

## Spinning Star Block



Size 12" finished in quilt/12 ½ unfinished

Beginner Level

### Cutting Instructions

Use neutral color (white, beige) for background and pick coordinating fabric of light/medium/dark for the Star. Prints are fine as long as they are coordinate.

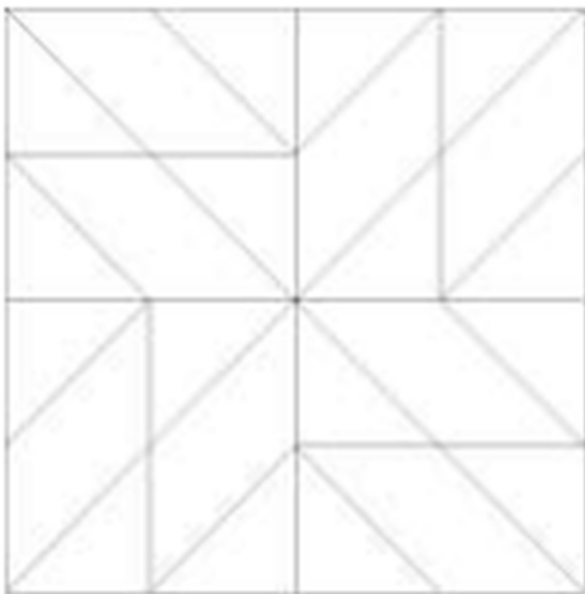
Background – Twelve 3 ½" squares (for small triangles) -white

Colors – (colors are given for reference to diagram below)

- A) Four 3 ½" x 6 ½" rectangles (for parallelograms – red)
- B) Four 3 ½" x 6 ½" rectangles (for parallelograms – gray)
- C) Four 3 ½" squares (for small triangles in center - black)



Plan your blocks – use colored pencils to fill in the spaces.



## Sewing the Primary Design

### Step 1

- Make four parallelogram units. Work with the four (B)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles and eight background  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of all the  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.



- Place a background  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square on the right-hand end of the  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle, right sides together. Note the orientation of the drawn line. Sew on the line.
- Flip the triangle outward to check for sewing accuracy.
- Flip the triangle inward in order to trim away excess seam allowance. Leave  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.
- Then flip the triangle outward again and press seam to triangle.



- Place a background  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square on the left-hand end of the  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle (B), right sides together. Note the orientation of the drawn line. Sew on the line.
- Flip the triangle outward to check for sewing accuracy.
- Flip the triangle inward in order to trim away excess seam allowance.
- Then flip the triangle outward again. The seam is pressed toward the triangle.

### Step 2

- Make four additional parallelogram units. Work with the four (A)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles, four (C)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, and four background  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.
- Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of all the  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.
- Place a (C)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square on the right-hand end of the  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " (A) rectangle, right sides together. Note the orientation of the drawn line. Sew on the line.
- Flip the triangle outward to check for sewing accuracy.
- Flip the triangle inward in order to trim away excess seam allowance.
- Flip the triangle outward again. The seam is pressed toward the triangle.

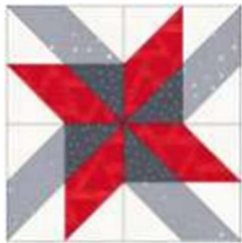


- Place a background  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square on the left-hand end of the  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " (A) rectangle, right sides together. Note the orientation of the drawn line. Sew on the line.
- Flip the triangle outward to check for sewing accuracy.
- Flip the triangle inward in order to trim away excess seam allowance.
- Then flip the triangle outward again. The seam is pressed toward the triangle.



### Step 3

- Assemble the block. Sew the two colorations of parallelogram units together as four identical quadrants as shown in the diagram.
- Press seams open. Units measure  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square.
- Turn the quadrants around a center point to make the Spinning Star design
- Assemble the block as a Four Patch of two rows with two units each.
- Press seams open.



This block will measure  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square, unfinished and will measure 12" when sewn into a quilt.



