

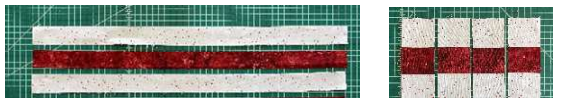
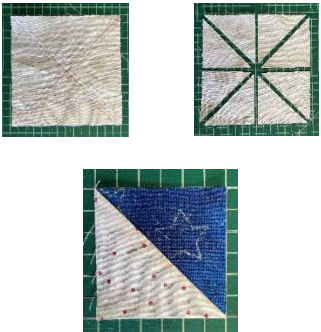

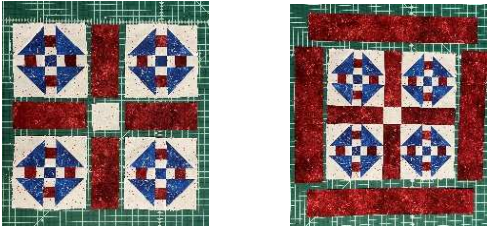


West Pasco Quilters Guild	Patriotic Block of the Month	February 2021	Skill Level Medium	And Mercy More Than Life
<p>Finished size of block: 18½" X 18½"</p> <p>Fabric Requirements: White = 7" X WOF Blue = 7" X WOF Red = Fourth of a Yard</p>		<p>All seam allowances = scant ¼"</p> <p>For reference: Fat Quarter = 18" X 21" Fat Eighth = 9" X 21" Eighth of a Yard = 4½" X 40" WOF = Width of Fabric</p>		<p><u>If you love small pieces, try this one</u></p> 
<p>Use Patriotic Themed Pieces:</p> <p>White (solid or predominantly white)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (2) - 7" X 7" squares • (1) - 2½" X 2½" square (center cornerstone) • (2) - 1¼" X 26" strips <hr/> <p>Blue (solid or predominantly blue)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (4) - 1½" X 1½" squares • (2) - 7" X 7" squares <hr/> <p>Red (solid or predominantly red)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (2) - 3" X 14½" strips (border) • (4) - 2½" X 6½" strips (sashing) • (1) - 1½" X 26" strips • (2) - 3" X 18½" strips (border) 			 <p>Note - In this picture, there are too many of the white and red 26" strips</p>	
<p>Making Strip Units</p> <p>Sew three 26" strips together as shown (White - Red - White) Cut strip unit into (16) 1½" X 3" sections</p>				
<p>Making Half Square Triangles (HSTs) Using the Magic 8 Method</p> <p>From two 7" squares of different fabric, you will end up with 8 HSTs Place white and blue 7" squares of fabric with right sides together Draw two diagonal lines on the back of the white square, corner to corner Sew ¼" on both sides of diagonal lines, first one direction and then in other direction Cut square in half, first from top to bottom, and then from side to side Cut the square along the marked diagonal lines, between the seam lines Open squares and press towards contrasting fabric / Trim HSTs into 3" X 3" squares Repeat to make (16) 3" X 3" HST units</p>				
<p>Completing the 6½" Square Units (4)</p> <p>Sew units together as shown, square block should measure 6½" X 6½" Repeat to make (4) 6½" X 6½" square block units</p>				
<p>Completing the Block</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 - Square 6½" units 4 - Sashing 2½" X 6½" strips 1 - Remaining 2½" square <p>Sew together in rows, pressing all seams towards the sashing strips Sew the three rows together, block should measure 14½" X 14½" Add borders, press towards the border strips Block can be trimmed to 18½" X 18½"</p>				
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The **BIG** Block

Finished size of block: 18½" X 18½"

Fabric Requirements:

White = 9" X WOF
Blue = 9" X WOF
Red = 9" X WOF

All seam allowances = scant ¼"

For reference:

Fat Quarter = 18" X 21"
Fat Eighth = 9" X 21"
Eighth of a Yard = 4½" X 40"
WOF = Width of Fabric



Use Patriotic Themed Pieces

White (solid or predominantly white)

- (2) - 1½" X 10½" strips

- (1) - 9" X 9" square

Blue (solid or predominantly blue)

- (1) - 2½" X 2½" square

- (2) - 1½" X 12½" strips (inner border)

- (1) - 9" X 9" square

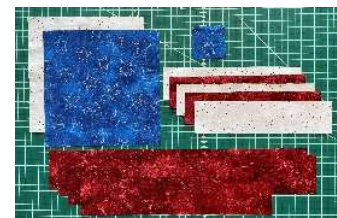
- (2) - 1½" X 14½" strips (inner border)

Red (solid or predominantly red)

- (1) - 2½" X 10½" strips

- (2) - 3" X 14½" strips (outer border)

- (2) - 3" X 19½" strips (outer border)



Note - In this picture, there are too many of the white and red 10½" strips

Making Half-Square Triangles (4 at a time)

From two 9" squares of fabric, you will end up with 4 HSTs (5½" X 5½")

Place white and blue 9" squares of fabric with right sides together

Sew ¼" from edge around the perimeters of each set of fabric squares

Cut the fabric squares on the diagonal, in both directions

Press HSTs open, towards darker fabric, being cautious not to stretch bias edges

Trim HSTs to 5½" squares

Create a total of 4 blue/white HSTs



Making Center Strip Unit

Sew three 10½" strips together as shown (White - Red - White)

Unit should measure 5½" X 10½"

Cut strip unit into (4) 2½" sections (strips)

Each strip should measure 2½" X 5½"



Completing the 12½" Square Unit

Sew units together as shown, square block should measure 12½" X 12½"



Completing the Block

Add inner borders, press towards the inner border strips

Block should measure ≈ 14½" X 14½"

Add outer borders, press towards the outer border strips

Block should measure ≈ 18½" X 18½"

