

## July 2023 Block of the Month – the Friendship Star

This Month's Basic Block is the **Half Square Triangle or HST**. This foundational block is one of the first blocks we learn, and can make so many other designs



I prefer the quick sew method so I get 2x the blocks made – and I HATE making triangles. Visions of math class make me cringe – learning to quilt is what really taught me the different degrees for triangles. Quilting mats also are great because they even tell us which one we are making! 45 degrees is what we are making here....I only had to think of a pie in my mind to remember. Pie! Oh now I am craving sweets!! Someone should be my **Friendship Star** and bring me some Pie!!

With the quick sew method we are going to start with squares – no triangles for me! Our Block will be 12 inch Finished (12 ½" unfinished).

Lisa's Block:



Cherie's Block:



Here are the cutting instructions for one block:

- Colour 1 – Center – 1 square 3 ½"
- Colour 1 and 2 – Stars – 2 squares 4 ½" of each fabric
- Colour 2 - Background squares – 4 squares 3 ½"

With the quick sew method you will place the Colour 1 and 2 right sides together and draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. If pinning helps you keep them together, you do you! I am too impatient for this. Sew ¼" on each side of your drawn line. Cut along the line you marked. Open and press either open or to the dark side. Trim the HST to measure 3 ½"(I gave you some wiggle room to make them perfect). Layout as pictured and sew like a nine-patch and press open. Voila!

For a tutorial, you can visit <https://scissortailquilting.com/quilt-block-library/half-square-triangle/>

Or to see the Friendship star made to look like a shadow quilt -

<https://www.quilterscache.com/F/FriendshipStarBlock.html>



Happy Stitching! Lisa and Cherie