

Square in a Star Quilt Block

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This block is take off of the [State Fair block](#) I did a few weeks ago. With just a small change, another star was formed! Let's check out what I'm calling the **Square in a Star** quilt block!



Fabric Requirements for a 12" Finished Square in a Star Quilt Block:

- Light/White: 8 - 2.5" squares, 2 - 1.5" x 4.5" rectangles, and 2 - 1.5" x 2.5" rectangles
- Light/Blue: 4 - 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles
- Medium/Blue: 8 - 2.5" squares
- Dark/Blue: 8 - 2.5" squares
- Dark/Purple: 4 - 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles, and 8 - 2.5" squares
- Really Dark/Purple: 1 - 2.5" square

(I know the purples don't really look like purple in the photos, but they really are. I'm blaming my camera instead of my photo editing skills - lol!)



Sewing Directions:

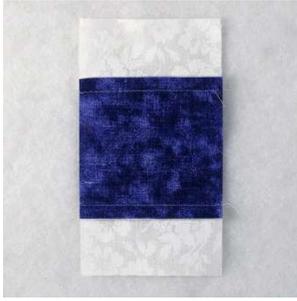
Step 1: Center Unit

Sew the two Light/White 1.5" x 2.5" rectangles to opposite sides of the Really Dark/Purple 2.5" square as shown in the picture below.



Step 2:

Press the seam allowances away from the Really Dark/Purple square as shown.



Step 3:

Sew the two 1.5" x 4.5" rectangles to each side of the Step 2 unit as shown below.



Step 4:

Press the seam allowances away from the center of the unit as shown in the picture below.



Step 5: Corner Units

Using two Medium/Blue and two Dark/Blue 2.5" squares, sew together a basic [Four Patch](#) unit. In the picture below you can see that the squares are sewn into two rows and the seam allowances are pressed toward the Medium/Blue squares.



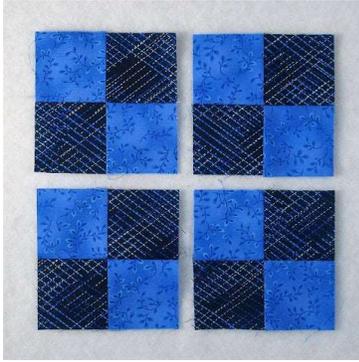
Step 6:

Now sew the two rows together and press the seam allowance to one side as shown below.



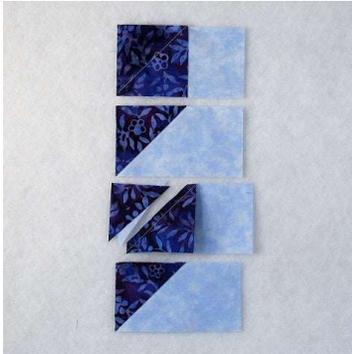
Step 7:

Repeat Steps 5 and 6 for a total of four Corner units.



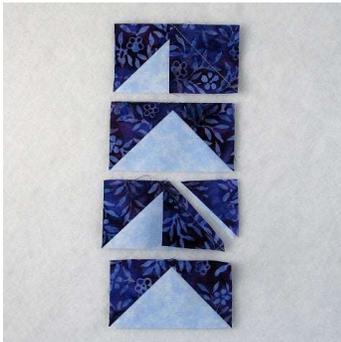
Step 8: Flying Geese Units

Next, sew together a Flying Geese patch using a Light/Blue 2.5" x 4.5" rectangle and two Dark/Purple 2.5" squares. You can find my detailed tutorial using my no-trim method for making Flying Geese at <https://fabric406.com/blogs/fabric406-blog/how-to-sew-a-basic-flying-geese-block>. In the picture below you can see the first four steps.



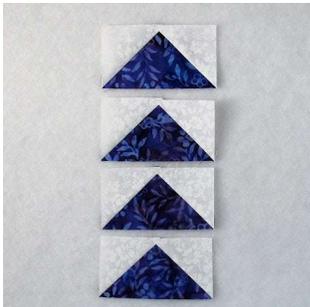
Step 9:

And here you can see the last four steps. Repeat Steps 8 and 9 for a total of 4 units.



Step 10:

Repeat Steps 8 and 9 only using the Dark/Purple 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles and the Light/White 2.5" squares as shown in the picture below.



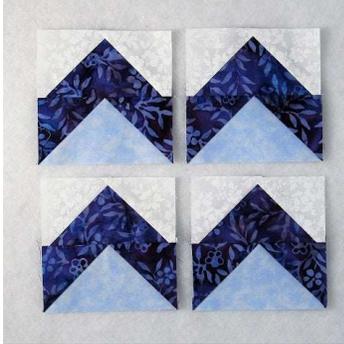
Step 11:

Sew a Step 9 Light Blue/Dark Purple unit to a Step 10 Dark Purple/White unit as shown in the picture below. Press the seam allowance toward the Step 10 unit.



Step 12:

Repeat Steps 8 through 11 for a total of four Flying Geese units.



Step 13: Putting It All Together

Lay out the Center unit, the four Corner units, and the four Flying Geese units as shown in the picture below. From here the block goes together like a typical [Nine Patch](#) quilt block.

You will need to rotate the Corner units so that your seam allowances will nest together nicely. You can see how that looks in the Step 15 picture.



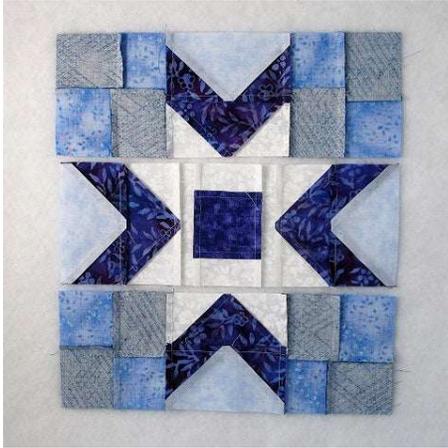
Step 14:

Sew the units into three rows as shown below.



Step 15:

Press the seam allowances away from the Flying Geese units as shown below.



Step 16:

To complete the block, simply sew the three rows together and ...



Step 17:

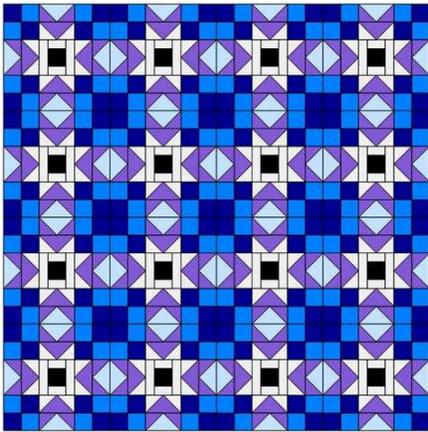
Press the seam allowances toward the center of the block as shown in the picture below.



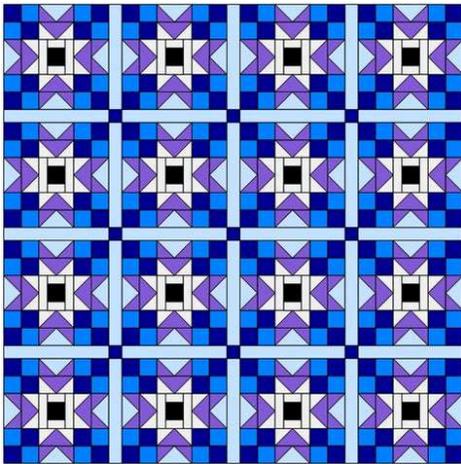
Layout Suggestions:

Here are some ideas for this block all by itself.

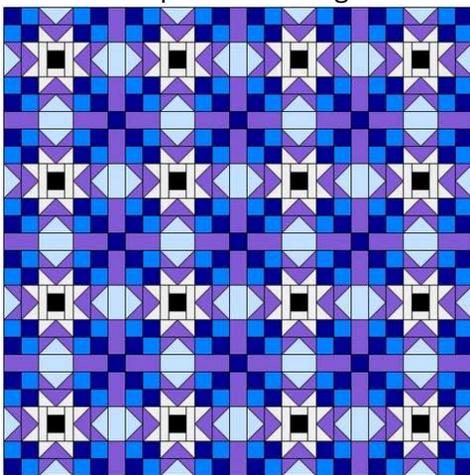
A typical 4 x 4 layout:



With sashing and cornerstones added:



And here's a pieced sashing and cornerstone layout. Love the secondary design!



Conclusion:

While there are lots of pieces in this **Square in a Star** quilt block, it goes together nicely and creates a unique star design.