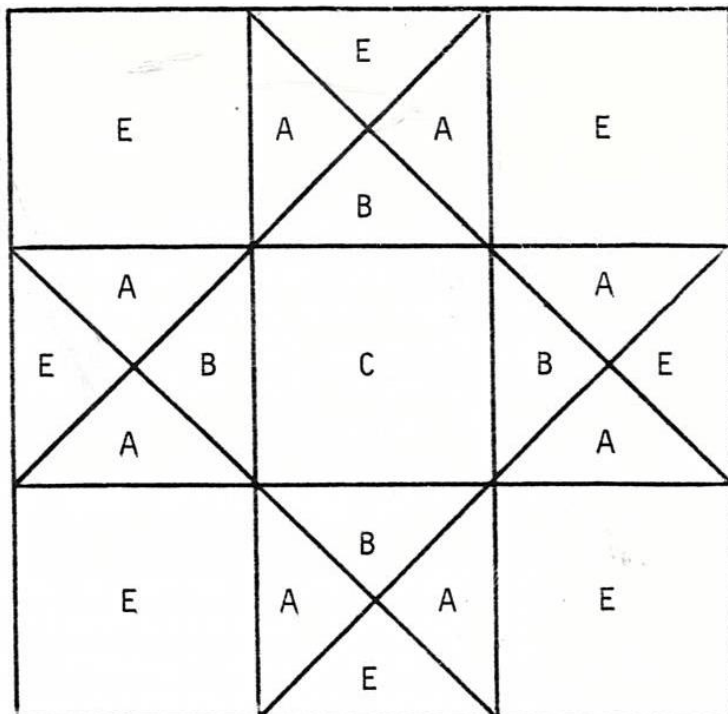




Block of the Month Ohio Star



Cutting:

- (4) squares 5 ½ inches x 5 ½ inches Color E (background)
- (1) square 5 ½ inches x 5 ½ inches Color C (center)
- (1) square 6 ½ inches x 6 ½ inches Color B
- (1) square 6 ½ inches x 6 ½ inches Color E (background)
- (2) squares 6 ½ inches x 6 ½ inches Color A

Sewing:

Follow the directions on the next page for making Quarter Square Triangles with the Color B 6 ½ inch square and a Color A 6 ½ inch square. (Step 1)

Repeat the directions with the Color E 6 ½ inch square and a Color A 6 ½ inch square. (Step 2)

Continue following the directions for Step 3 to finish the patches.

Assembling the block:

Lay out the nine pieces following the illustration.

Sew the rows together and press, staggering the seams.

Check to see that the block is about 15 ½ inches square.

Quarter Square Triangles

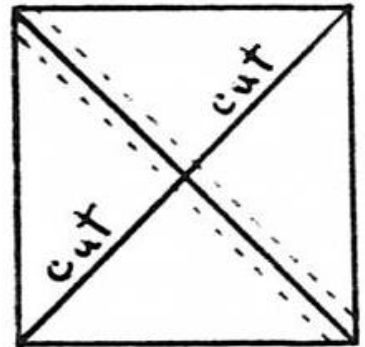
When you cut patches for Quarter Square Triangles, the patch size is figured as...

Finished Block Size + 1-1/4" This formula assumes that you cut and sew accurately. There are a lot of chances to be off a little, that's why I cut oversized to begin with. When I cut, I add an extra 1/4" to the 1 1/4", making it 1 1/2". It's much easier to cut the patch down when squaring it up than trying to stretch it to fit, or try to add more fabric.

These directions tell how to make Quarter Square Triangles suitable for making an Ohio Star block. Different color placements would be used in making other blocks.

Step 1.

1. Using the color placement chart for the Ohio Star, place a **Color B** 6 1/2 inch square and one of the **Color A** 6 1/2 inch squares right sides together.
2. Draw a diagonal line and pin together.
3. Sew 1/4 inch on each side of the diagonal line. Press.
4. **FIRST**--- Cut **ACROSS** on a diagonal from corner to corner opposite from the drawn line.
5. **Second** --- Cut on the **DRAWN** diagonal line between your seams.
6. Press seam to Color A. Do not stretch.



Step 2.

Repeat Step 1, using the **Color E** 6 1/2 inch square and the other **Color A** 6 1/2 inch square.

Step 3.

1. Following the illustration, lay out the eight pieces made in Step 1 and 2.
2. Sew together. Be careful to match the seam intersection in the center of each of the four pieces.
3. Press the seam in either direction. Be careful not to stretch.
4. For the Ohio Star, square up each piece to 5 1/2 inches square. **Measure carefully so the intersection will remain in the exact center of each piece.**

