

Scrappy Stars Sew Along 2018

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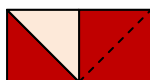
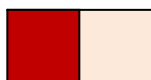
Finished block: 6" x 6"

For each 6" x 6" star block, cut

- 1 square, 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" for the center
- 8 squares, 2" x 2" for the star points
- 4 rectangles, 2" x 3 1/2" for the "geese" background
- 4 squares, 2" x 2" for the background corner squares

Directions:

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each 2" square for the star points.
2. Layer a marked square on one end of a 2" x 3 1/2" background rectangle. Stitch on the diagonal line as shown. Flip and press open to the corner. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4". Place another marked square on the other end of the rectangle and repeat. Make 4 flying geese units.



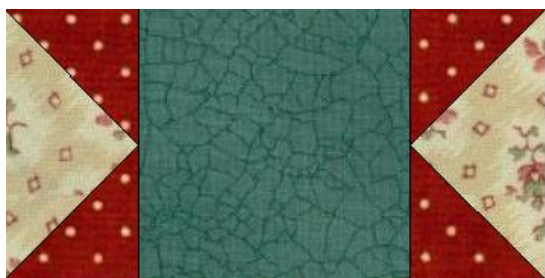
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3. Sew two 2" background corner squares to the ends of a flying geese unit. Press. Make 2.

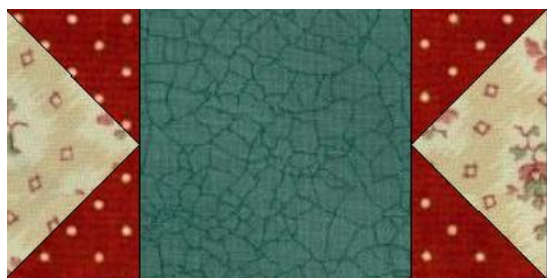


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4. Sew the remaining two flying geese units to the sides of the 3 1/2" center square, as shown.



5. Sew the units from step 3 to the top and bottom of the block.



6. Square up your block with a ruler and trim. The block should measure **6 1/2" x 6 1/2"** (unfinished). It will **finish** at 6" x 6" when sewn into a quilt.

✂ Make your blocks in whatever color or fabric you like. Play around with colors. You do not have to use Civil War prints just because I am going to. This is YOUR quilt, so make it unique. Pick a color theme if you don't want a scrappy quilt. You can make it in pink and brown or perhaps green and blue and if you use different prints for each block it will still be scrappy. Make as many blocks as you like per week. Then show us on Fridays. Sometimes I find that having a goal to keep myself accountable every week helps motivate me. And doing it together can also be motivating. If you start now, and make a few at a time, it won't be stressful at all and by early next year you will have a whole lot of stars to sew together any way you like. You can stop at 6 or 9 blocks and make a small quilt or perhaps, like me, you'd like to accumulate a lot of stars to make a larger quilt. You can plan to use the stars in a quilt mixed with other 6" blocks or plain 6" squares. We can talk about settings next year. The important thing is to have fun making these and don't stress if you have to skip a week or two. Things get in the way sometimes. You'll catch up because these are fun and easy. And they will add up before you know it. ✂

