

Block 4: October

This month we will be making a friendship star that is not a nine-patch. This will make it easy to make an 8-inch finished star.

The colors are numbered so that you can choose your own fabrics.

Cutting instructions:

Color 1: the center: Cut one square 2 ½ inches.

Color 2: the background: Cut 4 rectangles, 3 ½ by 5 ½.

Color 3: the star points: Cut 4 squares at 3 inches.

Color 4: the borders (this may be the same as color 1 or 3 if you wish): Cut four rectangles that are 2 ½ x 10 ½ inches.

Assembly: Draw a line diagonally across the 3-inch squares. sew the four of them just on the scant side of the line, to the four rectangles ON THE SAME CORNER.



Trim and press toward the star.



We are now going to assemble the star just like we do the borders with partial seams. Be sure the star point on the long edge is touching the center square. (I've off-set mine in the picture so you can see where to place it.)



Sew about one inch. Finger-press away from the center square.



Sew the second rectangle on its long side as shown in the picture with the star point touching the center square.

Sew the 3rd and 4th rectangles the same way, working counterclockwise.



Finally, finish the seam on the first rectangle. Yes, the star points overlap each other. Trust me, it looks better than if they are smaller. And you don't have to worry about matching anything.



Add the four 2 ½ inch x 10 ½ inch rectangles just like month one and you have your 12 ½ inch square ready to add to your collection of squares.