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Scrappy Asterisk Block



Cutting Instructions:

Background fabric – we are providing you with the background fabric.

Cut (1) 6.5" square for the block. Since you will be cutting this square multiple times and cutting on the diagonal, we recommend that you starch this block so there will not be as much give when sewing.

Cut (1) 1" square for the center square

Scrap fabric – you will provide the scrap fabrics. You can cut these a little longer than needed and trim after adding them to the 6.5" background block.

Cut (4) 1" x 5" rectangles for the diagonal strips

Cut (2) 1" x 3.5" rectangles for the horizontal strips

Cut (2) 1" x 3.25" rectangles for the horizontal and vertical strips

Special Note: It's important to use an exact 1/4" seam allowance when creating the asterisk. If you need to, make your seams just a smidge less than 1/4" and trim your finished asterisk block to 6.5".

Sewing Instructions:

Step 1: Sew Scraps together

Using the finished block pictured above, decide how you want your scraps to be laid out.

For the 3.25" vertical strips, sew the 1" background square in between the two scrap strips (see first strip). Press seams toward the background strip.

For the 3.5" horizontal strips and for both 5" diagonal strips, sew the two scrap strips together. I like to press seams open for this block to reduce bulk at the center of the quilt.



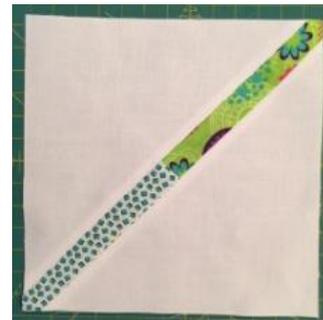
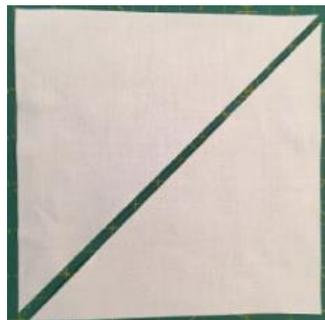
Step 2: Insert first diagonal strip

Cut the 6.5 inch square on the diagonal once. You now have two triangles.

Take the first triangle, fold it in half on the diagonal line and finger press to mark the center. Sew a diagonal strip to the triangle, matching the center seam to the center of the diagonal line. Press seams open to reduce bulk at the center of the square.

Repeat with the second triangle.

Because you are making 1/4" seams, your block will once again be at 6.5". Trim corner seams as you go or trim all at the end.

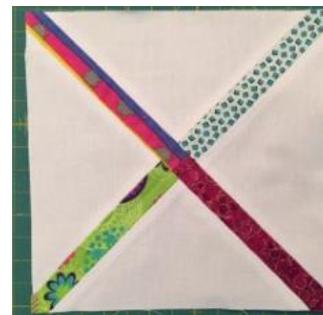
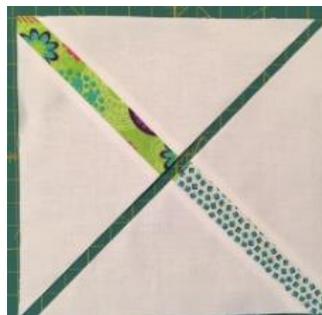


Step 3: Insert second diagonal strip

Cut the 6.5 inch square on the opposite diagonal.

Add the second diagonal strip using the same method as described in Step 2.

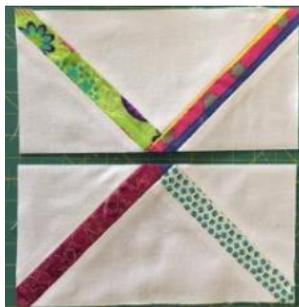
Always remember to mark your center position and to match your seams to that center. Otherwise, the asterisk gets a little wonky.



Step 4: Insert horizontal strip

Cut the 6.5 inch square in half horizontally (cut should be 3.25" from edge).

Add the horizontal strip using the same method as described in Step 2. For this set, press seams away from horizontal strip.



Step 5: Insert vertical strip

Cut the 6.5 inch square in half vertically (cut should be 3.25" from edge).

Add the vertical strip. Nest the little 1" background strip with the horizontal strip to lock in seams. Stitch.

After stitching both sides of the vertical strip, your asterisk block is complete!

