

Block of The Month 2022: Block #11

The block this month is a star that Shelly worked on and devised the method. 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. We will be asking you to place the focus fabric in a certain spot. Remember, all our blocks end up 12.5" X 12.5" (a 12" finished block.) These blocks are not due until January 2023.

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

Cut list -- For one block

Fabric 1 white (background): Four 3.75" squares and four 4.75" squares. These squares should each be cut on one diagonal.

Focus and two coordinating fabrics): One strip of each that is at least 38" by approximately 1.5" wide. When you add together the widths of the three fabrics, before sewing them – you need 4" total – which will give you 3" when they are sewn together.

Assembling the block: Use a quarter inch seam

- The first step is to sew your three long strips of fabric together along the long edges. Refer to photo 2 arrange the three pieces, right sides up and place the focus fabric at the bottom. Line up the other two fabric so the ends are staggered by about $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Sew together and press the seams open. The width of the three fabrics together should be 3" – if it is wider than that, trim off the extra.
- Set your strip set in front of you with the focus fabric on the bottom and the left end in front of you as in photo 2. Use a ruler with a 45° angle marked on it to trim the left end to a 45° angle with your upper fabrics longer than the focus. Then slide your ruler over so you are measuring 3 inches width and cut off eight sections. See photo 3, there are three inches between the two arrows.
- Now we will make pieces we call set 1. Arrange four of your large white triangles, in a stack, as in photo 4, with the right-angle down and the hypotenuse facing left. Place four of the small triangles in the same orientation, in a stack, to the right of these. With four of the diamond shapes, we cut in the last section, orient them with the focus fabric on the right and the stripes vertical and fit them between the two triangle stacks as in photo 4. Sew the small triangle on first. Have the corner of the white triangle stick above the focus fabric by about $\frac{3}{8}$ " and after sewing press to the white and trim off the extra at the end as in photo 5. Now sew on the large white triangle the same way. Press to the white.
- Next, we make set 2. With the remaining 4 large white triangle place them so they face in the opposite direction with the small white triangles behind them on the left. Have the last 4 diamonds in the same orientation as in the last step and place them between the triangles as before, but now the coordinating fabric is against the hypotenuse of the small white triangle as in photo 6. Sew these together following the same instructions as the last step.
- Now, place a stack of set 1 pieces on the right and set 2 on the left, sew together one from each set along the hypotenuse of these new larger triangles. Press to the focus fabric. See photo 7.
- Now check the size of these units. They should be at least 6.5" square. Trim only the inner edges as needed to preserve star points while removing uneven edges (photo 8.)
- Arrange squares as in the finished block. Sew the top two together, then the bottom two, and finally the center seam, always pressing toward the focus fabric and sewing from the center of the star out to the points. When aligning the final seam, match the centers. 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".

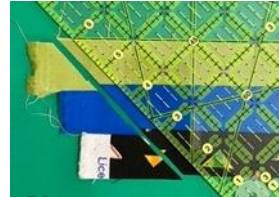
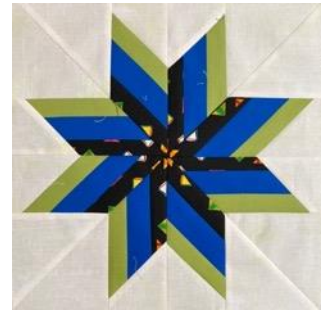


Photo 2

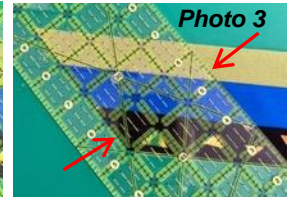


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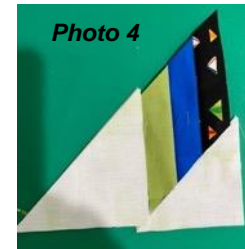


Photo 4



Photo 5

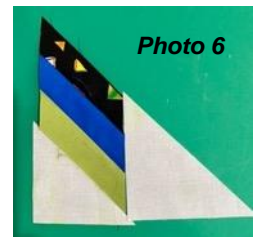


Photo 6



Photo 7



Photo 8



[Link to YouTube video](#)

We hope you enjoy this block!

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