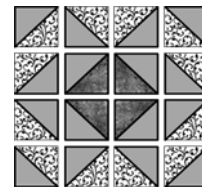


JULY 2013 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Empire Star
12-½" (12" Finished)



CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS for 2 Blocks – (Cutting Diagrams on Back)

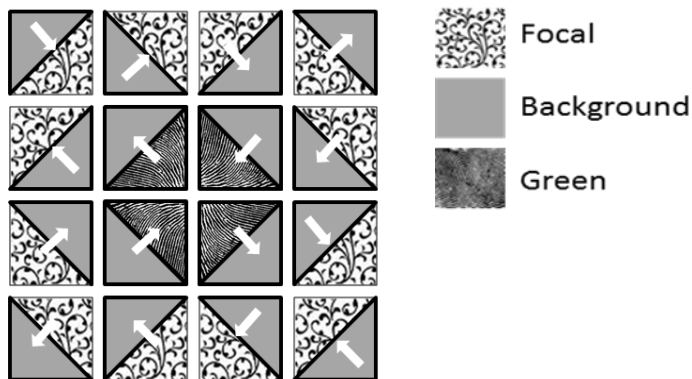
Blue Batik Background Fabric..... 16 ea 4" Squares
Focal Fabric..... 12 ea 4" Squares
Green Accent Color..... 4 ea 4" Squares

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Cut accurately
- Sew with scant 1/4" seams
- Try (tissue or..) paper on bulky seams
- Press as suggested for seams that nest
- Use fingertips to open HST's for pressing

MAKE 32 each HST'S

- Rt sides together, layer 12 ea **Blue Batik** and **Focal** fabric – make 24 HST's
 - ❖ Press 12 to **Blue Batik** and 12 to **Focal** fabric.
- Rt sides together, layer 4 ea **Blue Batik** and **Green** fabric – make 8 HST's
 - ❖ Press 4 to **Blue Batik** and 4 to **Green** fabric
- Trim **all** HST's to 3½" using ruler with a 45° angle
- Arrange units per drawing – follow pressing arrows for placement of each HST



SEWING STRAIGHT

Do your points sometimes end up less than or more than ¼" from the outside seam allowance?

- To achieve accurate piecing (including points on HST's with a ¼" seam allowance), it's crucial to enter at ¼", stay at ¼" and exit fabric at ¼".
- Quilters may not realize the importance of entering and exiting at an accurate ¼".
- A stiletto (or similar item) keeps the fabric on track at the critical beginning and end of a seam, where most quilters tend to stray from a uniform ¼" seam allowance.

SEW Both BLOCKS

- Row 1 - Sew and press seams to Right
- Row 2 - Sew and press seams to Left
- Row 3 – Sew and press seams to Right
- Row 4 - Sew and press seams to Left
- Join rows 1 and 2 – press to Center
- Join rows 3 and 4 – press to Center
- Join center row – press Up

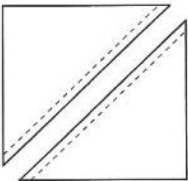
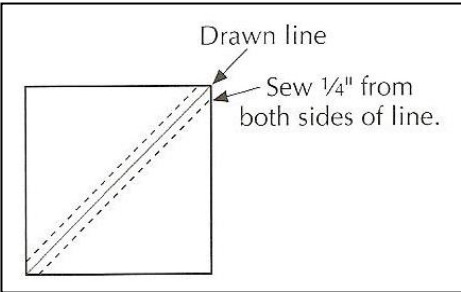
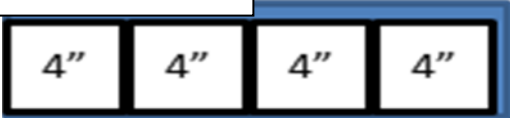
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Remove Selvages

Focal Fabric:
17" x 13"



Green Fabric:
17" x 5"



Blue Batik
Background Fabric:
Cut 2 each
4" x WOF
(Save excess for later months)

