

September 2012 Eight Pointed Star



12 1/2" unfinished block

We Provide:

Use for A1 and B1: Focus Fabric

From the 4 inch width of fabric strip cut 4 rectangles 7 1/2" X 4 "

You Provide:

Use for A2 and B2 - Eggshell

Cut 4 rectangles 7 1/2" X 4 "

Use for A3 - Gold

Cut 2 rectangles 7 1/2" X 4 1/2"

Use for B3 - Your Choice (see focus fabric for ideas)

Cut 2 rectangles 7 1/2" X 4 1/2"

Fabric Preparation:

1. A1 and B1 Focus Fabric: Place two of the rectangles with **right sides together**. Cut on the diagonal from the **lower right corner to the upper left corner**. Repeat with the other two rectangles. Separate the resulting triangles into two piles with 4 triangles in each pile. One pile will be used for A1 and one for B1. Repeat for A2 and B2 Eggshell fabric.



A 1 & A 2 B 1 & B 2

2. A3 Gold Fabric: Cut these rectangles **individually** on the diagonal from the **lower right corner to the upper right corner**.



3. B3 Choice Fabric: Cut these rectangles **individually** on the diagonal from the **upper right corner to the lower left corner**.

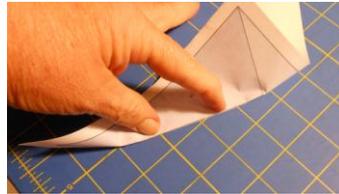
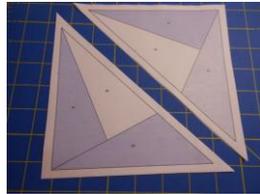


If you are unfamiliar with paper piecing, the instructions on the following pages are for you. If you wish, make a copy of the patterns and practice!

Pattern Preparation:

You will need four pages with two units each to complete this block. The fifth page is provided for you to make 3 additional copies for use with your own block.

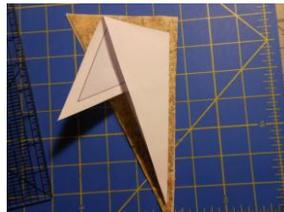
1. Cut out each of the units just outside the dotted lines. Precise trimming will be done later. You will have 4 "A" units and 4 "B" units. The marked side is the sewing side and is numbered in your piecing order. The blank side is where your fabric will be placed with the right side of the fabric facing out. Finger press along each sewing line to help you trim seams and tear away the paper.



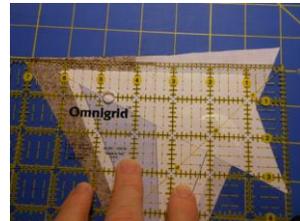
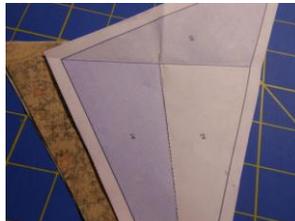
Paper Piecing

Start with the A units.

1. Fold your pattern piece into a triangle using the lines, so that the printing is on the inside. Put fabric A1 and A2 right sides together (A1 focus fabric should be on the top) and lay the pattern on your fabric with the A1 on the bottom. There should be a 1/4 inch of fabric to right of the fold / sew line and 1/2 inch from the top. These will be your seam allowances.



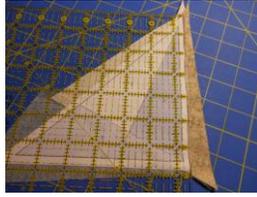
2. Lay this unit on your machine and open the paper triangle, taking care not to move the fabric. If desired, pin through the paper to hold everything in place. Sew on the line between A1 and A2. It is helpful to sew 1/4 inch longer at the start and end of the line, as when you are removing the paper, some stitches will pop open. Press seam open. Fold back the A3 pattern piece and trim the top edge of fabric to 1/4 inch over the top of the fold (seam allowance).



3. Unfold the paper and test fit the A3 fabric, adjusting as needed. Flip over on to the A1 and A2 unit so right sides are together. You can pin if you wish. Take to your machine and flip over unit so paper side is up. Sew on sewing line between A1/A2 and A3, starting 1/4 inch before and ending 1/4 inch after as we did before. Turn over unit and press open.



4. Turn to the paper side and trim around the outer edges of the unit, 1/4 inch from the dark sewing line. Do not remove the paper yet! It is stabilizing the unit. Repeat this 3 more times for a total of 4 "A" units.



5. Repeat steps 1 – 4 for the "B" units, making sure you match up the fabrics with their proper positions.



6. Match up one "A" unit with one "B" unit. Sew on the dark seam line, making sure all intersections match. Repeat 3 more times.



7. Sew the four units together on the dark seam lines, making sure all intersections match.



8. **CAREFULLY** peel away the foundation paper from the back of the block.