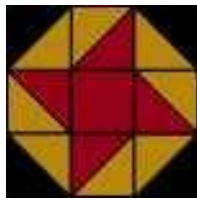
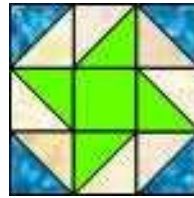


Month 1 (January): Ribbon Star Block (Friendship Star Variation) – 12”

Fabric Keys:



Black = A
Gold = C
Red = D



Blue = A
Light = C
Green = D

Technique: Half Square Triangles (HSTs)

Optional Tool: Quilter’s Magic Wand tool: ½” x 12” ruler



Fabrics:

To ensure that the points of your star are easy to see, choose fabrics with a high contrast.

Cutting Instructions: The instructions start with HST patches that are slightly over-sized and then trimmed to size after stitching.

- Black/blue color [A]: Cut two 5” squares
- Gold/neutral colors [C]: Cut four 5” squares
- Red/green colors [D]: Cut two 5” squares

Cut one 4 ½” center square

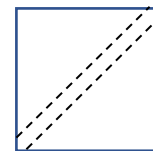
Construction:

Half Square Triangle (HST) Units:

Option #1: Mark back of C squares:

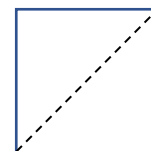
Mark two diagonal lines ¼” either side of the opposite corners, using a ruler or the Quilting Magic Wand tool:
If using a ruler, line up the ¼” line on your ruler with the diagonal corners.
If using the magic wand, line up the center with the corners

Mark line along the edge of the ruler:
With the magic wand, mark both lines on either side of the ruler.
With a ruler, reposition the ruler to mark the second line.



Option #2: Mark back of C squares:

Mark one diagonal line from corner to opposite corner.



Sew units:

- Layer a marked C square on top of a A square right sides together (RST)
- Sew units together:
For option #1, sew just inside the marked lines (toward center)

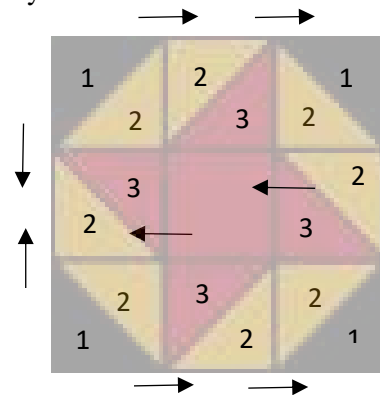


Figure 1

For option #2, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " either side of the marked line

- Cut between the two stitched lines, yielding two HST units. Press seam toward the darker square.
- Repeat, making a total of four #1/#2 HSTs.
- Layer a marked C square on top of a D square; repeat above procedures to construct a total of four #2/#3 HSTs. Press each HST seam toward D.
- Trim all HST units to $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Assemble Block:

- Nesting seams together, pin units together place a pin straight through both seams, thread a pin on either side of this pin (or use a hairpin) and remove the first pin. Sew the HST units and the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " center square together into rows according to Figure #1.
- Use the arrows in Figure #1 for pressing directions.
- Sew the three rows together. The block will measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ ", including seam allowances.