

## July 2015 Block of the Month: Bars and Stars

This makes a 12" block

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**\*\* Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block \*\***

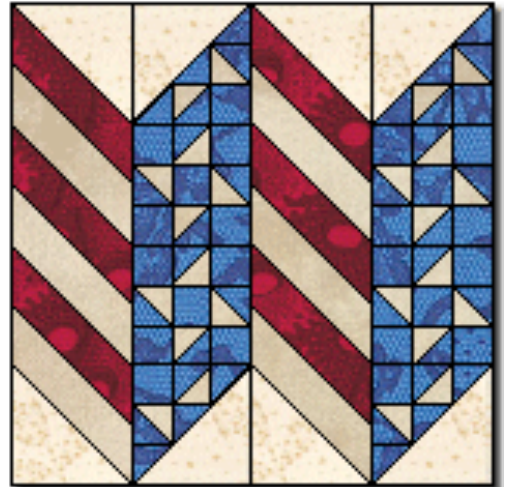
Color 1 (Red): one 3-3/4" x 22" rectangle

Color 2 (White/Cream): one 3-3/4" x 22" rectangle

AND two 1-7/8" x 11-1/4" strips

AND one 3-7/8" x 15-1/2" strip (Color 4)

Color 3 (Blue): one 3" x 18" strip AND two 1-7/8" x 5-5/8" strips AND two 1-7/8" x 11-1/4" strips



Using the template provided, cut six trapezoids from Color 1 and Color 2 3-3/4" x 22" rectangles.

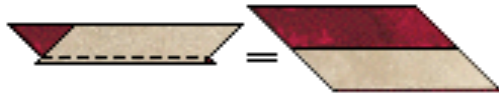


Mark and cut the Color 3 3" x 18" strip into twenty four 1-1/2" squares. Mark and cut the Color 3 1-7/8" x 5-5/8" strip into three 1-7/8" squares. (Cut TWO this way; only one is shown here.) Stack these and cut them once on the diagonal to make twelve half square triangles.

Mark and cut the Color 4 3-7/8" x 15-1/2" strip into four 3-7/8" squares. Stack these and cut them once on the diagonal to make eight half square triangles.

Next speed piece the half squares, by stacking a Color 2 and Color 3 1-7/8" x 11-1/4" strip set, right sides together and all edges aligned. On the

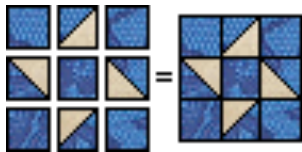
back of the top strip, lightly mark the 1-7/8" square lines and mark the diagonals in the direction shown at left. Now sew a SCANT 1/4" above and below the marked diagonals, pivoting at the square lines. Now cut apart ON the marked diagonals, and on the 1-7/8" square lines. This will give you twelve half squares. Press seam allowances towards the darker fabric. Trim these back to measure 1-1/2" if needed. Repeat this with the other Color 2 and Color 3 1-7/8" x 11-1/4" strip set to make twelve more.



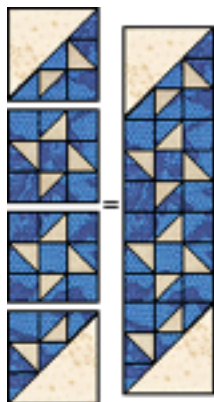
Using a scant 1/4" seam, sew the Color 1 and Color 2 trapezoids right sides together as shown at left. Note I only show two being sewn together here to show you

how. You need to keep adding more to make TWO sets of six bars each, starting with red at the top, and ending with tan at the bottom. Press seams to darker sides.

Now sew Color 4 half square triangles to the top and bottom of each bar set, again in a scant 1/4" seam. Press seams towards bars. Trim this unit to measure 3-1/2" x 12-1/2" if needed. You will have two units like this.



Next, using the Color 3 squares and half squares, sew four little star blocks as shown at left. Use those same scant seams! Trim these to measure 3-1/2" if needed.



Using the remaining Color 3 squares, the half squares, and the half square triangles, sew four half-star triangle units. Sew a Color 4 half square triangle to each of these, pressing seams towards half stars. Make four units like this. Trim them to measure 3-1/2" if needed.

Now make two star rows as shown at left, using the full star blocks, and the half star blocks. These should also measure 3-1/2" x 12-1/2".

Now piece the block, by joining the star rows and the bar rows! Good Job! Oct 1 2003 Marcia Hohn <http://www.quilterscache.com>