

# June 2025-BOM

## Double Friendship Star



This is the second to last star block we will make. It is a Double Friendship Star that I fell in love with and used as the alternate to blocks from a panel to make a baby quilt. You may make as many or as few of these you think you need. You have your center LoneStar, the smaller stars around it, and the pinwheel-style star from paper piecing. After next month, when I adapt Carol Doak's New Hampshire star for my limited geometric abilities and present it to you, we will consider the background.

The following is a link to a 12"-star block developed by Janome that could be used to practice making this block (or just jump in):

<https://www.janome.com/inspire/projects/double-friendship-stars/>

For one block you will need:

One 1 1/2 " center square

4-center triangles cut from 1 1/2" blocks

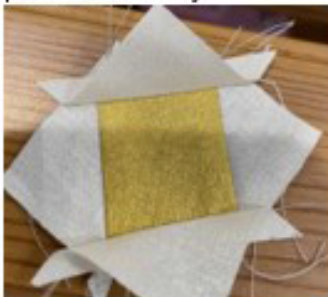
4-Half square triangles cut from 2 1/2" square—one of the triangles is the background fabric

4-2" corner squares of background fabric

4- 1 1/2" small squares for the second point of the star

You will also need the usual: ruler, rotary cutter, scissors, and a large glass of your favorite brew. Maybe some cheezits. Have a seam ripper handy.

Attach the center triangles to the sides of the center square. As always, 1/4" precision is key.



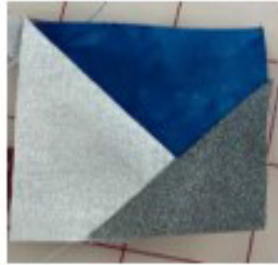
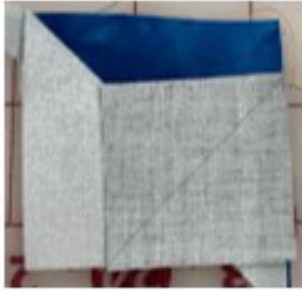
At this point, you should correct any wonky seams and press the seams either to the side they want to go or press them open. Center square should be 1" and whole piece should be 2" square.

Next, make your half square triangles.



Trim these to 2" as well

On the reverse of the smaller 1 1/2" square, draw a diagonal. Put the star side of the HST to the left and the background to the upper right. Lay the square in the lower right corner with its diagonal perpendicular to the one in the HST. This is important so that all the squares are the same. Sew in this line and then trim 1/4" away from the seam toward the corner. Press block.



Trim to 2" square and then repeat, making 4 of these squares.

Line the new squares around the center, including the 4 corner squares. The background color should not be touching the center square. I don't have a picture because I did it wrong and had to rip the whole damn thing out and redo it. You should get a sense of rotation of the large and small points around the center square. Press and trim to 4 1/2".



The graph paper has my instructions. Make sure that the corner blocks are square otherwise it looks like I did it.

#### Further info on BOM:

We would love you to bring any completed blocks to the June meeting to share during show & tell. If you have any tips when making the blocks, you can share these as well. At the August meeting Lou Ann will have a design board available so that you can try out different arrangements. This will give you the opportunity to see if you need to make more of any particular block and help you to see the different arrangements available to you. This is truly a creative adventure! The final reveal will be in February 2026 at our annual souper show and tell.