

## Block of The Month 2022: Block #2

Here is our second star block of the year. This year we are doing all improvisational star blocks. To get started, here are the fabrics you need: your focus fabric, two or three coordinating fabrics based on the colors in the focus fabric, and a white fabric. Pick ones that contrast with each other. Remember, all our blocks end up 12.5" X 12.5" (a 12" finished block.) We will have the focus fabric available for sale at guild meetings.

Also, the Guild's website and Facebook page should have a post directing you to the YouTube instructions for this block and there is a link below, just click on the photo.

### Cut list -- For one block

Fabric 1 (background): Four 6.5" squares

Other fabrics: Four 2" X 7" rectangles. (This is the total number of pieces; one needs to be of the focus fabric, and you choose whether it is three different colored pieces, or you can repeat one color. Just make sure that you have the focus fabric, and a white fabric in the block.)

### Assembling the block: Use a quarter in seam.

- To make the star points: Place the 2" X 7" rectangles right side up on cutting mat in two stacks. Have all the pieces oriented the same. Make one diagonal cut from the bottom to the top (either with a ruler or free cut it) in one direction for one stack and in the other direction for the other stack. This gives you cuts for the different points. See photo 2. You can add the points in either order, but the first one you add will show less fabric at the end. Since each point is unique you will mark the placement of each triangle and then sew it on. Refer to photo 3 and place a triangle piece on the corner of a background square, at this point have both pieces right side up, in one corner (if you are starting with the other corner, your first cut will look like photo 5.) Move the triangle so it extends beyond the edge of the background 1/2" on the outer two sides. Place a ruler on the square so it butts up to the triangle laying on the corner. Remove the triangle and trim off the corner exposed. Lay the triangle on this edge as shown in photo 4 with the tip extend above the block 1/4". Sew, press, and trim square back to 6.5" and repeat with the same point on the other three squares.
- Now add the other point using the same method, just make sure you are working on the corner where we added the point in the last step as shown in photo 5. Do this for each square and make sure you trim them back to 6.5" (photo 6.)
- Now arrange these units as shown in photo 1. Try different arrangements to get your favorite. After you decide your arrangement, sew together horizontal rows. Press the seams in opposite directions. Nest the center seams and sew the final seam. Press.
- Now to square it up. Use your 12½" X 12½" square up ruler, place it over the block. Make sure there is fabric under all parts of the ruler and trim to 12½" X 12½".

We hope you enjoyed this block. See you at the guild meeting!

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Photo 2



Photo 3

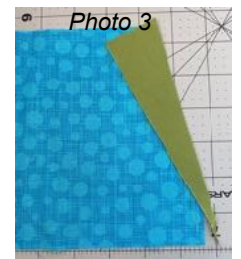


Photo 4

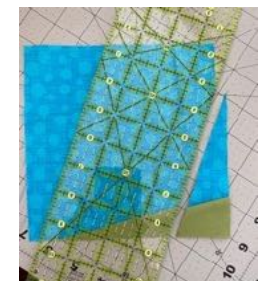
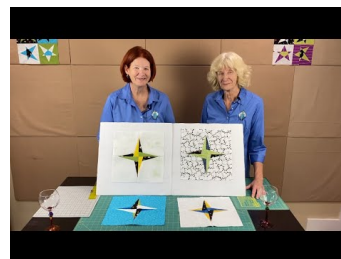


Photo 5



YouTube instructions



Photo 6