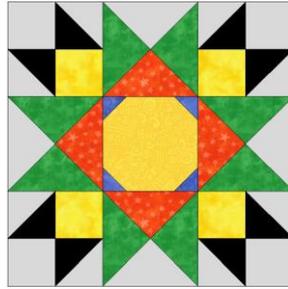


August means it's time for the County Fair!! This month's block will celebrate our sister quilter's challenge to get those ribbons! Draw inspiration for the colors in your star by using the Center Square fabric!

## AUGUST 2012 COUNTY FAIR STAR



12 1/2" unfinished block

### We Provide:

#### #1 Fabric - Kona White:

Cut 2 4 1/4" X 4 1/4"

Cut 1 5 1/2" X 5 1/2"

Cut 4 2 1/2" X 2 1/2"

#### #2 Fabric - Kona Black

Cut 2 4 1/4" X 4 1/4"

#### #3 Fabric – Center Square

Cut 1 4 1/2" X 4 1/2"

### You Provide:

#### #4 Fabric - Your Choice (Example - yellow)

Cut 4 2 1/2" X 2 1/2"

#### #5 Fabric Your Choice (Example - Green)

Cut 2 5 1/2" X 5 1/2"

#### #6 Fabric - Your Choice (Example – Red)

Cut 1 5 1/2" X 5 1/2"

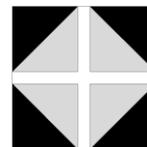
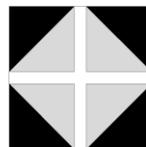
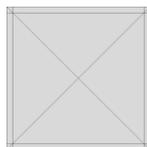
#### #7 Fabric - Your Choice (Example – Blue)

Cut 4 1 1/2" X 1 1/2"

### Corner Units:

Here is a different way to make half square triangles (HST)!!

- Place one 4 1/4" square #1 White fabric and one 4 1/4" square #2 Black fabric with right sides together. Sew a scant 1/4" seam on all four edges. Cut on the diagonal in both directions. Press open. **The outside edges of this HST are cut on the bias and will stretch so be very careful not to stretch the edges.** Trim each HST to 2 1/2" square. Repeat using the remaining 4 1/4" white and black fabrics. You will have 8 HSTs total.



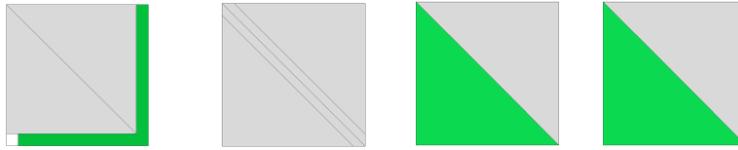
- Using these HSTs and 2 1/2 inch squares of # 1 and #4 fabric, assemble unit as shown below. You will have 4 units.



### Hourglass units:

First we will make half-square triangles just like we did in April, only we will add a third color:

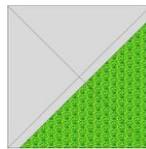
1. Draw a diagonal line on one #1 white 5 1/2 square. Place this square on top of one of the #5 fabric 5 1/2" square with right sides together. Sew a 1/4 inch on either side of the diagonal line. Cut on the drawn line and press seams to dark side. This will make 2 half-square triangles (HST).



2. Repeat the above step, using the other 5 1/2" squares of #5 and #6 fabric.



3. On the wrong side of the HST made in step 1, draw a diagonal line between the two corners NOT on the seam line.

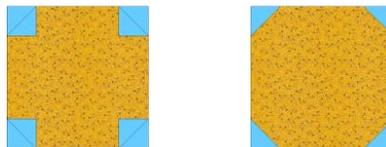


4. Layer one of step 1 HST with one of the step 2 HST with right sides together. The #5 triangle should match up with #6 triangle as shown below. Match the center seams well. Sew a 1/4 inch on either side of the diagonal line. Cut on the drawn line and press seams to one side. Trim to 4 1/2 inches square. Repeat with the remaining units. You will have 4 completed hourglass units.



### Snowball Unit:

1. Draw a diagonal line on each of the #7 fabric squares. Place one square in each corner of the #3 center fabric and sew along the diagonal line, sewing slightly off the line toward the outer corner. Cut 1/4" away from the sewn line and press open toward the blue fabric.



### Assembly:

Sew all units together using all scant 1/4" seams, as shown in the picture at the top of page one. Press seams in alternating directions by row.