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July:

STARFLOWER

In honor of July 4th we're tackling a star block this month! I'm including the instructions for the classic version, and one for a more mod version. Have fun!

Assume exact $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Yields one beautiful 12.5" block.

Block 1: Classic Starflower

Cutting:

From background color, cut (4) 4" squares

From background color, cut (4) 3.5" squares

From color 1, cut (4) 4" squares

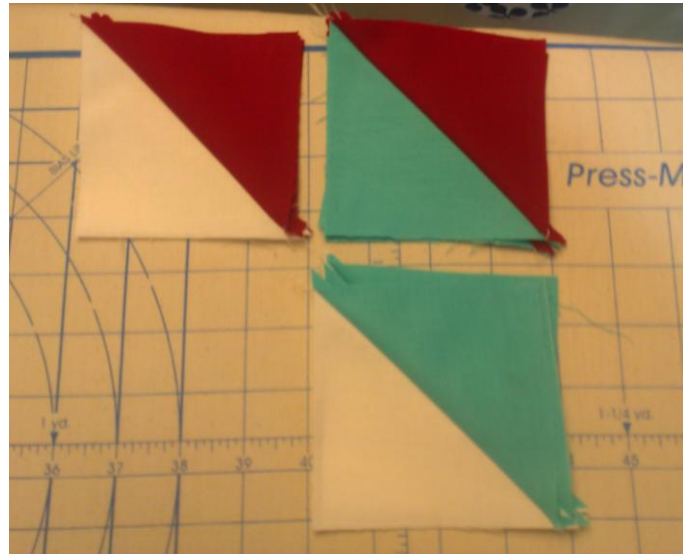
From color 2, cut (4) 4" squares

Instructions:

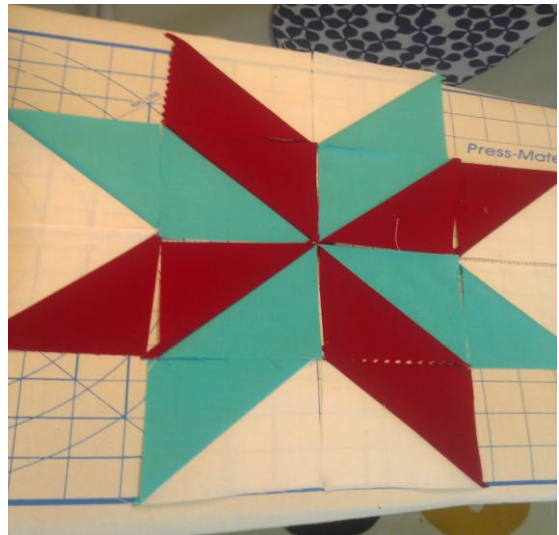
1. Using a fabric marker or pencil, draw a corner-to-corner diagonal line across each of your (4) 4" background squares, and across 2 of the lighter of your colored squares.
 - a. *Tip: instead of marking each square, you can try stacking four of the squares exactly on top of one another, then fold in half on the diagonal – press. The pressed diagonal line will be your sewing guide.*
2. Stack a background square on top of a colored square, matching all edges. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " from either side of the drawn line.
3. Repeat step 2) with:
 - a. color 1 + background (2 sets)
 - b. color 2 + background (2 sets)
 - c. color 1 + color 2 (2 sets)



4. Cut along diagonal line on each stacked and sewn set. Press open to reveal a HST (half-square-triangle). Trim all HSTs to 3.5" square, removing the dog ears.
 - a. *Tip: use the 45 degree line on your rotary ruler, aligned with the center diagonal seam on each HST to trim the HSTs more precisely.*



5. Arrange HSTs according to images below, with 4 solid 3.5" background squares in each corner – or create a different orientation all together! It's up to you. Sew the HSTs together first in rows, and then assemble each row together, making sure to match seams at intersections.



and your final "traditional" Starflower block will look like:



Block 2: Mod Star Block

Cutting:

From background color, cut (12) 3.5" squares

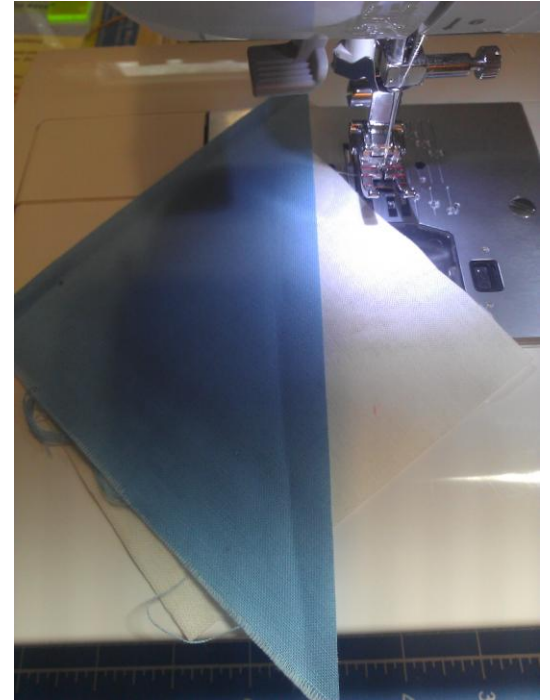
From color 1, cut (2) 5" squares, then cut along diagonal

From color 2, cut (2) 5" squares, then cut along diagonal

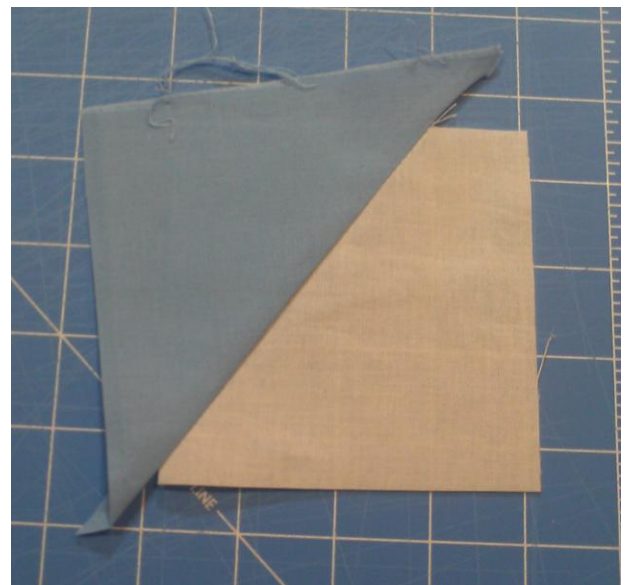
For center square, 6.5" square of fabric

Instructions:

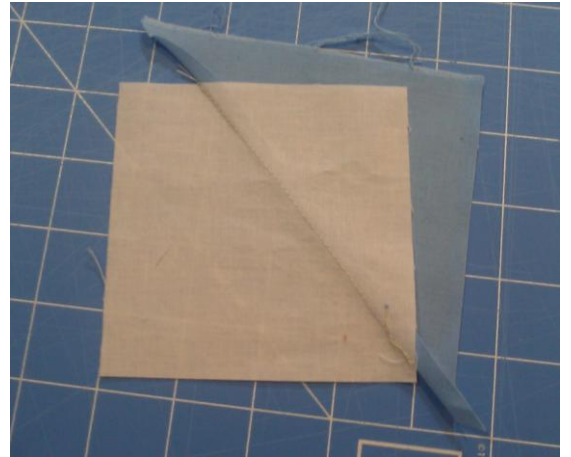
1. place a colored triangle across a solid background square, straddling a corner. Place the triangle unevenly so as to make the final half-square triangle wonky, as pictured. Ensure that when folded back to create the wonky HST, the colored portion covers the entire corner of the background square:



2. Press colored portion back, over the background square – ensure the triangle covers the entire background square.



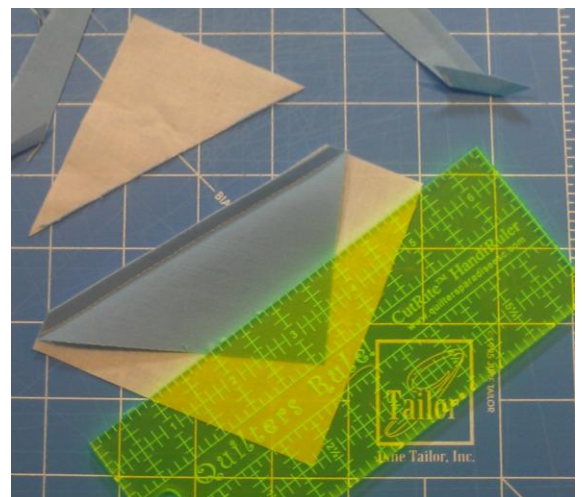
3. Flip your square over:



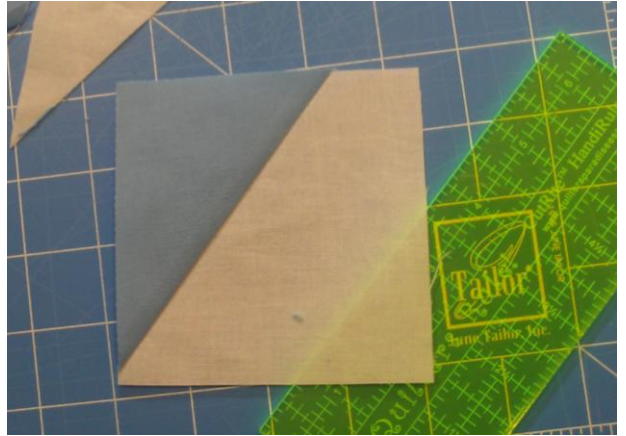
4. Trim your colored fabric back in line with the background square:



5. Flip your square over, so it's right-side up. Fold back your colored triangle, and trim the excess background fabric to the 1/4" seam line.



6. Ooh! Nice! Super wonky HST! Repeat above steps to create **8** super wonky HSTs.



7. Arrange your super wonky HSTs around your center square, with the points radiating out. You'll notice here that I've taken a 5" charm square and bordered it with some matching colored strips to bring it out to 6.5" squared.



Don't forget to upload pictures of your block(s) to the [Sew at Home Mummy: Classic meets Modern QAL group](#), and then link-up your photo to the blog post at [Sew at Home Mummy!](#)