

# August 2015 Block of the Month: Army Star

This makes a 12" finished block!

\*\* Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block

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Color 1 (Blue on White) needs:

one 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" strip

Color 2 (Red on White) needs:

one 2" x 16" strip

Color 3 (Blue) needs:

one 4" x 14" strip

Color 4 (White or Cream) needs:

one 3-1/2" x 14" strip

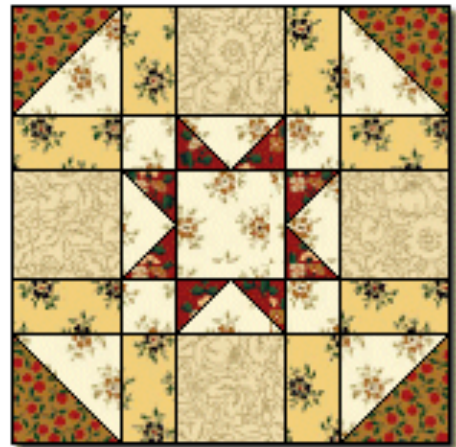
Color 5 (Red) needs:

one 2" x 14" strip AND

one 2" x 8" strip AND

one 3-1/2" square AND

one 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" strip



Start by marking and cutting the Color 2 2" x 16" strip into eight 2" squares. Then mark and cut the Color 3 4" x 14" strip into eight 2" x 3-1/2" rectangles. Next mark and cut the Color 4 3-1/2" x 14" strip into four 3-1/2" squares. Mark and cut the Color 5 2" x 14" strip into four 2" x 3-1/2" rectangles. Mark and cut the Color 5 2" x 8" strip into four 2" squares. Cut one Color 5 3-1/2" square. Mark and cut the Color 1 and Color 5 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" strips into two 3-7/8" squares each. Stack and cut these once on the diagonal to make four half square triangles of each. Sew the half square triangles together in pairs. Make four units like this. Press towards darker side. Trim to 3-1/2" square if needed.

Make flying geese units by placing a Color 2 2" square right sides together against one end of a Color 5 rectangle, with edges

aligned. On the back of the small square lightly draw in the diagonal, and then sew on this drawn line. Trim off the excess seam allowance, pressing the remainder towards the corner triangle. Repeat this with another small square on the other end of the rectangle. Make four units like this.

Sew the block's center unit by making three rows, using the Color 5 small squares, the flying geese units, and the Color 5 3-1/2" square. To make the block's sides, sew the Color 3 rectangles to the sides of the Color 4 3-1/2" squares. Press seams towards rectangles. Make four units like this.

Now sew together all the units we have made into rows, alternating pressing directions by row. Sew the three rows together, measure and trim if needed, and you have a 12 1/2" Army Star!

Adapted from pattern written: August 28 2002 by Marcia Hohn  
***<http://quilterscache.com/A/ArmyStarBlock.html>***

\*\*\*Remember your 1/4" seam allowance.\*\*\*

You can choose to make a complete quilt top by repeating these instructions or you can set this block aside and make a sampler quilt. We look forward to seeing everyone's blocks.