

# July 2017 BOM Instructions

\*Block size 24" x 24" finished (24.5" x 24.5" unfinished)

\*All seam allowances are 1/4"

\*Press all seams open, or as desired

Fabric choices required (please note that fabric choice letters are listed on the photo to the right):

A - Main background

B - Large Star rays (a variety of scraps at least 5.5" wide. you'll need enough scraps to make 8 rectangles 9.5" x 5.5" - that equals approximately 72 1.5" unfinished strips. That number will vary depending on how wide you want the strips to be.) **OR** a striped fabric

C - Large Star center circle

D - Small Star points

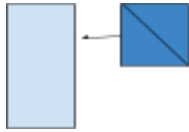
E - Small Star body



## Cutting Instructions

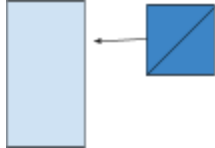
- Main Background
  - 19 4.5" squares from Fabric A
- Large Star
  - 4 4.5" squares from Fabric A,
  - Cut 8 4.5" squares for the triangles from Fabric A
  - Cut a variety of scraps 5.5" x 1" up to 2" **OR** cut 8 8.5" x 4.5" rectangles with the stripes running across the width from Fabric B
  - Cut 1 circle from from Fabric C between 4.5" to 6" depending on how big you want your center to be and what method of applique you'd like to use. I would recommend waiting until the rest of the star is complete before cutting the circle. You'll be able to decide then how big you'd like your center to be.
- Small Star
  - 4 1.5" squares from Fabric A
  - 4 2.5" squares from Fabric A
  - 4 2.5" squares from Fabric D
  - 1 2.5" square from Fabric E
- Sewing Instructions
  - Large Star points
    - If using scraps, sew the strips of scraps together into 8 rectangles 9.5" long x 5.5" wide
    - Trim the rectangles to 8.5" x 4.5". If you are using a striped fabric, you will have already cut your rectangles.

- On four of the rectangles, place a 4.5" fabric A square and draw a line from the upper left corner to the lower right corner.



- Sew along marked line and trim off upper right triangle  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the seam line.

- On the other four rectangles, place a 4.5" fabric A square and draw a line from the upper right corner to the lower left corner



- Sew along marked line and trim off upper left triangle  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the seam line.

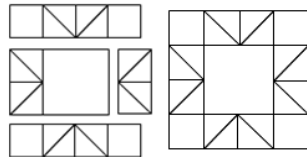
- Lay two rectangles with opposing background triangles right sides together, so that the two background triangles are facing each other and are located in the lower left corner
- Starting at the corner and using the 45 degree line on a ruler, draw a line from the lower right corner of the top rectangle to the upper right of the ruler (see photo)



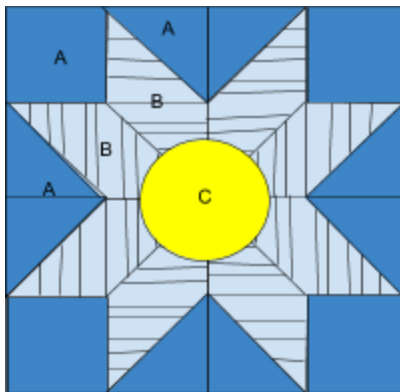
- Starting at the corner, sew along the marked line until  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the end. Backstitch. Trim off triangle. Press to one side
- **You will now be sewing a Y-seam.** You can find a good tutorial for this at <http://www.freshlemonsquilts.com/y-seams-tutorial/> . If you've never done a Y-seam before, the following instructions will make much more sense if you review the tutorial first.
- Put the striped unit right side up and line one fabric A background square on top wrong side up. Starting at the edge, sew to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the end of the background square. The unsewn  $\frac{1}{4}$ " will be in the center.
- Pivot the unit and line up square again. Sew to the end. Press toward the Y.
- This unit should measure 8.5"
- Make four of these units
- Sew together to make the star



- Large Star Center
  - The center of the star is an appliqued circle. The applique can be done by machine or by hand, as you prefer. The sample is machine appliqued using this technique: [https://www.connectingthreads.com/tutorials/Applique-Interfacing\\_Prep\\_D49.html](https://www.connectingthreads.com/tutorials/Applique-Interfacing_Prep_D49.html)
  - Decide how big you'd like your circle to be and whether it needs a seam allowance.
  - If you'd like to reduce bulk under the applique, trim the star out from behind it.
  
- Small Star points
  - Place four 2.5" fabric A background squares on four 2.5" fabric D squares, right sides together.
  - On the lightest fabric of each pair draw a line from upper left corner to lower right corner.
  - Sew ¼" away from the line on both sides
  - Cut along the drawn line
  - You will now have 8 HST squares
  - Press seams
  - Trim all HST squares to 1.5"
  
- Lay out stars as shown in the schematics below.
  - Sew each star together, press seams and trim, if necessary
  - Small star should measure 4.5" unfinished

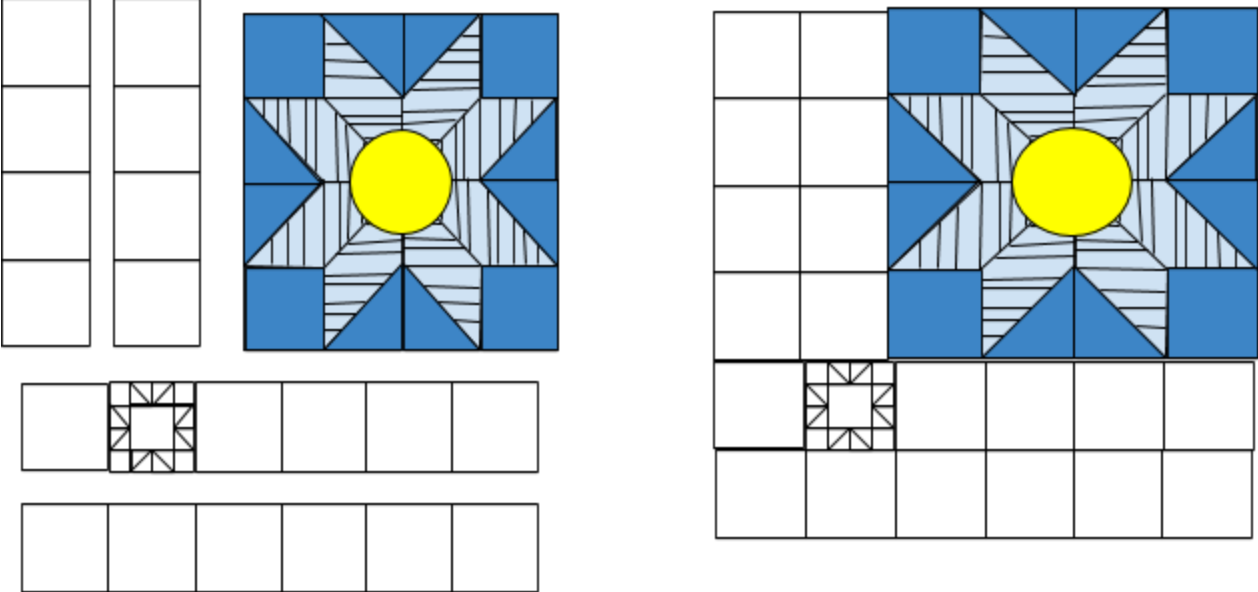


- Large star should measure 16.5" unfinished



- Arrange the stars and background squares as shown on the schematic below
- Block should measure 24.5" x 24.5" unfinished

Schematic



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