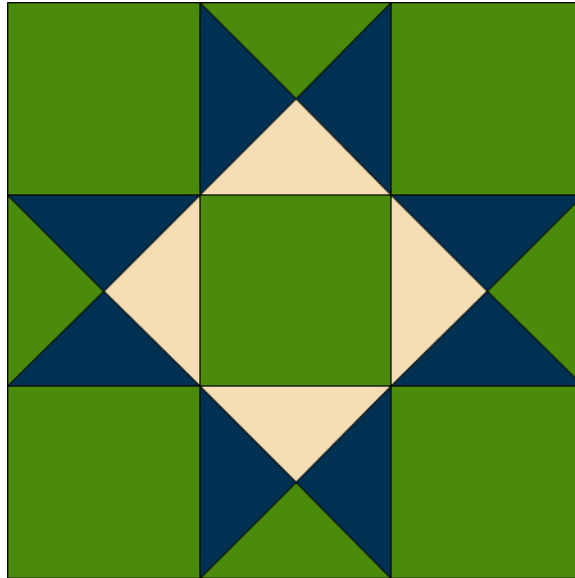


Block of the Month – February 2009

Variable Star

12" x 12"



Rotary Cutting Instructions:

Background Fabric (A):

- Centre: One square 4 ½ inches x 4 ½ inches
- Corner Units: Four squares 4 ½ inches x 4 ½ inches
- Triangles: One 5 ½ inches square, cut on both diagonals to give four quarter square triangles

Star Point Fabric (B)

1. Triangles: Two 5 ½ squares, cut on both diagonals to give eight quarter square triangles

On-point Square (C):

2. Triangles: One 5 ½ square, cut on both diagonals to give four quarter square triangles

Sewing Instructions:

1. Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam carefully piece a fabric A triangle to a Fabric B triangle and a Fabric B triangle to a Fabric C triangle. Press seams carefully to the dark side.



2. Place two triangle units right sides together and making sure the two centre seams are aligned and sew using a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. Press the seam to one side and trim unit to measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches square.



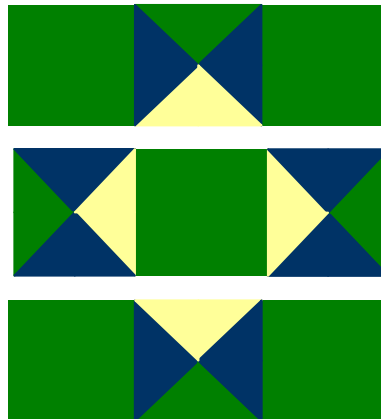
3. Piece the 4 corner squares in Fabric A together with the 2 triangular units, created in step one, to form 2 strips. Press seams into the squares.



4. Piece 2 triangular units, created in step one with 1, with the centre square in Fabric A to form the central strip. Press seams into the centre square.



5. Piece the three rows together to finish the block. Press the seams toward the outer edge of the block.



The block should measure (unfinished) $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches square.