

# OPERATION Blocks for the BRAVE

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proudly making  
RED, WHITE & BLUE  
QUILTS OF VALOR

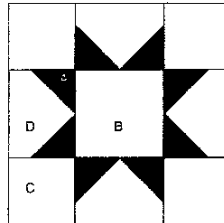
**GET YOUR RED, WHITE & BLUE BLOCK ON!**  
Any appropriate red, white and blue fabric is fine.

## Quilts of Valor Sawtooth Star

10" finished size block 10 1/2" unfinished  
13 1/2" - 14 1/2" unfinished size after adding sashing

### QOV Instructions:

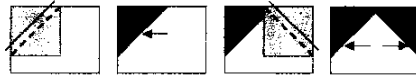
1. Use 100% cotton, quilt store quality fabric that is pre-washed.
2. Sew skimpy 1/4" seams to allow for the fabric lost in pressing.
3. Use patriotic colors to make the block. Background can be white, cream, tan, beige, etc to co-ordinate with other fabrics.
3. Use 2" or 2 1/2" strips to frame the block. Later the block will be trimmed to 12 1/2", but do not trim yet.



### Cutting Instructions for Each Block:

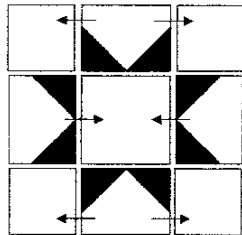
Star Points	Cut eight squares 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"	A
Center Square	Cut one square 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"	B
Background - Corners	Cut four squares 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"	C
Sides	Cut four rectangles 3 1/2" x 4 1/2"	D
Sashing for frames (these do not have to be exact)	Cut two rectangles 2" or 2 1/2" x 11" Cut two rectangles 2" or 2 1/2" x 15"	

### Sewing Instructions:



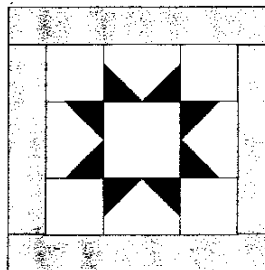
1. Using A and D, place A at left end of D. Sew diagonally from corner to corner as in diagram at left. Be sure to sew them all at the angle shown. The triangle will be more accurate if you sew along side the line from corner to corner to allow for the fabric lost in pressing. Press toward corner to make triangle. Trim excess, to leave 1/4" seam allowance. Repeat with the remaining A squares on the right side of D. Units should measure 3 1/2" x 4 1/2". Repeat to make four.

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2. Lay out units and remaining pieces as in drawing at left. Sew units together in rows, pressing seams as indicated by arrows inside block diagram. Sew rows together and press away from center row as shown with arrows beside block. Trim to straighten the edges if needed.

3. Treat the sashing strips like borders. Place the 11" sashing strips down center of block, vertically. Mark the length needed and cut that length. Sew to the two sides, easing the block to fit sashing. Press toward the sashing. Repeat with the 15" sashing strips and sew to the top and bottom. Press toward the sashing.



4. Do not trim. Later the blocks will be trimmed to 12 1/2".

### Note:

- Quality fabric does not have color run when washed.
- Use red or blue sashing (print ok).
- Block background can be red, white or blue.
- Use true 1/4" seams
- Be sure to attach identification tag with first and last name and city and state on EACH block with a straight pin.