

## Block of The Month 2022: Block #3

This month we are taking it easy with you. This is a very simple block. To get started, here are the fabrics you need: your focus fabric, two coordinating fabrics based on the colors in the focus fabric, and a white fabric. Pick ones that contrast with each other. You decide which is your background, and which are star points. We want you to put the focus fabric in the middle. We will have the focus fabric available for sale at guild meetings. Remember, all our blocks end up 12.5" X 12.5" (a 12" finished block).

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

### Cut list -- For one block

Fabric 1 (background): Eight 4.5" squares

Fabric 2 (focus fabric) One 4.5" square

Fabrics 3 & 4 (star points): Two 4" squares (sub-cut each on the diagonal)

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

- To make the star points: Take four of your background squares, place one square on point on your cutting mat. Take your first star point fabric and place it right sides up over the edge of the corner pointing to the right as in photo 2. Make sure it extends at least  $\frac{1}{2}$ " outside the background block on both edges. Place a ruler so it butts up to the triangle and move the triangle piece away. As you can see in the photo, the ruler's edge is more than 1" from the diagonal of the square. Trim off this corner. (You can do this with all four background squares at once if you have cut and sub-cut your star point pieces the same size.) You can add the points in either order, but the first one you add will show less fabric at the end. Place the star point triangle on this newly cut edge, right sides together, center the hypotenuse of triangle on the edge, sew, press, and trim square back to 4.5" and repeat with the same color on the other three squares.
- Now add the other point using the same method, just make sure you turn the square and add the second point to an adjacent corner. You will be trimming off a corner with both background and star point fabric (see photo 4). Do this for each square, turning the same direction and adding to the same side. Trim them back to 4.5".
- Now arrange these units with your focus fabric in the middle and the plain background fabric squares in the corners. The star point squares are arranged with the background fabric side facing out, see photo 1. Sew together horizontal rows. Press top and bottom rows to the corners and press the center row to the middle. Sew the three rows together, the seams should nest. Press.
- Now take your  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " X  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square up ruler, place it over the block and make sure it measures  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " X  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

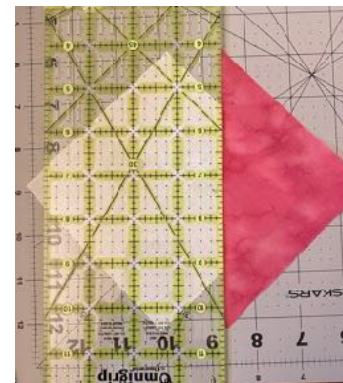


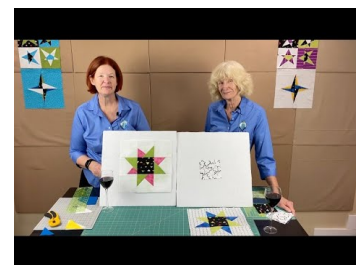
Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



YouTube instructions

Enjoy! See you at the guild meeting!

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