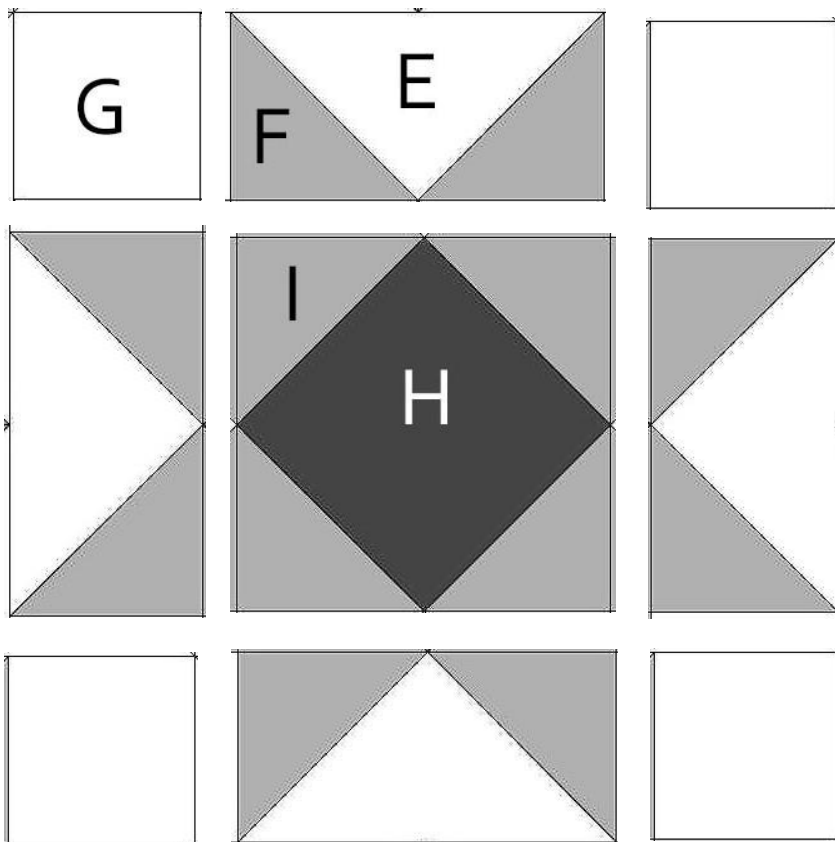
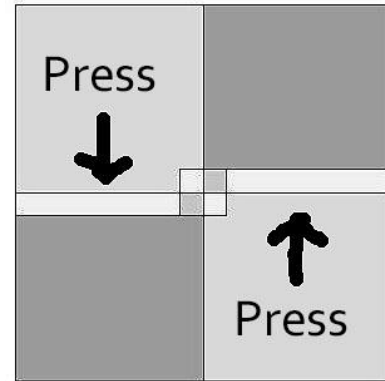
Lay out all of the pieces for the Center Star as shown below.

Sew together into rows pressing the top row towards the G squares. Press the bottom row towards the Flying Geese Unit. The middle row seam needs to be fanned so that the top half is pressed towards the middle and the bottom half is pressed away from the middle. Clip as needed to accomplish this.

Join the rows together, pinning as needed. Press towards the top and bottom rows.

The Center Star measures $8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 8\frac{1}{2}''$

Fanned Seam



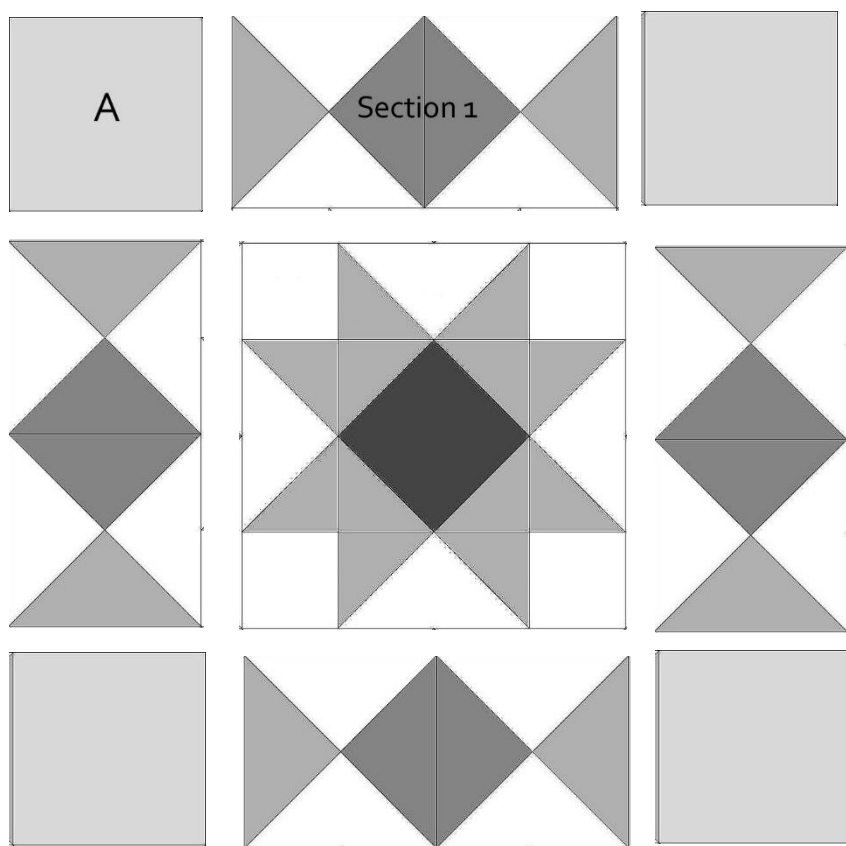
Step 4: Assemble the Block

Lay out all of the pieces for Block 6 as shown below.

Sew together into rows pressing the top and bottom rows towards the A squares and the middle row towards the Center Star.

Join the rows together, pinning as needed. Press towards the top and bottom rows.

The block should measure 16 ½" x 16 ½"



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