
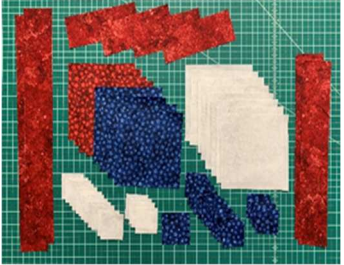
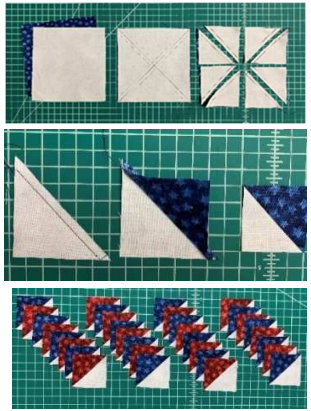
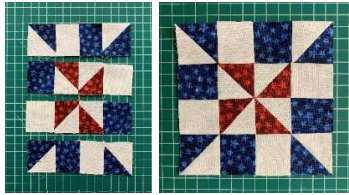
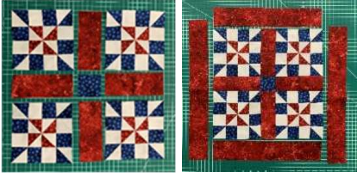


West Pasco Quilters Guild	Patriotic Block of the Month	September 2020 Distributed August	Skill Level Medium	From Sea to Shining Sea
<p>Finished size of block: 18½" X 18½"</p> <p>Fabric Requirements: White = 6" X WOF Blue = 6" X WOF Red = 12" X WOF</p>		<p>All seam allowances = scant ¼"</p> <p>For reference: Fat Quarter = 18" X 21" Fat Eighth = 9" X 21" Eighth of a Yard = 4½" X 40" WOF = Width of Fabric</p>		
<p>Use Patriotic Themed Pieces:</p> <p>White (solid or predominantly white)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (4) - 6" X 6" squares • (16) - 2" X 2" squares <p>Blue (solid or predominantly blue)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (2) - 6" X 6" squares • (1) - 2½" X 2½" square (center cornerstone) • (16) - 2" X 2" squares <p>Red (solid or predominantly red)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (2) - 6" X 6" squares • (4) - 2½" X 6½" strips (sashing) • (2) - 2½" X 14½" strips (border) • (2) - 2½" X 18½" strips (border) 			 <p>OOPS - I cut twice as many 6" squares as I needed</p>	
<p>Making Half Square Triangles (HSTs) Using the Magic 8 Method:</p> <p>From two 6" squares of different fabric, you will end up with 8 HSTs</p> <p>Place white and blue 6" squares of fabric with right sides together</p> <p>Draw two diagonal lines on the back of the white square, corner to corner</p> <p>Sew ¼" on both sides of diagonal lines, first one direction and then in other direction</p> <p>Cut square in half, first from top to bottom, and then from side to side</p> <p>Cut the square along the marked diagonal lines, between the seam lines</p> <p>Open squares and press towards contrasting fabric / Trim HSTs into 2" X 2" squares</p> <p>Repeat with second set of white & blue squares, and with 2 sets of white & red squares / Create a total of 16 red/white HSTs and 16 blue/white HSTs</p>				
<p>Completing the 6½" Square Units (4)</p> <p>Arrange as shown: (16) 2" square pieces</p> <p>Sew together in 4 rows, pressing each row in alternate directions</p> <p>Sew the rows together, being careful to match all intersections, and press</p> <p>Each unit should measure 6½" X 6½"</p>				
<p>Completing the Block</p> <p>4 - Square 6½" units 4 - Sashing 2½" X 6½" strips 1 - Remaining 2½" square</p> <p>Sew together in rows, pressing all seams towards the sashing strips</p> <p>Sew the three rows together, block should measure 14½" X 14½"</p> <p>Add borders, press towards the border strips / Block should measure ≈ 18½" X 18½"</p>				
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The **BIG** Block

Finished size of block: 18½" X 18½"

Fabric Requirements:

White = 12" X WOF
Blue = 6" X WOF
Red = 12" 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)

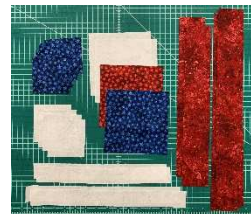
- (2) - 6 X 6" squares
- (4) - 3½" X 3½" squares
- (2) - 1½" X 12½" strips (inner border)
- (2) - 1½" X 14½" strips (inner border)

Blue (solid or predominantly blue)

- (1) - 6 X 6" square
- (4) - 3½" X 3½" squares

Red (solid or predominantly red)

- (1) - 6 X 6 square
- (2) - 2½" X 14½" strips (outer border)
- (2) - 2½" X 18½" strips (outer border)



Making Half Square Triangles (HSTs) Four at A Time:

From two 6" squares of fabric, you will end up with 4 HSTs (3½" X 3½")

Place white and blue 6" squares of fabric with right sides together

Sew around the perimeters of each set of fabric squares

Cut the fabric squares on the diagonal, in both directions

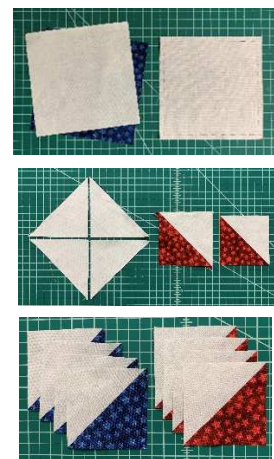
Press HSTs open, towards the darker fabric, being cautious not to stretch bias edges

Trim HSTs to 3½" squares

Repeat with set of white & red squares

Create a total of 4 red/white HSTs and 4 blue/white HSTs

Block should measure 3½" X 3½"



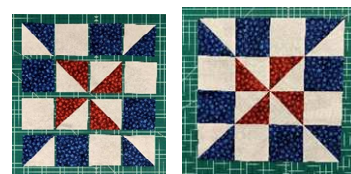
Completing the 12½" Square Unit

Arrange as shown: (16) 3½" square pieces

Sew together in 4 rows, pressing each row in alternate directions

Sew the rows together, being careful to match all intersections, and press

Each unit 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"

