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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 | $12^{\prime \prime}$ finished block |
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| 2 | $11 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime}$ strips (A) | $13 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 22^{\prime \prime}$ strips (A) |
| 2 | $11 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime}$ strips (B) | $13 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 22^{\prime \prime}$ strips (B) |
| 4 | $21 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ squares, <br> cut in half diagonally (C) | $333 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ squares, <br> cut in half diagonally (C) |
| 4 | $25 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ squares, <br> cut in half diagonally (D) | $43 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ squares, <br> cut in half diagonally (D) |

My Swatches

$\mathbf{A} \square \mathbf{B} \square \mathbf{D} \square$
$\square$

$\mathbf{A} \square \mathbf{B} \square \mathbf{D} \square$
$\mathbf{A} \square \mathbf{B} \square \mathbf{D} \square$

Use this block to plan color and fabric placement!


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## Piecing Instructions

## Step 1

Place an A and a B strip right sides together. Using a scant $1 / 4$ " seam, join strips along one long edge.
Press seam to the A strip.
Strip set should measure 1 3/4" x $12^{\prime \prime}$ ( 6 " block) or $3^{\prime \prime} \times 22^{\prime \prime}$ ( $12^{\prime \prime}$ block). Repeat to make (2) A/B strip sets.


## Step 2

Trim the left edge of your strip set at a $45^{\circ}$ angle by aligning the $45^{\circ}$ line of your quilting ruler with the bottom left edge of your strip set and cutting as shown.

Next, keeping the $45^{\circ}$ line along the bottom edge of your strip set, align the angled cut edge at the $13 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ ( $6^{\prime \prime}$ block) or $3^{\prime \prime}\left(12^{\prime \prime}\right.$ block) line of your ruler and cut a diamond segment.

Repeat to cut (8) 1 3/4" $\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{B}$ diamonds ( $6^{\prime \prime}$ block) or (8) $3^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{A} / \mathrm{B}$ diamonds ( $12^{\prime \prime}$ 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.


Make 4.

See next page for a tip for lining up your triangles
and diamonds!

## 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.

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.

## 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 $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$, 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 $31 / 22^{\prime \prime}\left(6^{\prime \prime}\right.$ block) or $61 / 22^{\prime \prime}$ (12" block).



Make 4.

## Step 6

Lay out corner units as shown.
Join units to make the full block.
Trim to $61 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ or $121_{1}^{\prime \prime \prime}$.


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## Additional Coloring Blocks



