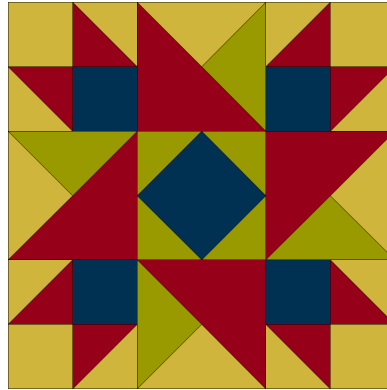


Block of the Month – August 2009

Birthday Star

12" x 12"



Use one background fabric and three coloured fabrics for the star.

Rotary Cutting Instructions:

Background Fabric: Yellow

- Outer corner squares: Cut four 2 ½ inch squares
- Small half square triangles: Cut four 2 ⅞ inch squares. Cut on one diagonal to give eight half-square triangles.
- Large quarter-square triangles: Cut one 5 ¼ inch square. Cut on both diagonals to give four quarter square triangles.

Star Fabric 1: Blue

- Centre square: Cut one on-point 3 ⅞ inch square.
- Inner corner squares: Cut four 2 ½ inch squares

Star fabric 2: Green

- Large quarter-square triangles: Cut one 5 ¼ inch square. Cut on both diagonals to give four quarter square triangles.
- Small half square triangles: Cut two 2 ⅞ inch squares. Cut on one diagonal to give four half-square triangles.

Star fabric 3: Red

- Small half square triangles: Cut four 2 ⅞ inch squares. Cut on one diagonal to give eight half-square triangles.
- Large half-square triangles: Cut two 4 ⅞ inch squares. Cut on one diagonal to give four half square-triangles.

Sewing Instructions:

1. Centre Square Unit:

Stitch a small green triangle on opposite sides of the blue centre square. Press seams under the triangles. Repeat with remaining two triangles. Press seams under the triangles.

The centre block should measure 4 ½ inches square.



2. Corner Square Units:

Stitch together one red and one yellow small half-square triangle piece. Press seam to the dark side. Repeat to make seven units in total, each measuring 2 ½ inches square.

Sew the pieces of the corner unit together in the order as shown in the diagram. This unit should measure 4 ½ inches square. Repeat to make four units in total.



3. Centre Star Point Units:

Sew together one green and one yellow quarter square-triangle. Press seam to the dark side.

Sew this triangle unit to the large red half square-triangle.

Press seam to the large triangle.

This unit should measure 4 ½ inches square.



4. Arrange the pieces of the block in order, as shown in the diagram below.
5. Join the pieces into three rows. In the top and bottom rows press the seams towards the centre. In the centre row press the seams away from the centre.
6. Stitch the three rows together, making sure the seams are aligned. Press the seams toward the outer edge of the block. The block should measure 12½" square (unfinished).

