

June 2023 Block of the Month – Ohio Star

This month's Basic Block is the **Quarter Square Triangle**. Our Block will be 12 inch Finished (12 ½" unfinished), but this block is easily modified to different sizes.

For some amazing history of this block, which is believed to have originated in the early 1800's, please click the link here: <https://suzyquilts.com/everything-need-know-ohio-star-quilt-pattern/>

Suzy offers this advice when making the Ohio Star Block – **"Make 'Em Big, Cut 'Em Perfect"** and I could not agree more! While you only really need a square ruler to make this block, there are lots of other rulers that can make this an even easier block to make. Personally, I use my Tucker Trimmer to make these perfect every time.

Lisa's Block:



Cherie's Block:



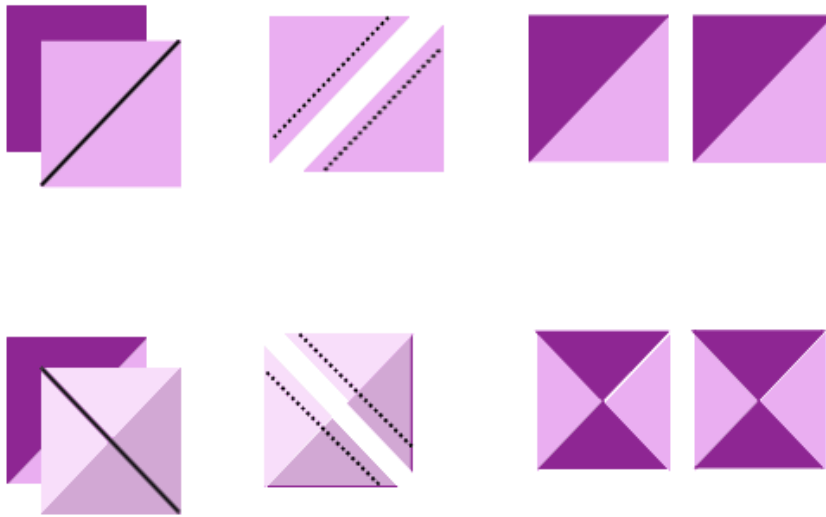
Since we will need 4 Quarter Square units to make our block, we are giving instructions for the Quick Hourglass Units which makes 2 at a time. First we will need to make the half square triangles and then we match them up to make quarter square units.

Here is what we need to make 1 Ohio Star:

- Background/Colour 1 – One strip 4 ½" wide by 18". Cut this into four 4 ½" squares for the corners AND one strip 5 ¼" X 10 ½" but into two 5 ¼" squares
- Feature/Colour 2 – One square 4 ½" for center AND one strip 5 ¼" by 21". Subcut this to four 5¼" squares.

Next:

- Make the HST using the largest squares of 5 ¼" by placing a background and a feature fabric right sides together. Draw a line from corner to corner. Sew ¼" away from the line on each side. Cut on the drawn line and press open. DO NOT TRIM
- Make QST – place 2 of the Half square triangles right sides together so that background and feature fabrics are always together (you do not want to have both backgrounds together or we will need to start again)
- Here is a visual to help demonstrate:



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- Once you have made the QST, use your ruler and trim to 4 ½"
- Make a Nine patch with your blocks as pictured above

There are so many variations on this block it will make your head spin! Pinterest is full of great examples and you can vary your colour choices to make some great blocks.

Here is a challenge: Bring your quilts with the Ohio Star block to show at our next meeting. It would be great to see all the variations.

Happy Quilting!
Lisa and Cherie