

July 2017 Block of the Month

Sawtooth Star Freestyle Block

12 ½ inches unfinished

Stitch a festive red, white and blue sawtooth star block but get creative with the center blue square and make any 6 ½ inch blue or blue and white block to go in its place.

Background fabric (Only white solid or white tonal):

- Four 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" squares
- Four 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles

Star points (Red)

- Eight 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" squares

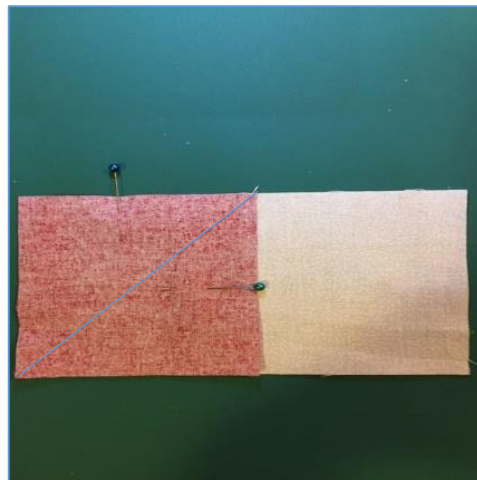
Center Square (Blue or Blue and White)

- One 6-1/2" block (unfinished block size) using blues or blue and white

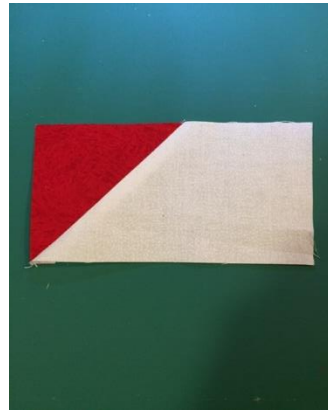
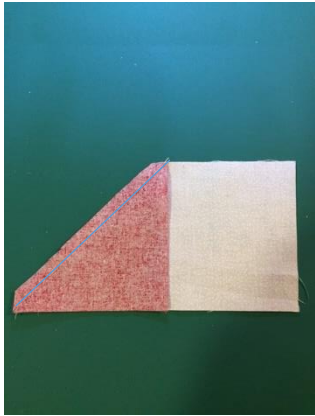
Block Assembly:

Make the star points (flying geese units):

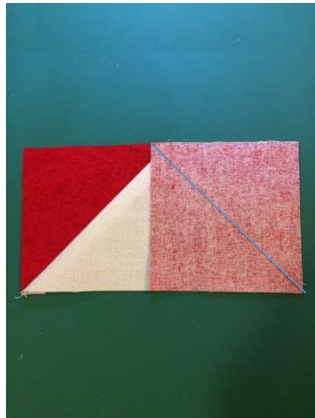
1. With right sides together, place one red square on one of the white triangles and sew corner to corner as shown:



2. Trim away the excess fabric, leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance. Press seam open.



3. Place another red square on the opposite corner of the rectangle and stitch corner to corner as shown:



4. Trim away the excess fabric, leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance. Press seam open. Your "Flying Geese" unit should look like this:



5. Repeat steps 1-4 to make 3 more flying geese units.

Make the rows:

1. Sew a 3-1/2" white square to each end of a flying geese unit. Press seams.
2. Repeat with another flying geese unit.
3. Sew the remaining two flying geese units to the top and bottom of your center blue block. (Make sure that the star points are pointing away from the center of the block).

Complete the block:

1. Assemble three rows as shown:



2. Sew rows into blocks. Press seams.

All shoofly 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