

Star Crossed blocks



Star Block

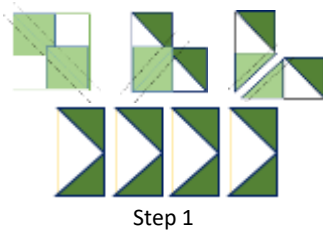
Your block should be 10.5" UNFINISHED. Finished Size (once sewn into the quilt) is 10".

For each block, you will need:

<u>Fabric/Color</u>	<u>Cut Size</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Cream / Light fabric (solid or small print)		
- For Flying Geese background	6.75" x 6.75"	1
- For corner squares	1.5" x 3"	4
- For corner squares	1.5" x 2"	4

Center Square*	5.5" x 5.5"	1
Corner Squares*	2" x 2"	4
Flying Geese legs*	3.75" x 3.75"	4

* Use 3 different coordinating fabrics. For example, the Cal Vet quilt kits use Burgundy, Brown, & Gold.



SEW ALL SEAMS AT 1/4"

Step 1:

Use the 6.75" Cream square and the four 3.75" squares to make one set of 4-at-a-time Flying Geese (to get 4 geese) and trim each goose to 3" x 5.5". Refer to the March 2021 "Four Patch Diamonds" block of the month pattern, or watch the video on the SCVQG website for instructions on this technique.



Step 2:

Sew a 1.5" x 2" Cream rectangle to the left side of the 2" Corner square. Press towards the square. Make 4.

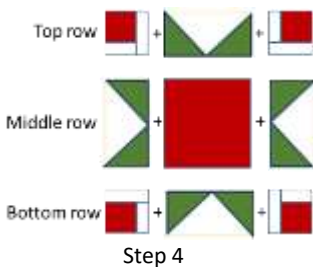


Step 3:

Sew a 1.5" x 3" Cream rectangle to the bottom of the Step 2 unit. Press towards the Step 2 unit. Repeat with the three remaining Step 2 units. Set aside.

Step 4:

Sew the patches together as shown. The *legs* of the flying geese need to point away from the center square to form the star. When sewing the top and bottom rows, press towards the corner units. When sewing the middle row, press towards the center square. Then sew the 3 rows together, and press both seams towards the center square. The completed block should be 10.5" square.





Diamond Block

Your block should be 10.5" UNFINISHED. Finished Size (once sewn into the quilt) is 10".

For each block, you will need:

<u>Fabric/Color</u>	<u>Cut Size</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Cream / Light fabric (solid or small print) <i>Then sub-cut on the diagonal to make 4 triangles</i>	6.25" x 6.25"	2
Center Diamond *	7.5" x 7.5"	1

* coordinate color with Star Block fabrics

SEW ALL SEAMS AT 1/4"

Step 1:

Fold the Center Diamond in half then open it and repeat on the other side. This is to create folded lines that intersect in the center of the square.

Step 2:

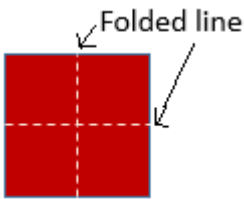
Place a Cream Triangle right-sides together on one side of the Center Diamond. Place the point of the triangle on the folded line to center the triangle along the edge of the square. Note that there will be about 3/4" of the triangle piece overhanging *both* the top and bottom of the square. Sew 1/4" from the edge. Repeat on the opposite side of the Center Diamond, then press both seams towards the Center Diamond.

Step 3:

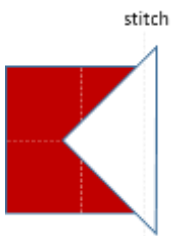
Sew the remaining two Cream Triangles to the other 2 sides of the Center Diamond. Again, lay the point of the triangle on the folded line to center it. Press both seams towards the Center Diamond.

Step 4:

Check the size of the finished block, and trim to 10.5". Note there should be at least 1/4" from the diamond point to the edge. This prevents the diamond tips from being cut off when the blocks are joined together. If your block is just a little too small, try spraying it with heavy starch and then stretch it to 10.5" and press it.



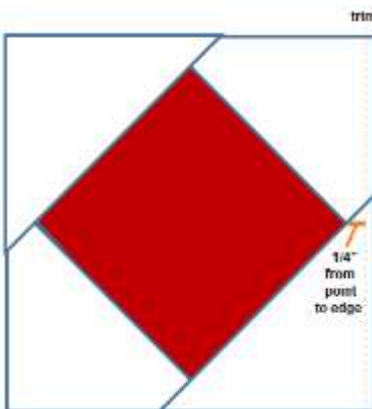
Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4

Block 1



Block 2



If you sew the blocks together with no sashing, you get a light colored border effect around each diamond. Here's a mockup of how it would look when lots of blocks are sewn together.

Note: my mockup uses a multitude of reds, greens, and golds for a scrappy Christmas look. If you're making one for yourself, this would also look good as a 2 color or 3 color quilt.

