

Herring House Quilting

Double Star Block



Supplies:

Fabrics
Fabric scissors
Neutral thread
Straight pins (or clips)
Omnigrid 6 X 24 inch ruler
Omnigrid 6-1/2 inch square ruler
Sewing Machine
1/4 inch foot

Learning experience:

Piecing Flying Geese units with rectangle and squares. Note that this method does not require a special ruler. It does require more careful piecing and cutting.

12-inch block

Three different fabrics are used: Dark (my purple), medium (my yellow), and light background (my cream print).

For each block cut:

From background fabric (my cream print)

1 strip 3 1/2 inches wide — cut into 4 rectangles that are 3 1/2 inches by 2 inches, and 4 squares that are 2 inches

1 strip cut 6 1/2 inches wide — cut into 4 rectangles that are 6 1/2 inches by 3 1/2 inches and 4 squares that are 3 1/2 inches

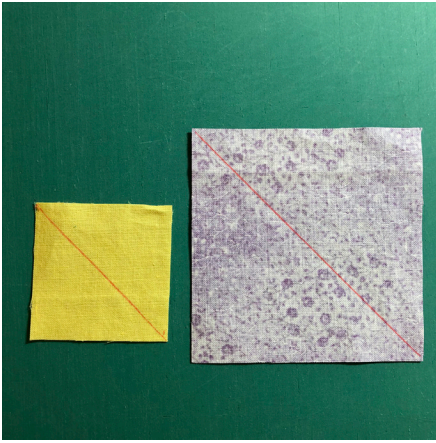
From the medium print (my yellow)

Cut 1 square 3 1/2 inches

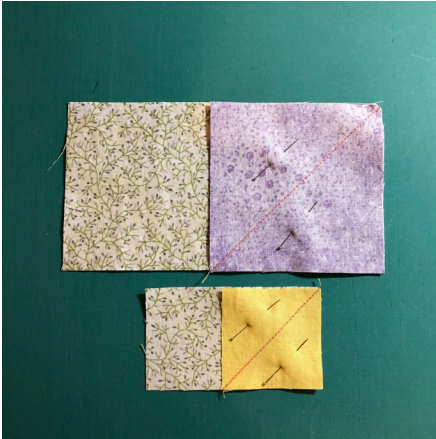
Cut 1 strip that is 2 inches wide and cut into 8 squares that are 2 inches

From the dark print (my purple)

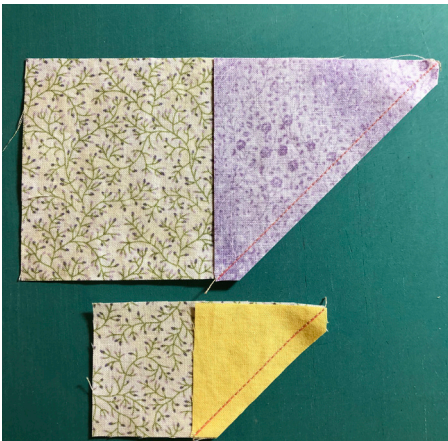
Cut 1 strip 3 1/2 inches wide and cut this into 8 square that are 3 1/2 inches



Draw a diagonal line on each of the square pieces.



With right sides together, place the squares on one end of the rectangles for each size of the pieces, with the diagonal line going from corner to center. Pin in place. Stitch on diagonal line.



Trim 1/4 inch from sewn line.



Press seams toward the corner fabric.



With right sides together, place the squares on the opposite end of the rectangle for each size of the pieces, with the diagonal line going from corner to center. Pin in place. Stitch on diagonal line.



Trim 1/4 inch from sewn line.



Press seams toward the corner fabric. You have now completed the Flying Geese units.



Take a few extra minutes and sew together the triangles that were cut off the Flying Geese units. These can be used for future projects. (The small is too small for me to want to use, less than 1 inch when finished, so I didn't do all of these.)



Lay out all of the pieces to form the block, being careful to get every piece in the right position.



Sew center star block together in rows. Press seams towards the squares. Sew the rows together. Press seams toward the center square. (You have now completed a 6 1/2 inch star block.)



Sew the large block together in rows. Press seams towards the large star points. Sew the rows together. Press seams away from the center square.