

Quilt Along with QUILTERS SELECT®

Week 2: Preparation, Cutting and Small Star Block

Featured Techniques:

- Fast tracking 1 ½" squares
- Half square triangles the 3in1 way

Pro Tips

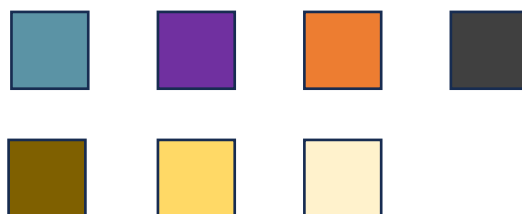
- **Read through all instructions before beginning.**
- Seam Allowance= 1/4"
- Finished block size – 4" x 4"
- RST = right sides together



Fabric Preparation and Cutting:

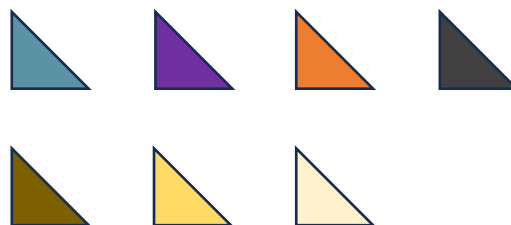
Fast-Track Cutting - 1 ½" squares

- Sort scraps by color, press and stack 4 to 6 layers at a time
- Using the 1 ½" square ruler, cut all four sides
- Make a dozen or more squares of each color including the background fabric



Fast-Track Cutting - 1 ½" half square triangles

- Sort scraps by color, stack and press 4 to 6 layers at a time
- Use the 3-N-1 ruler to cut half-square triangles
- Make a dozen or more squares of each color including the background fabric to start



NOTE: Given the scrappy nature of this quilt, the 3-N-1 Ruler is the most efficient method of cutting/stitching the HST units needed for this quilt.

For the Sawtooth Stars, (80) 1 ½" HST units are needed. [See page 4](#) for optional 8-At-A-Time Method.

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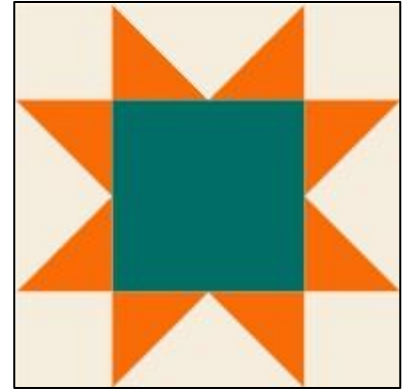
Small Sawtooth Star

Pre-cut Pieces Needed:

- Background fabric (cream) (4) 1 ½" squares
- Background fabric (8) 1 ½" half-square triangles
- Star points (orange) (8) 1 ½" half-square triangles

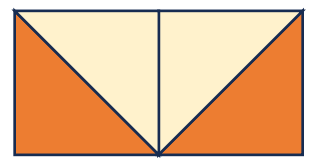
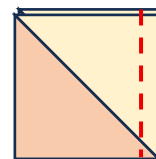
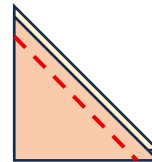
Additional Cutting Needed:

- Star Center (teal) (1) 2 ½" square



Sewing Half-Square Triangle Units and Pairs:

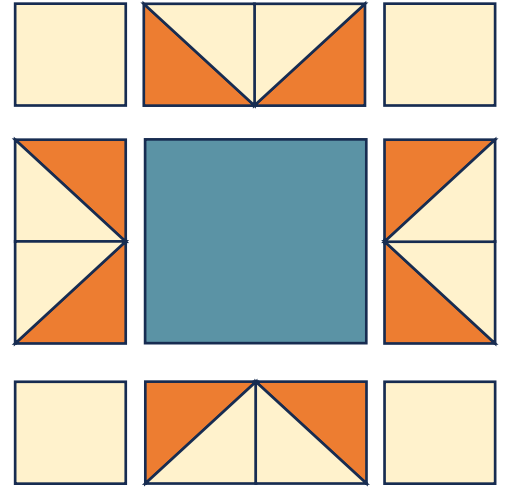
- Layer (2) half-square triangles with right sides together (RST).
- Sew along the long edge of the triangle
- Press seams open. Make (8)
- Layer (2) HST units RST, background fabrics together. Stitch.
- Press seams open. Make (4), measures 1 ½" x 2 ½"



Make 4, each 1 ½" x 2 ½".

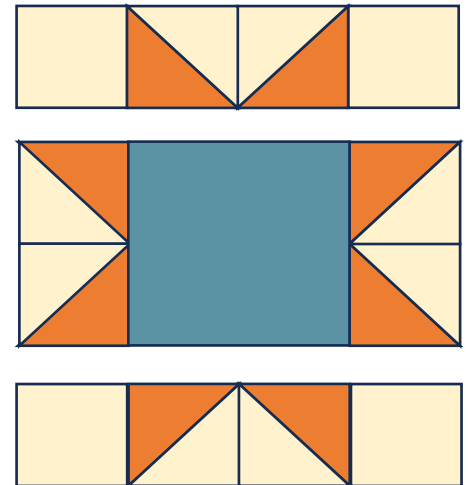
Sewing the Block

- Arrange each piece as shown in the diagram



Sewing the Block

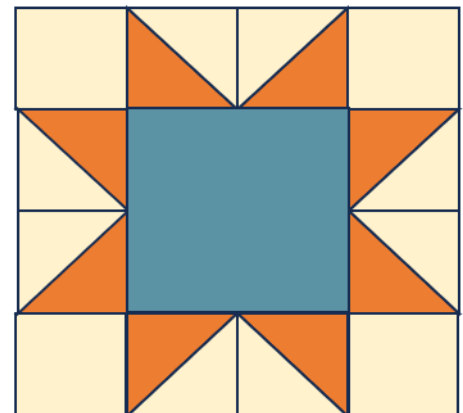
- Sew into rows as shown in the diagram



Sewing the Block

- Sew the top row to the middle row
- Sew the bottom row to the middle row
- Press seams open

Make 10 stars using the background fabric with a mix of centers and star points.



Measures 4 ½" x 4 ½".

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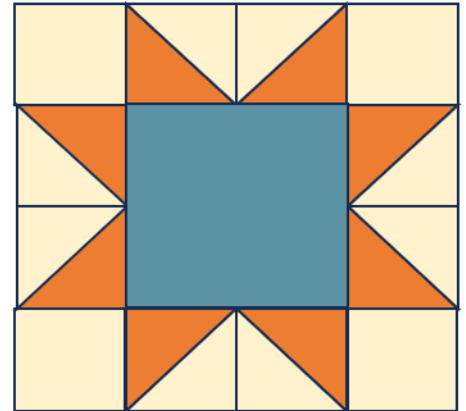
Eight at a Time Half Square Triangle Units:

For each set of Eight HST:

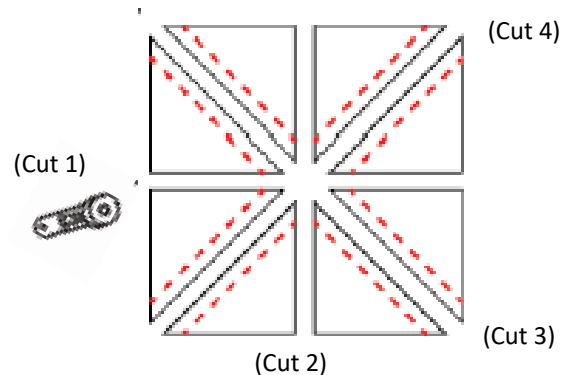
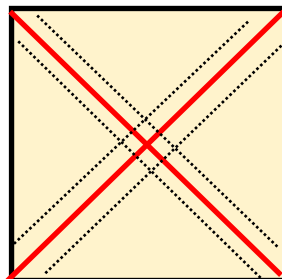
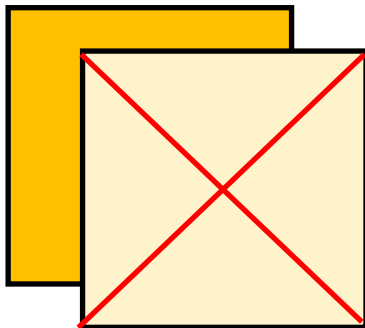
Cut (1) Background Fabric 4"x4"

Cut (1) Star Point Fabric 4"x4"

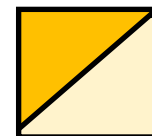
NOTE: A total of 80 HST will be needed to complete the 10 Sawtooth Star blocks needed. To complete all blocks using the 8-at-a-Time Method cut (8) background squares and (8) star point fabrics using a variety of colors/prints to keep the star points scrappy.



- Mark diagonal lines in both directions on the wrong side of both background fabric units (as illustrated in Red).
- Place Star Point Fabric and Background fabrics, right sides together; stitch 1/4" away on both sides of marked lines.
- Cut the unit in half horizontally and vertically, then again on the drawn lines.



- Repeat for each Star Point Fabric and Background square.
- Press the HST units open and trim to 1 1/2".



Make 80 , each 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"

Eight at a Time Half Square Triangle Units :

Starting Square =

(Desired Finished Size x2)+2

<i>Finished HST Unit</i>	<i>Trim Units To:</i>	<i>Starting Squares Cut 2</i>
1"	1.5"	4"
1.5"	2"	5"
2"	2.5"	6"
2.5"	3"	7"
3"	3.5"	8"
3.5"	4"	9"
4"	4.5"	10"
4.5"	5"	11"
5"	5.5"	12"
5.5"	6"	13"
6"	6.5"	14"
6.5"	7"	15"
7"	7.5"	16"
7.5"	8"	17"
8"	8.5"	18"
8.5"	9"	19"
9"	9.5"	20"
9.5"	10"	21"
10"	10.5"	22"
10.5"	11"	23"
11"	11.5"	24"
11.5"	12"	25"
12"	12.5"	26"
12.5"	13"	27"
13"	13.5"	28"

