



Herring House Quilting

Mexican Star Block



Supplies:

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

Learning experience:

Diagonal piecing of a block.

12-inch (finished) block

Four different fabrics are used. To make one 12 inch (finished) block cut:

1 center 2 inch square (light purple on sample)

4 center 2 inch squares (green on sample)

4 center 2 inch squares (white print in sample)

4 rectangles 2 inches wide by $6 \frac{7}{8}$ inches long (dark purple on sample)

These will be trimmed to form the corner points after the block is pieced.

4 squares cut 3 inches square, then cut once on the diagonal to make 8 half-square triangles
(green on sample)

2 squares cut 5 inches square, then cut once on the diagonal to make 4 half-square triangles
(light purple on sample)

8 rectangles 2 inches wide by $4 \frac{7}{8}$ inches long (white print on sample)

Keep these rectangles as cut in sections of 2. Make a mark 2 inches from the top of rectangle.

Cut on the diagonal from the mark to the tip of the rectangle.

Following the picture, lay the pieces out to form the block. Sew together the center 9-patch block. Sew together 2 side sections and add to the center 9-patch, forming the center section. Sew together the two corner sections and sew on each side of the center section. Refer to the diagram below for the pressing directions.



Trim the corners even with each side, as shown in the diagram picture below.

