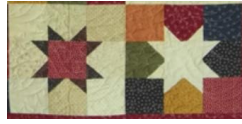


November 2023 Quilt Block

Our block pattern for November 2023 is the Beginners Square Star Block.



To support the layout of the blocks in a quilt, I ask that you make two blocks this month (more if you like).

We will be using the Missouri Star Quilt Company's technique to make the block. You can watch the video on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqSW2HBSSes> Block construction starts around 2:26 minutes into the video and goes to 16:40 minutes of the video.

Color Way: cream/beige, fall colors (orange, brown, burnt yellow, green, etc.)

What you need:

11 x 5" squares in cream/beige colors (referred to as background in the video)

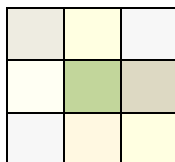
11 x 5" squares in fall colors

Make a block using the cream/beige colors as the background, then a second block using the fall colors as the background.

Use a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Your stitch line should fall just inside the $\frac{1}{4}$ " line on ruler when measuring the seam allowance.

Step 1.

Lay out 8 cream/beige squares (background) and 1 fall color square (star) in the 9-patch shape - the fall color square goes in the centre of the 9-patch.




Step 2.

Take two of your fall color squares and sub cut into 8 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

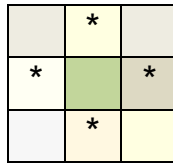


These will be used for the star points. These can be the same color as the centre square or different – your choice.

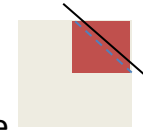
Step 3.

Mark the diagonal through each 2 ½" square.  Draw the diagonal line or press the square diagonally. This will be your sewing line.

Sew the 2 ½" squares to the 5" squares marked with an *.



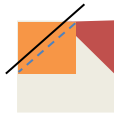
Place in the top corner and sew down, then trim off the



corner ¼" from



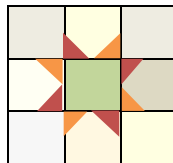
Sew a square to the opposite side,



trim and press open



Once all 4 squares are done, add them back into the 9-patch and sew your 9 squares together. Your block should measure 14" x 14".



Now, use the remaining squares to make another block using the fall colors as the background and the beige/cream squares for the star.

I hope you enjoyed making these blocks. Bring them to the November (or December) meeting and show them off! If you're unable to attend the meeting you can have a friend, bring them on your behalf. You can also drop them off in the guild's basket at the Quilted Raven (top of the library shelf) no later than November 8th for the November meeting and I will pick up and bring to the meeting. If dropping off blocks, please put your name on them so I can announce who made them.

Thank you
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