



Lesson #5: Half-Square Triangles Star Block



Finished block size:
10" x 10"

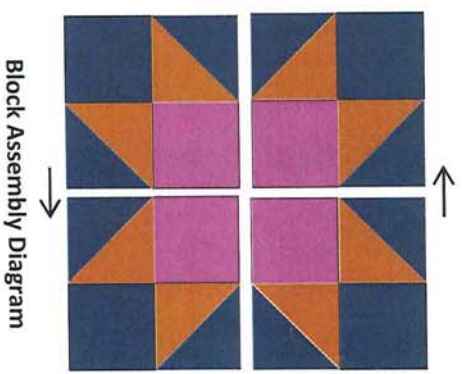
Materials Needed	Cutting
Royal Blue	four 3" squares four 3 3/4" squares
Copper	four 3 3/4" squares
Raspberry	four 3" x 3" squares
Supplies Needed	
Quilter's white pencil	
6 1/2" square ruler with a 45-degree diagonal line	

Sewing

Note: The half-square triangles required for this Star block are made with the same method used in Lesson #4, steps one through three. Refer to those instructions to make eight half-square triangles from the Royal Blue and Copper 3 3/4" squares. Use the quilter's white pencil to mark lines on the dark fabric. Trim half-square triangles to 3" squares.

1. **Quarter Block.** Lay out two half-square triangles, one Royal Blue 3" square and one Raspberry 3" square as shown in Diagram 1. Pin the units together in pairs and sew. Press seams toward the unpieced squares. Then pin and sew the pairs together. Make a total of four.

2. Referring to the *Block Assembly Diagram*, arrange four quarter blocks, rotating them so that all of the Raspberry squares meet in the middle. Sew together in pairs, pressing seams in the directions indicated by the arrows. Then sew the pairs together. This time to reduce bulk, press the final seam open.



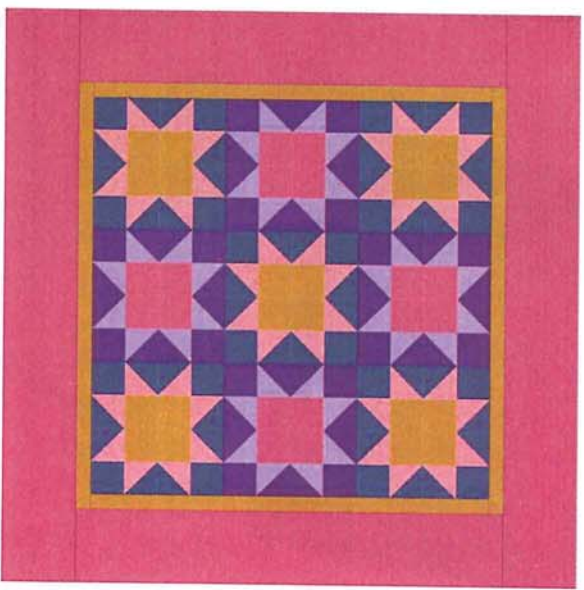
Extending the Lesson

Star blocks and quilts made from them are a perennial favorite among quilters. Here are a few ideas to get you started using Star blocks in a variety of color combinations and layouts.



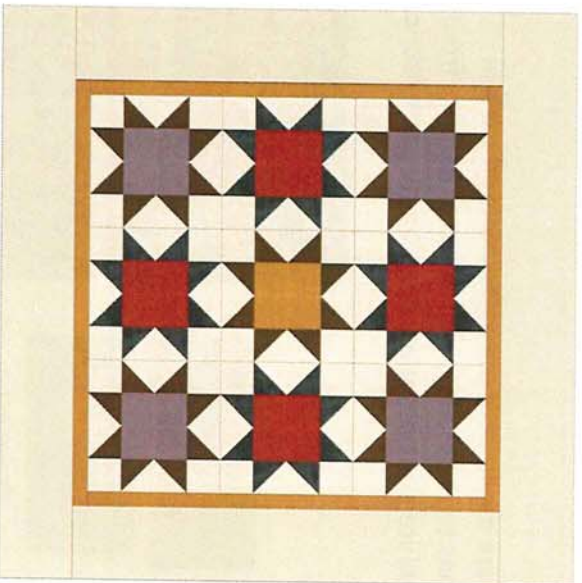
Idea #1

This layout features nine of the blocks from this lesson. Five are made exactly like the block in the lesson. Four are made with the colors swapped so that the Raspberry is in the star points and the Copper is in the center squares. The 1" (cut 1 ½") inner border is Copper, and the 5" (cut 5 ½") outer border is Turkey Red. To make this 42" square quilt, use ½ yard Raspberry, ¾ yard Copper, 1 yard of Royal Blue, and 1 ½ yards of Turkey Red.



Idea #2

Looking for a little sizzle? This nine-block layout takes the reversed colored Star blocks from Idea #1 and pairs them with Stars made in Purple Ice, Orchid, and Fuchsia Punch. Fuchsia Punch is used in the 5" outer border. Copper is in the 1" inner border. To make this 42" square quilt, use a fat quarter of Orchid, ½ yard each of Raspberry, Copper, and Purple Ice, and Royal Blue, and 1 ½ yards of Fuchsia Punch.



Idea #3

This sedate color palette takes on a new look with a simple change. In the quilt on the right, 1"-wide (cut 1 ½") sashing strips have been added between the blocks. The nice thing about sashing strips is that you don't have to match the block patches when you join the blocks together!

To make either quilt, use 1 ½ yards of Cream 2174 for the block backgrounds, 1 ¼ yards of Beige 2458 for the outer borders, ½ yard of Copper for the sashing/inner border, one fat quarter of Black 0070, and ½ yard each of Brown #2715, Faded Purple #1771, and Turkey Red.

