

December Block of the Month: Ohio Star

Materials:

Main Fabric: 2 - 5 1/4" squares, subcut each square on the diagonal (corner to corner forming an X) in both direction, forming 8 quarter square triangles.

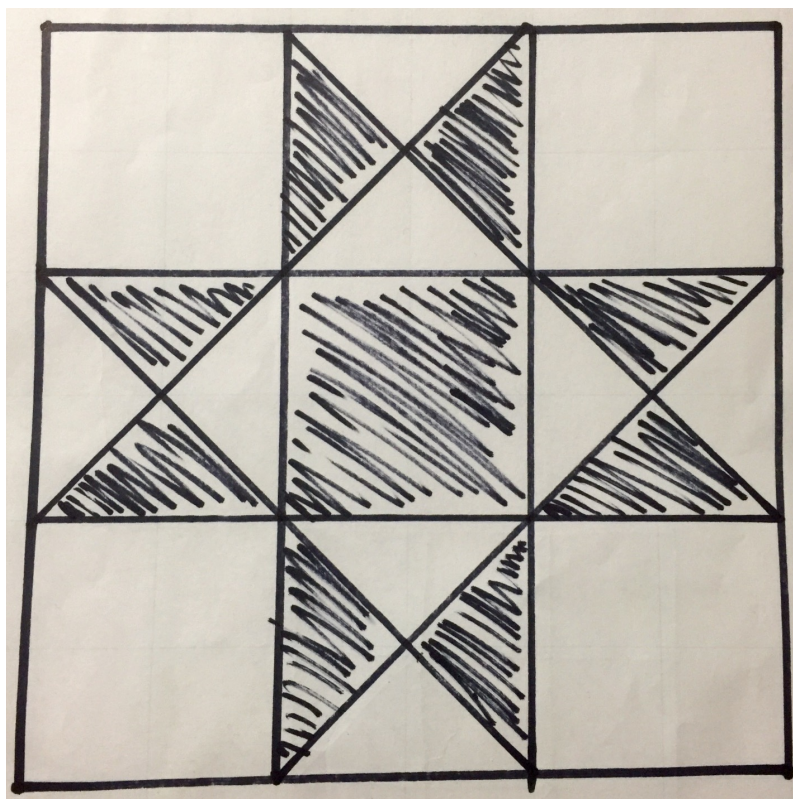
4 - 4 1/2" squares

Contrast Fabric: 2 - 5 1/4" squares, subcut each square on the diagonal (corner to corner forming an X) in both direction, forming 8 quarter square triangles.

1 - 4 1/2" square

Construction:

Sew together 8 pairs of main and contrast quarter square triangles. Press. Then sew the pairs together to make 4 units, main fabric matched to contrast fabric. Press and measure. Each unit should be 4 1/2" square.



Assemble 4 1/2" units and 4 1/2" squares into rows, referring to diagram for placement and position. Press and measure. Finished block should measure 12 1/2" square.

Alternate technique for making quarter square units:

Draw a diagonal

line on the back of each of the light 5 1/4" squares. Pair a dark 5 1/4" with a light 5 1/4" square right sides together and sew a 1/4" seam on either side of the drawn line. Cut apart on line and press toward dark.

Draw a line on back of half of the new units. Pair right sides together. Match units turning one so the seams form an X. Sew a 1/4" seam on either side of the drawn line. Cut apart on line and press toward dark. Finished unit should measure 4 1/2" and match diagram.

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.