

Patriotic Flower Star Blocks

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Select blue/red/white patriotic fabric and a contrasting background fabric.

Cut:

Four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of the (C) fabric (center of flower petal) and four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of the background fabric (B). Also cut four $1\frac{1}{2}$ " by $4\frac{1}{2}$ " background (B) strips for the crisscross in the middle of the flower. Cut one $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square of the starpoint (A) fabric.

Next you will need to make 8 half square triangle (HST) units which are 2" finished. If using the triangle paper available at the meeting you will either need the star points (A) fabric 7" square and a 7" square of the background (B) fabric **OR** if your triangle paper is a rectangle you will need a 4" by 13" rectangle of the (A) fabric and the (B) fabric. Stack the (A) and (B) square or rectangle (depending on which paper you took) **right sides together**. Pin the triangle paper on top of the stack. Carefully sew on all the dotted lines on either side of the solid lines. Once you have finished sewing, carefully cut on the solid line around all the squares. Then cut the solid lines between the sewn lines (be sure to cut these last). Press your 8 HST open toward the darker fabric.

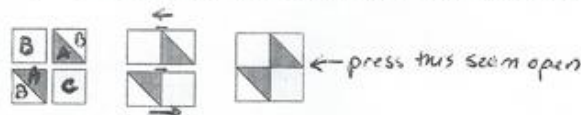
You may choose an alternate method for you HST but the finished size must be 2" after it is sewn, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " before it is sewn.

Sew:

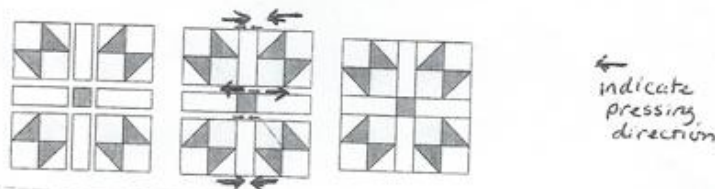
Be sure to use an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam with all your sewing so that your points don't get cut off.

You will make four corner units; each with two HST's, a (B) square, and a (C) square (look at picture for placement). When sewing the (B) and (C) squares to the HST's press the seam toward the squares. When sewing the two (two piece) units together, press the seam open.

Sew the (A) $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square between two $1\frac{1}{2}$ " by $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (B) rectangles. Press toward the background (B).



Sew the units together to match the illustration. The two $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strips that are sewn between the two top and two bottom corner units are pressed toward the center of the block.



Do not trim the block

Triangle Paper™ – 2" finished size – Yie

DIRECTIONS: Cut two pieces of fabric slightly larger than this grid. Place fabric right sides to one fabric and pin in place. Stitch on all the dotted lines. (If you follow the arrows, you can stitch before removing the paper. Cutting with your rotary cutter and ruler make it a snap! Careful paper keeps the fabric and stitching flat. **HINTS:** 1. Using a smaller stitch length and a size 8 needle allows the paper to pull away more easily. 2. If you fold on the stitch line, the paper practically

