

Summer Star

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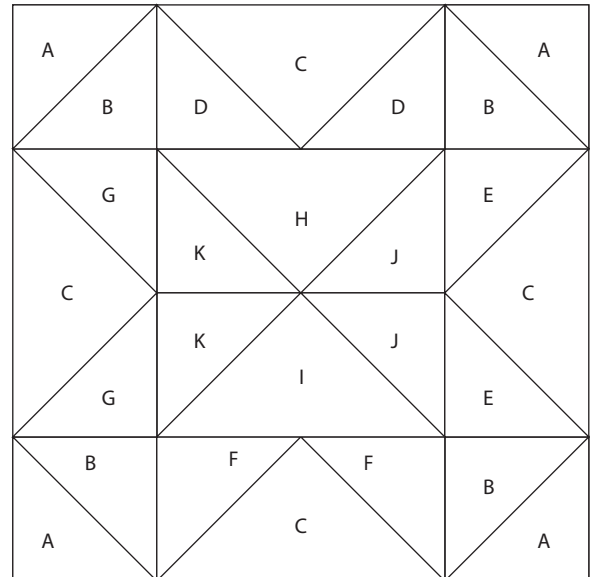
I'm super excited to be a returning 4th-year Blockhead! The Blockheads quilts I've sewn from my previous years sewing along are some of my favorite scrappy quilts. I've really appreciated being able to sew a wide variety of blocks and consider it a fun creative exercise to work on these blocks.

My block is a scrappy star--combining two of my favorite types of blocks. I know you'll enjoy sewing along as much as I do.



Cutting Instructions

Qty	6" finished block	12" finished block
2	2 1/2" squares (A)	4" squares (A)
2	2 1/2" squares (B)	4" squares (B)
4	3 1/2" x 2" rectangles (C)	6 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangles (C)
2	2" squares (D)	3 1/2" squares (D)
2	2" squares (E)	3 1/2" squares (E)
2	2" squares (F)	3 1/2" squares (F)
2	2" squares (G)	3 1/2" squares (G)
1	3 1/2" x 2" rectangles (H)	6 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangles (H)
1	3 1/2" x 2" rectangles (I)	6 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangles (I)
2	2" squares (J)	3 1/2" squares (J)
2	2" squares (K)	3 1/2" squares (K)



Use this block to plan color and fabric placement!

My Swatches

A B C D E F

G H I J K





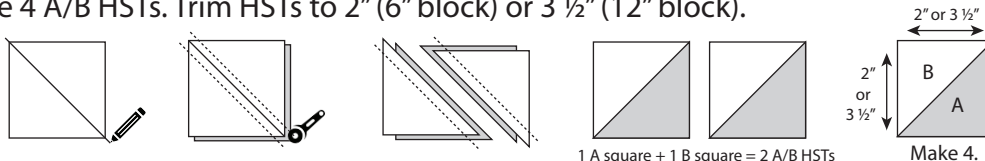
Piecing Instructions

Step 1

On the wrong side of each B square, draw a line from one corner to the opposing corner as shown.

Place A and B squares right sides together. Stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides of the drawn line. Cut the square apart on the line to yield two HSTs, and press the seams to the darker triangles (A).

Repeat to make 4 A/B HSTs. Trim HSTs to 2" (6" block) or 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (12" block).

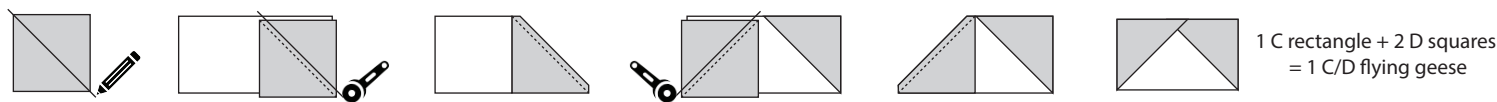


Step 2

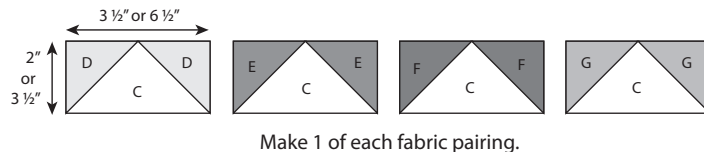
On the wrong side of each D square, draw a line from one corner to the opposing corner as shown.

Align the D square on one end of a C rectangle, right sides together, as shown. Stitch on the drawn line, and trim the seam to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press the seam to the D triangle.

Align the other D square on the other end of the C rectangle, right sides together, as shown. Stitch on the drawn line, and trim the seam to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press the seam to the D triangle to complete the C/D flying geese.



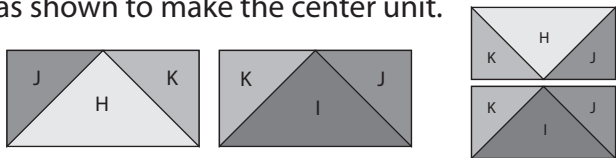
Repeat to make 1 C/D, 1 C/E, 1 C/F, and 1 C/G flying geese. Trim units to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" (6" block) or 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (12" block).



Step 3

Using the same method, make 1 H/J/K and 1 I/J/K flying geese, placing prints as shown. Trim units to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" (6" block) or 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (12" block).

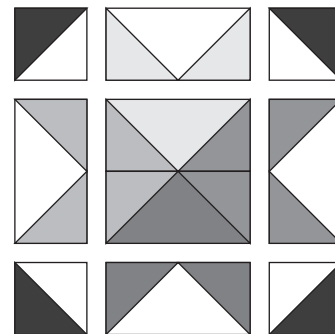
Join H/J/K and I/J/K flying geese together as shown to make the center unit.



Step 4

Lay out HSTs, flying geese, and center unit as shown.

Join units to make the full block. Trim to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " or 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Get to know Sherri...

I know the stars have aligned when...
My bobbin thread runs out at the end of a project.

If I could wish on a star, I'd wish for...
A beach house to live in year round.





Additional Coloring Blocks

