

STAR BURST

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Please Note:- I have used five fabrics in my Star Burst. If you are using fewer fabrics please adjust your cutting instructions accordingly, i.e. if using four fabrics you could use your background fabric in your 6-inch centre star and if using three fabrics you make your outer star points the same as your centre star.

Background Fabric:

- Cut four 3 1/2 inch squares
- Cut eight 2 inch by 3 1/2 inch rectangles
- Cut one 4 1/2 inch squares



Fabric A

- Cut one 3 1/2 inch square
- Cut eight 2 inch squares



Fabric B

- Cut four 3 1/2 inch by 2 inch rectangles
- Cut two 2 1/2 inch squares



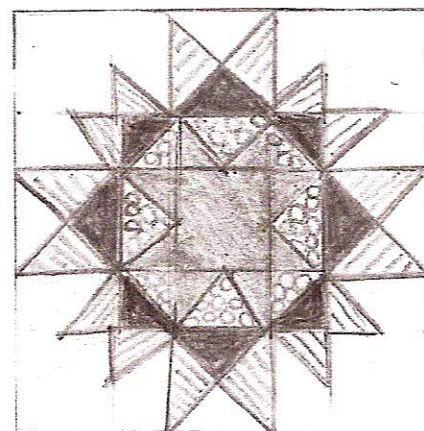
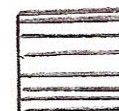
Fabric C

- Cut two 2 1/2 inch squares
- Cut one 4 1/2 inch square



Fabric D

- Cut two 4 1/2 inch squares
- Cut eight 2 inch squares



SEWING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Place one 4 1/2 inch square of fabric D with the 4 1/2 inch square of background fabric right sides together. On one side of square draw a diagonal line and sew a quarter-inch on either side of marked line. Cut on the drawn line. Without moving your square on the cutting mat, cut your square in the opposite diagonal direction. Repeat this step using the remaining 4 1/2 inch square of fabric D and the 4 1/2 inch square of fabric C. Press all seams towards fabric D. See Diagram 1.

2. Sew background fabric/ fabric D triangles to a fabric C/fabric D triangles, matching centre seams and stitching from edge to edge. Press seams together in one direction. Square up your blocks by lining up your diagonal line of your ruler with the diagonal line of your block making sure to measure 1 3/4" from the centre intersecting point out (1 3/4" on your ruler) to square up your blocks. Trim to 3 1/2 inches. These four hourglass units will be used in steps 7 and 8. See Diagram 2.

3. Place two fabric C 2 1/2 inch squares with two 2 1/2 inch squares of fabric B right sides together. On one side of square draw a diagonal line and sew a quarter inch on either side of the marked line. Cut on the drawn line. Press to the lighter side. Trim to 2 inch squares. These will be used in step 6. See Diagram 3.

4. On eight 2 inch squares of fabric D mark a diagonal line. Sew these squares to the end of eight background fabric rectangles by stitching on the marked lines. Trim one layer away 1/4 inch from the stitched line. Flip over and press towards the rectangle. (This method backs the small triangle, stabilizes it and holds the bias.) Make four going one way and four going the opposite way. See Diagram 4.

5. Make four flying geese with the four fabric B rectangles and eight fabric A 2 inch squares. Mark diagonal lines on the squares. With right sides together align the edges along one end of the rectangle and stitch on the marked line. Trim away excess (use same method as in step 4), flip over and press towards the corner of the rectangle. Sew a second marked square to the opposite side of the rectangle, trim and press towards the rectangle. Your flying geese will measure 3 1/2 inches by 2 inches and will form your star points for step 6. See Diagram 5.

6. Sew a flying geese from Step 5 to each side of fabric A's 3 1/2 square. Sew squares from Step 3 to each side of the two remaining flying geese. Sew the flying geese units with the squares to either side of the flying geese unit with the 3 1/2 inch square. This unit forms the centre star of this Sunburst block and measures 6 1/2 inches square. See Diagram 6.

7. To each side of the hourglass block from Step 2 sew a unit from Step 4, making sure that the fabric C in the hourglass block points towards the center star and the background fabric is on the outside. Make sure the background fabric in the rectangles are stitched to fabric D of the hourglass. See Diagram 7.

8. Sew a 3 1/2 inch background fabric square to each side of two hourglass units. These units will measure 3 1/2 inches by 12 1/2 inches. See Diagram 8.

9. Sew the remaining two hourglass units to either side of the centre star. This unit will measure 6 1/2 inches by 12 1/2 inches. Sew units from Step 8 to either side of this unit. See Diagram 9.

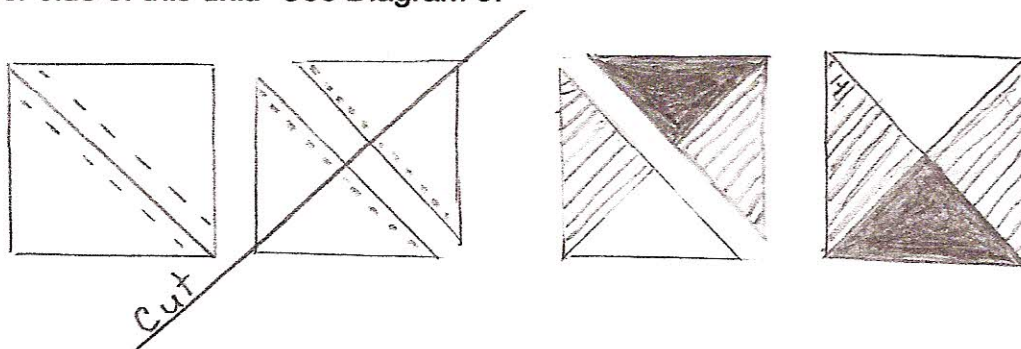


Diagram 1

Diagram 2

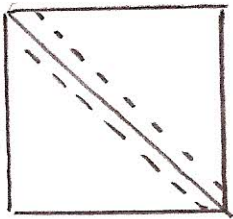


Diagram 3

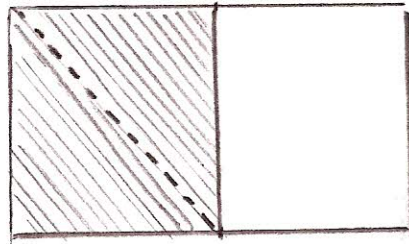
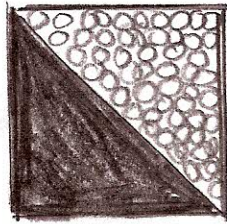


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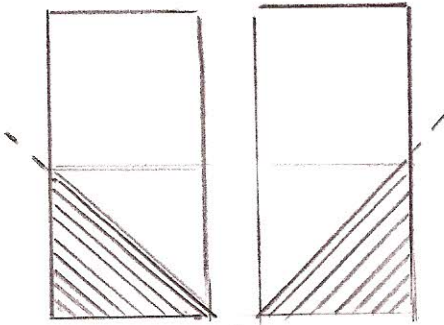
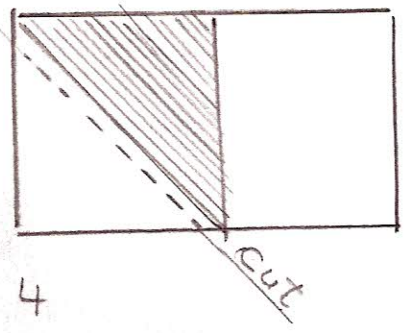


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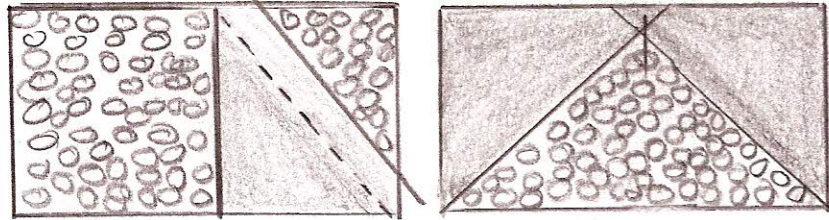


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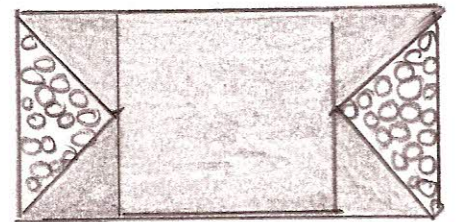


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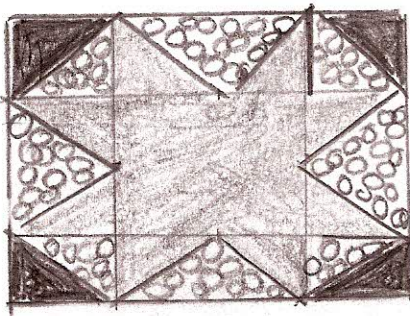


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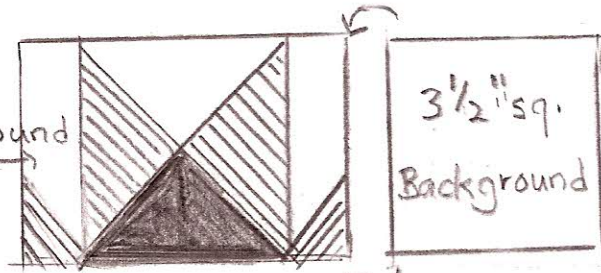


Diagram 7

3 1/2" sq.
Background

Diagram 8

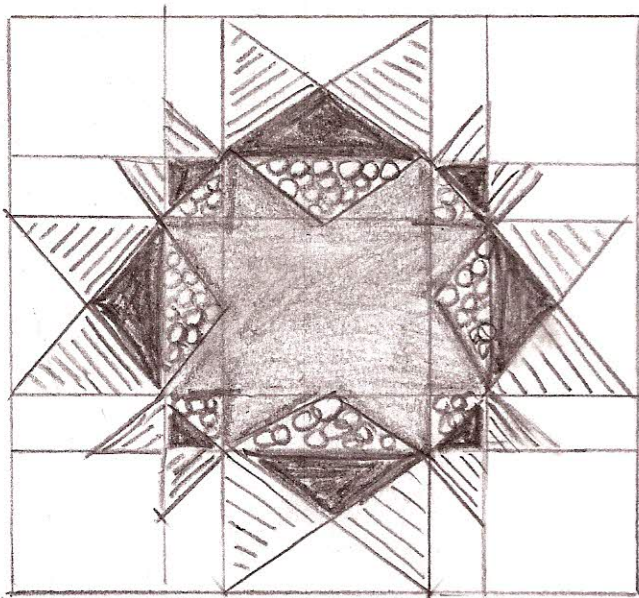


Diagram 9

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