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Spinning Star by Lissa Alexander

This block is easier than it looks! It may take a few practice tries, but the end result and skill building options are many.





Cutting Instructions

Qty	6" finished block	12" finished block
2	1 1⁄8″ x 12″ strips (A)	1 ¾" x 22″ strips (A)
2	1 1/8" x 12" strips (B)	1 ¾″ x 22″ strips (B)
4	2 ¼" squares, cut in half diagonally (C)	3 ³ %" squares, cut in half diagonally (C)
4	2 %" squares, cut in half diagonally (D)	4 ⅔" squares, cut in half diagonally (D)



Use this block to plan color and fabric placement!

My Swatches









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Piecing Instructions

Step 1

Place an A and a B strip right sides together. Using a scant ¼" seam, join strips along one long edge. Press seam to the A strip.

Strip set should measure 1 ³/₄" x 12" (6" block) or 3" x 22" (12" block). Repeat to make (2) A/B strip sets.

Step 2

Trim the left edge of your strip set at a 45° angle by aligning the 45° line of your quilting ruler with the bottom left edge of your strip set and cutting as shown.

Next, keeping the 45° line along the bottom edge of your strip set, align the angled cut edge at the 1 ³/₄" (6" block) or 3" (12" block) line of your ruler and cut a diamond segment.

Repeat to cut (8) 1 ³/₄" A/B diamonds (6" block) or (8) 3" A/B diamonds (12" block).



Step 3

Join a C triangle to an A/B diamond along the bias edge of the C triangle and the seamed edge of the diamond, as shown. Press to the triangle.

Join a D triangle to the same diamond along the straight edge of the D triangle and the straight edge of the diamond, as shown. Press to the triangle.

Repeat to make (4) left HST units.





Get to know Lissa...



I know the stars have aligned when... It is time to share my blocks with all the Blockheads of the world.

I thank my lucky stars that... My family is healthy.



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If I could wish on a star, I'd wish for... World Piece, the quilting & sewing kind that brings us all together with like-minded passions. Wouldn't it be great to cover the world in quilts? Star Trek, Star Wars, or Dancing With the Stars? Dancing With the Stars for sure – to be specific, Derek Hough.





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Piecing Instructions, continued

Step 4

Join a C triangle to an A/B diamond along the bias edge of the C triangle and the straight edge of the diamond, as shown. Press to the triangle.

Join a D triangle to the same diamond along the straight edge of the D triangle and the seamed edge of the diamond, as shown. Press to the triangle.

Repeat to make (4) right HST units.





Tip: When joining your C and D triangles with the A/B diamond, the dog ear of the triangle should extend beyond the diamond by 1/4", and your seam should intersect exactly at that point – just like when you join bias binding strips!

Step 5

Join a left and right HST as shown to make a corner unit. Press seam open.

Repeat to make 4 corner units measuring $3 \frac{1}{2}$ (6" block) or $6 \frac{1}{2}$ " (12" block).



Step 6

Lay out corner units as shown.

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









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Additional Coloring Blocks













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