

**Month 9: May Diamond star. For each block, cut:**

**Color 1 (diamond): Two 3 ½ inch squares**

**Color 2 (star points and center): Four 3-inch squares, cut in half on the diagonal. One 4 ½ inch square (this can be a different color for a really scrappy look).**

**Color 3: (borders pieces): Four 2 ½ x 10 ½ inch rectangles.**

**Background: Two 3 ½ inch squares, and four 2 ½ inch squares.**

**Assembly:**

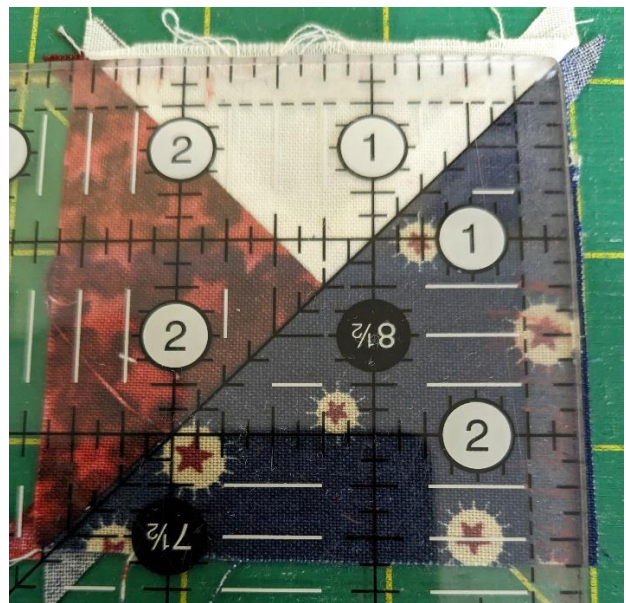
- 1. Pair the color 1 squares with the two background 3 ½ inch squares. Draw a diagonal line, sew ¼ inch on each side of the line, cut apart and press open. Then cut each half square triangle in half on the diagonal just like the picture.**



**2. Pair each pieced half square triangle with a color 2 triangle. Be sure the point of the single triangle is on the seam of the pieced triangle. Sew on the diagonal line being careful not to stretch the seam.**



**3. Press open, then trim to 2 1/2 inches. If you put the 45-degree line on your big seam, and make sure the 1 1/4 inch mark is on the spot where the two seams meet you can trim a perfect square with no triangle points cut off.**



**4. Assemble the star points first. Be careful to put the background triangles to the outside edges and the diamond triangles touching each other.**



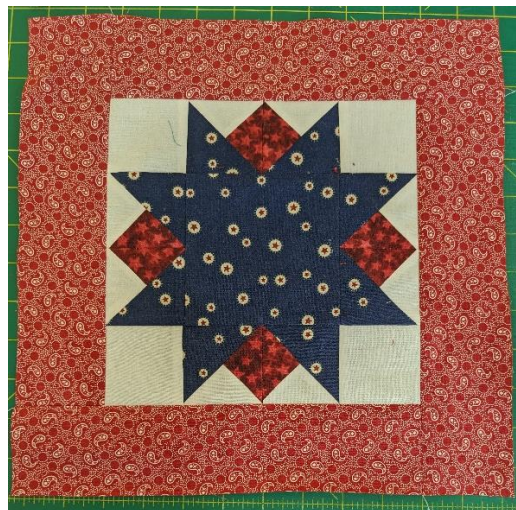
**5. Then assemble like a nine-patch.**



**6. Consider different centers if you want more variety.**



**7. Add the 2 1/2 by 10 1/2 inch borders just like in Month One.**



**8. Just one month to go. If you have made three each month you will have 30 blocks and be ready to assemble your quilt.**