

April 2017 Block of the Month

Ohio Star Quilt Block

12 ½ inches unfinished

The Ohio Star block is classic and comes together fast with the quick method of making half square triangles and then hourglass units. We are using only one batik print and white for the background color. This block will be made into a quilt for a teenage boy so select an appropriate guy color. Think, blues, greens, grays, browns and reds. Be sure to prewash your batik in hot water to remove excess dyes before assembling your block.

Batik print:

- One 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" square
- Two 5-1/4" x 5-1/4" squares

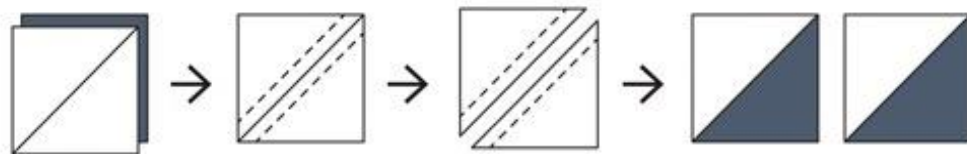
Background fabric (Only white solid or white tonal):

- Four 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" squares
- Two 5-1/4" x 5-1/4" squares

Block Assembly:

Make half-square triangles:

1. Draw a diagonal line, from one corner to the opposite corner on the wrong side of each white square that measures 5-1/4" x 5-1/4".
2. Place a white 5-1/4" square and a batik 5-1/4" square right sides together.
3. Sew ¼ inch away from each side of the drawn line as shown in the picture:



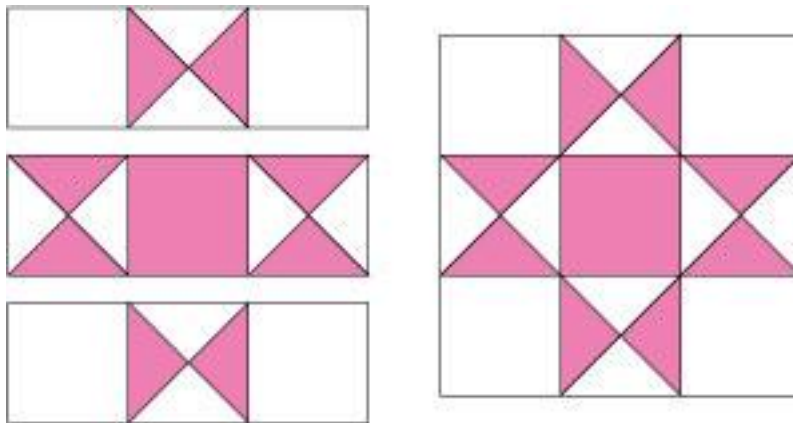
4. Cut along the drawn line.
5. Press seam towards the color fabric.
6. Repeat with the remaining white and batik 5-1/4" squares.
7. You will have 4 half square triangles. Do not trim.

Make the hourglass units:

1. Pin two half square triangles on top of each other so that the center seams line up. Each color should be on top of the opposite color in the other block. (The batik should be on top of the white, and the white should be on top of the batik.) The seams will be nested inside each other.
2. Draw a diagonal line from one corner to another. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away from each side of the line, just as you did earlier. Cut along the drawn line.
3. Press this seam open.
4. Carefully trim the block to $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches x $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches square.
5. Repeat steps 1-4 with the other two half square triangles to make the second hourglass unit.

Complete the block:

1. Assemble three rows as shown:



2. Sew rows into blocks. Press seams. Do Not trim your block.

All Ohio Star quilt blocks submitted will be used to create a quilt top for a teenage boy and donated to Sew for Hope.

Thank you for your participation!