

This month's block is "Scary" because it uses "partial seams" instead of putting it together using rows. Don't worry, there's only one and it's not hard.

October 2012 Scary Spinning Star



12 1/2" unfinished block

We Provide:

Fabric 1: Background

3 1/2" Strip -- Cut 4 rectangles 3 1/2" X 5"
2 squares 4" X 4"

Fabric 2: Center Square

1 square 3 5/8" X 3 5/8"

You Provide (your choice of colors):

Fabric 3: Small Star Point

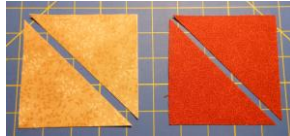
Cut 2 squares 4" X 4"

Fabric 4: Large Star Point

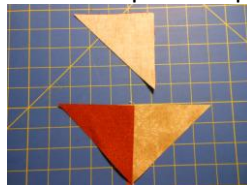
Cut 2 squares 5 1/2" X 5 1/2"

Star Point Units

1. Cut all **Fabric 1** 4" squares and **Fabric 3** 4" squares once on the diagonal.



2. Place one **Fabric 1** triangle and one **Fabric 3** triangle together with right sides together as shown below. Sew a scant 1/4" seam on one side. Open and press to the dark side.



3. Cut both **Fabric 4** 5 1/2" squares once on the diagonal just like in step 1.

4. Place one **Fabric 1/Fabric 3** unit together with one **Fabric 4** triangle with right sides together. Sew a scant 1/4" seam on the diagonal. Open and press to the Fabric 4 side. This unit should measure 5 inches square.



5. Place one Fabric 1 rectangle together with the Star Point unit with right sides together as shown below. Sew a scant 1/4" seam. Open and press to the Fabric 1 rectangle.



- Repeat steps 2, 4, and 5 three more times for the remaining triangles created in steps 1 and 3. You should have 4 units.

Assembly Here's where the partial seam comes in place.

- Lay out all your units around the **Fabric 2** Center Square as shown below. We will be attaching the units to the Center Square in a counter-clockwise direction.



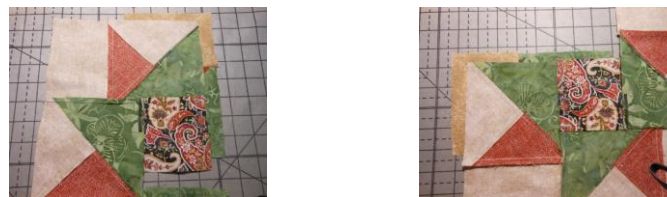
- Place the Star Point unit on the far right together with **Fabric 2** (Center Square) right sides together as shown (the corners of Fabric 2 and Fabric 4 should meet). Sew from the corner using a scant $1/4$ " seam, but only sew about 1 $1/2$ inches (about half the block) and stop (this is the partial seam). Press toward the Star Points unit. We will complete this seam in step 4.



- Place the upper Star Point unit over the Center Square with right sides together as shown below. Sew this seam completely using a scant $1/4$ " seam. Press toward the unit.



- Place this partial block over the left Star Point unit. Sew this seam completely using a scant $1/4$ " seam. Press toward the unit. Then place this partial block over the last Star Point unit. Sew this seam completely using a scant $1/4$ " seam. Press toward the unit.



- Now, complete sewing the partial seam from step 1 and press toward the unit.

