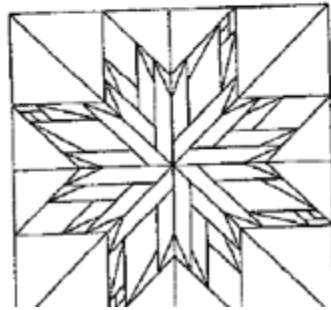


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State Star



This is the last actual block to be made. You can start playing with the ones you have already made and decide how many more you might make and how big your quilt will be. Next month I'm going to suggest options for how to do the background.

This block is another paper-pieced star adapted from Carol Doak's book on state stars and represents a simplified version of the New Hampshire Star. On the template, you can see the original had 11 pieces per A or B unit. Since I wanted this smaller than the original at 12" finished, the pieces would have been maddeningly tiny. I shrank it to 9" and dropped it to 7 pieces. As I attempted to follow the template, I said, "I can't do this 8 times" and reduced the pattern to 5 pieces. So, there are 3 central colors (which should be different, but don't have to be) and pieces 4 and 5 are your background. Ignore the fine lines and small numbers if they are still visible on the template--these were from the original drawing.

Ideally, the block should measure 9 1/2" to finish at 9". In the estimate of how to cut your fabric for each unit, I have made the pieces slightly larger so that your trim will be easier.

Foundation piecing can be done on various substrates:

1. Some people like to use freezer paper, folding each section away from the others, ironing the pieces down for stability and then folding the sewn areas back to sew along the edge. This small a pattern is hard to do that way. However, the benefit is that you can test that your pieces will cover the area you need to and you can see what you are doing.

https://youtu.be/0ltgQSQsFVg?si=d_dj4NVEI-1Sbn17. Great video!

connectingthreads.com/tutorials/t/freezer-paper-piecing-overview/62?utm_source=media&utm_medium=marketing&media=PPCGNB&gad_source=2&gad_campaignid=20046417781&gclid=Cj0KCQjwjdtCBhCLARIsAEu8bpJoPF74jwVlrja2D2de7Y18GkcubAu-Q2P54od7PFZYvXflaF2X5nUaApxuEALw_wcB&utm_campaign=PPCGNB

2. Doodle pad paper. I cut a bunch of this to 8 1/2x11

3. Regular printer paper

4. Foundation paper--some of these can be left in place and not removed.

Use whatever substrate is easiest for you. I printed mine on regular printer paper. You will need 4 copies of the A and B templates you will see on the next page.

The following are approximate generous sizes for the units

1. 2 1/2" x 4". It's a diamond shape. Cut 8 pieces.

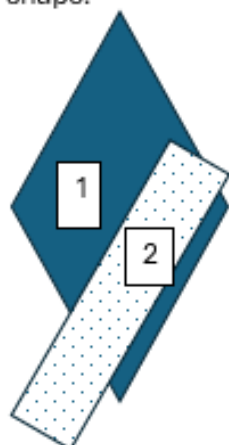
2. 1 3/4" x 4" Cut 8 pieces.

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4. 3 1/2" square. Cut 4 squares and then cut each on the diagonal to form 8 right triangles.

5. 4" square. Cut 4 squares and then cut each on the diagonal

Assembly is to follow the sequence of adding pieces to the base piece which is #1. The first piece is placed on the back of the template with the wrong side against the paper. You may want to sew this one down to make sure it is overlapping the lines on the paper. #2 is placed along the edge of #1 right sides together, placing the diamond shape.



Solid color is right side of #1 and dots are wrong side of #2. Overlapping like this makes sure that there will be enough of #2 to extend the lower point of the diamond.

Sew along the printed line of the diamond shape on the paper. This is where the freezer paper method does have an advantage.

Place #3 in a similar fashion on the other side of the bottom of the diamond.

Adding #4 is easy since the diagonal of the piece covers #1 and #2.

Adding #5 requires some mental and physical geometry. In this case, the diagonal will be the outside edge of the A or B section and the leg of the triangle connects 1 and 3.

Repeat the above steps for 4 A sections and 4 B sections.

Each side of the A and B segments should measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ " on your printout. The small box at the bottom of the page is $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Something is awry with my scanner.

