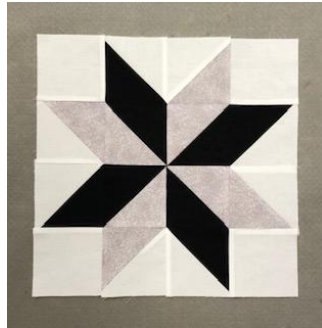


MQA 2020 QAL
Block #11
Eight Pointed Star



We will be making Half Square Triangles. You have already used two methods of making HSTs in previous blocks. Just the size will be different.

What you will need: (Colors based on sample above)

Method #1*:

Fabric 1 (Black)

Cut (4) $3\frac{7}{8}$ " Squares

Fabric 2 (Beige)

Cut (4) $3\frac{7}{8}$ " Squares

Fabric 3 (White)

Cut (4) $3\frac{7}{8}$ " Squares

Cut (4) $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Method #2:** (Essential Triangle Tool)

Fabric 1 (Black) (can use FQ)

Cut (1) strip $3\frac{1}{2}$ " wide (18" min)

Fabric 2 (Beige) (can use FQ)

Cut (1) strip $3\frac{1}{2}$ " wide (18" min)

Fabric 3 (White) (If using FQ will need to cut 2 strips)

Cut (1) strip $3\frac{1}{2}$ " wide (27" min)

Cut (4) $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Block #11 Instructions

Decide which method you plan to use to make the Half Square Triangles. Cut the pieces according to the directions.

Method #1:

Pair together 2 Black squares with 2 White squares, 2 Beige squares with 2 White squares, and 2 Black squares with 2 Beige squares. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the lighter square. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from both sides of the center line. Cut on the solid line to make two each or 4 total HSTs from each pairing. Trim each HST to $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square. You'll have 12 total.

Method #2:

Place the black strip right sides together with the white strip. Using the Essential Triangle ruler, cut 4 pair of black/white HSTs. Place the beige strip right sides together with the remaining white strip. Cut 4 pair of beige/white HSTs. (Cut the (4) $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares from the remaining piece of white.) Place the remaining black strip and remaining beige strip right sides together. Cut 4 pair of black/beige HSTs. Sew the HSTs together on the long side. Press to the darker color. Trim to $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square. You will have 12 HSTs.

Look at the picture of the block and lay out the HSTs plus the 4 white squares per the photo.

Sew the squares together. Finished block will measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".