

# Cabin Fever Quilt Along

## Part 4: Mystery Star

I call this block “Mystery Star” because I don’t know its official name. I first encountered it in a Quilt in a Day pattern. This block will make the Tucker Trimmer more attractive, if you’ve been holding out so far. There are two Mystery Stars in the quilt, 6 inches finished.

**Building Blocks:** This block is a nine-patch, so there are nine squares, each 2-1/2” **unfinished**.

4 squares neutral (corners)

1 square scrap 1 (center)

4 squares scrap 2/scrap 3/neutral (I will call these Star Points)

**Cutting:** These cutting instructions will make the Star Points oversized. They will need to be cut down using the Tucker Trimmer or another square ruler. The cutting instructions will make one block.

Scrap 1: One square, 2-1/2” (center)

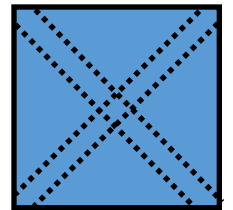
Scrap 2: Two squares, 3-1/4”, cut in half diagonally (four triangles)

Scrap 3: One square, 3-1/2”

Neutral: Four squares, 2-1/2” (corners); one square, 3-1/2”

### Construction:

Mark neutral 3-1/2” square on the wrong side with two diagonal lines, using a Quilter’s Quarter or a Quilter’s Magic Wand. Then mark in the other direction, as shown.



Sew on the lines as shown in Photo 1, stopping at the center and switching to the second line (no need to clip thread when crossing in the center). Be sure to sew on the correct line in each quadrant of the square. Cut in half diagonally in both directions (Photo 2). Open and press.

Layer these triangles with the Scrap 2 triangles and sew on the long bias edge. The triangles won’t be exactly the same size; just center the smaller one on the larger one (Photo 3). Open and press.

Use the Tucker Trimmer or another square ruler to trim the squares to 2-1/2” (Photo 4). If using a square ruler, be sure that the intersection of the sewed lines will be in the center of the trimmed block. (This is where the Tucker Trimmer is a very handy tool.)



Photo 1

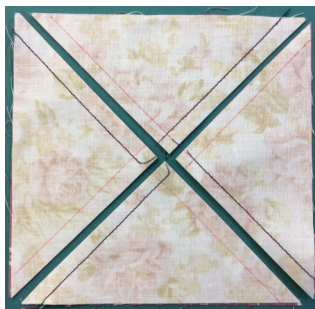


Photo 2



Photo 3

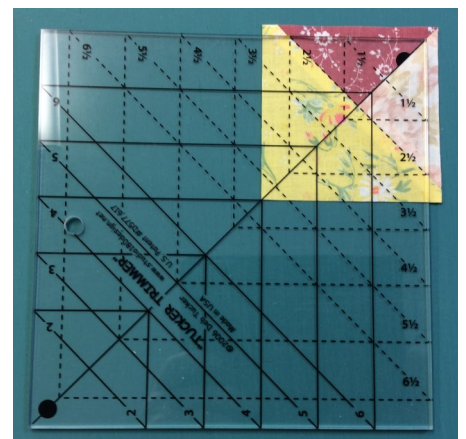


Photo 4

Lay out building blocks using the photo as a guide and sew together in three rows, and then sew the rows together.

