

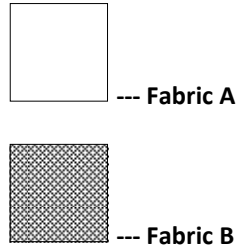
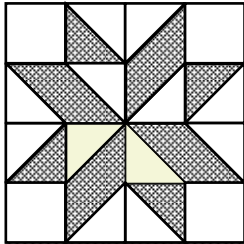
Hearts 'n' Hands Quilt Guild

Block of the Month--"All About Stars"

August--"Diamond Star"

6", 9" & 12" blocks

This is a two color block. The directions for the 6 inch version will be given with the 9 inch and 12 inch versions on parenthesis.



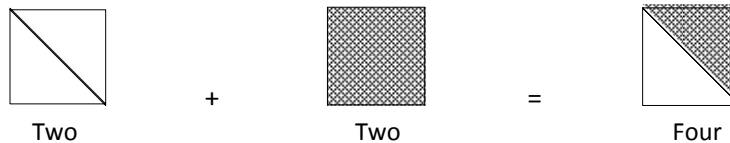
Fabric A ---

Cut twelve 2" (2 3/4"; 3 1/2") squares
Cut two 2 1/2" (3 1/4"; 4") squares

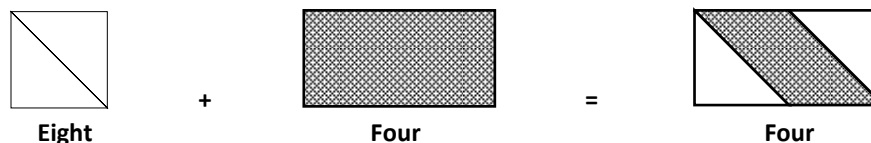
Fabric B ---

Cut two 2 1/2" (3 1/4"; 4") squares
Cut four 2" x 3 1/2" (2 3/4" x 5"; 3 1/2" x 6 1/2") rectangles

1. Take the two Fabric A 2 1/2" (3 1/4"; 4") squares and draw a diagonal line on the wrong side. Layer a Fabric A 2 1/2" (3 1/4"; 4") square and a Fabric B 2 1/2" (3 1/4"; 4") square RST (Right Sides Together). Sew 1/4" on both sides of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line. Press the seam allowance toward the darker fabric. Square the unit to 2" (2 3/4"; 3 1/2"). There should be four of these HST's (Half Square Triangles).



2. Take eight Fabric A 2" (2 3/4"; 3 1/2") squares and draw a diagonal line on the wrong sides. Take the four Fabric B 2" x 3 1/2" (2 3/4" x 5"; 3 1/2" x 6 1/2") rectangles, place one of the squares that were just marked RST on the left side of a rectangle, aligning the raw edges and so the drawn line goes from the center bottom to the upper left corner. Sew on the drawn line. Flip the upper edge of the Fabric A triangle down to the lower left corner and finger press the seam open. Trim the excess fabric from behind the Fabric A triangle to leave a 1/4" seam allowance. Take another marked Fabric A square and place it over the right side of the rectangle that was just sewn on. Be sure that the marked line is from the center top down to the lower right corner and the raw edges are aligned. Sew on the drawn line. Flip the Fabric A triangle up to the upper right corner. Finger press the seam allowance open and trim the excess fabric from the back leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Repeat this process with the remaining Fabric A squares and the Fabric B rectangles. This makes four units.



3. Take the four HST's made in Step 1, the four units made in Step 2, and the remaining four Fabric A 2" (2 3/4"; 3 1/2") squares and lay them out according to the diagram of the block. Sew the units together into quadrants. Sew the upper left and upper right quadrants together. Press the seam allowance toward the right quadrant. Sew the lower left and the lower right quadrants together. Press the seam allowance toward the left quadrant. Sew the upper quadrants to the lower quadrants. Snip the threads in the seam allowance of the intersection of all four quadrants so the seam allowance will fan out or spin to lessen the bulk at the center of the block.

