



Pattern of the Month - April 2014

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Stars for the Quiltathon!

Would you like to make some blocks for this year's Quiltathon? We need LOTS! And we'd love to have them ahead of time. Here's how you can help, whether you'll actually be here for the Quiltathon in August, or not!

—Make a block (or several) using the following pattern, or any star block (12½" unfinished size).

(Maybe you already have some "orphan" blocks you'd like to donate?)

—Bring your blocks to the April, May or June meetings and we'll incorporate them into the Quiltathon kits for our "Stars and Squares" twin size quilts! Our goal is 55, half for women and half for children. Hopefully we'll be able to donate 55 quilts to Emerge! Center Against Domestic Violence.

—Bright colors and juvenile prints make fun, scrappy stars for kids, and pretty prints would be nice for the women's quilts.

Fabrics for each block:

Light Background (white, cream, beige, etc.) – cut eight 4½" squares

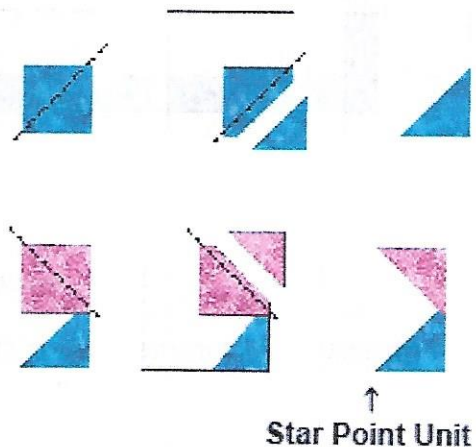
Bright Prints (assorted is fine, for a scrappy look) – cut one 4½" center square and 8 assorted 2½" squares (for star points)

Make the Star Block

Place a 2½" print square on top of a 4½" background square, **right sides together**, lining them up at one corner.

Stitch diagonally across the small square, as illustrated. →
(You could draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the small square first, if that's helpful.)

Trim off the corner, leaving a ¼" seam allowance.
Press the seam toward the corner.

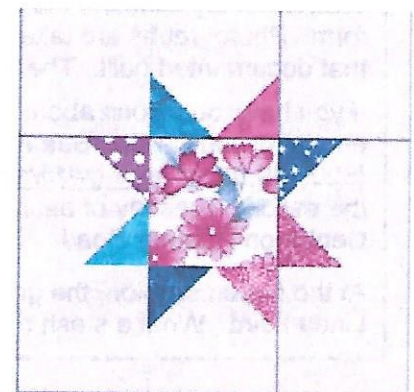


Place a second 2½" square on a corner next to the first one, stitch diagonally, trim and press as you did on the first corner.
This makes one Star Point Unit (it has two star points on it).

For each star block, make a total of 4 Star Point Units, using either all one color, or a scrappy assortment.

Arrange four Star Point Units around the four sides of each 4½" center print square, with the star points next to the center square, as shown in illustration, right. →
Use 4 plain 4½" light squares for the 4 outer corners of each block.

Using ¼" seams, stitch together like a 9-patch:
first sew into 3 rows, then join the rows to complete the block.
(Press seams the way they want to go—away from star points.)



Please turn in your blocks to Paula Zidel, Quiltathon Chair, or Evelyn George, Pattern of the Month, at the April, May or June meetings so they can be used in the Quiltathon kits!

Thanks!