

Eccentric Star



Another quick block using four at a time Half-Square triangles

For the colors, choose a light background and two colors of your choice that go well together.

Fabric Required:

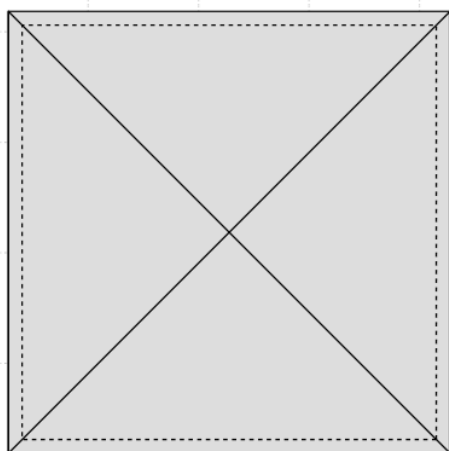
- 2 – 8" x 8" - Background
- 1 – 4 ½" x 4 ½" - Background
- 1 – 8" x 8" - Color 1
- 1 – 8" x 8" - Color 2

Construction:

Take one 8" background square and the 8" color 1 square. Place them right sides together and sew a ¼" seam around all four sides.

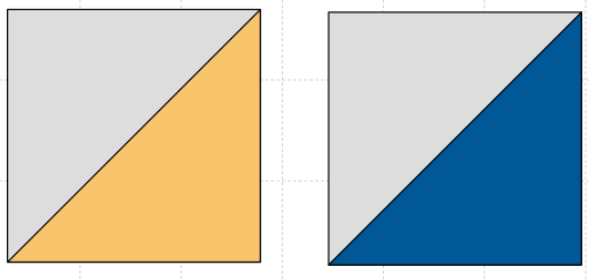


On the light fabric, mark from corner to corner to form an X on the block.

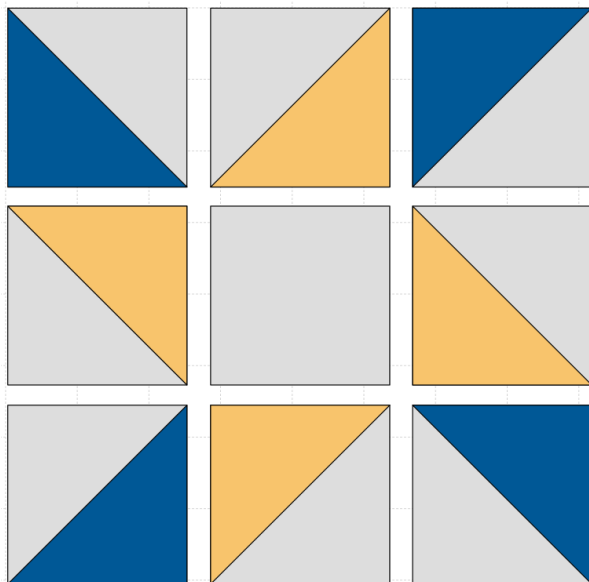


Cut along the marked lines. This will give you four half-square triangle blocks. Open and press towards the dark fabric. Your block will be close to 5" after pressing open. Trim the dog ears and square up the blocks to 4 ½" square.

Repeat with the second 8" background square and the 8" color 2 square.



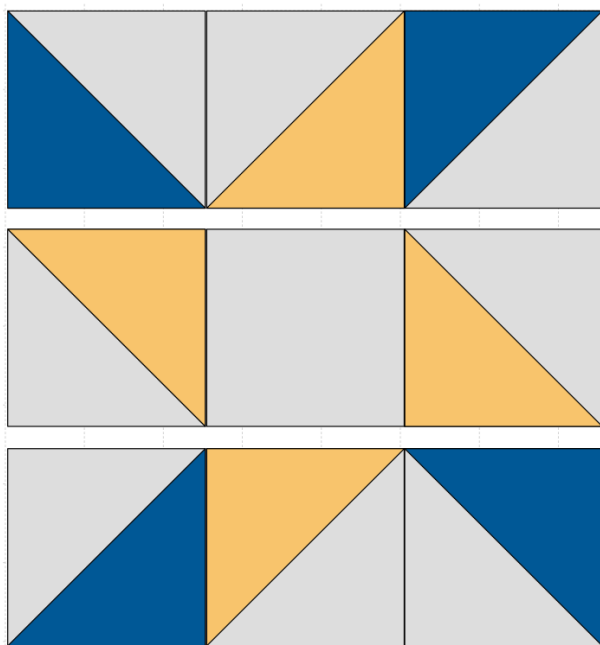
Layout your blocks in the following order:



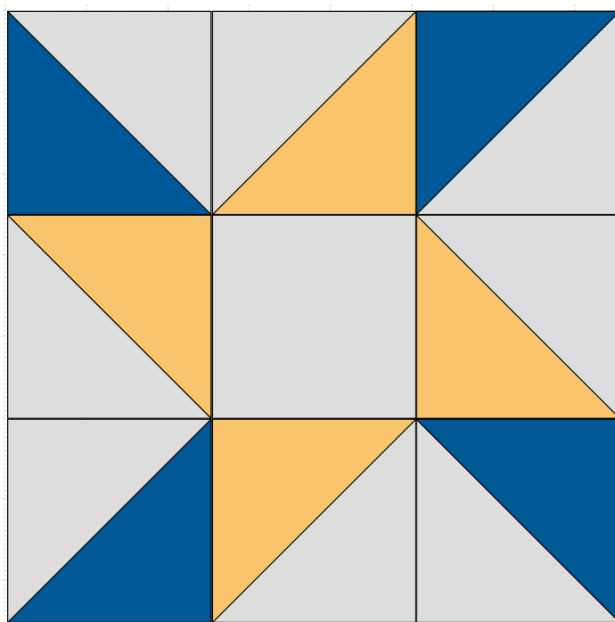
Sew the three blocks for each row together using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

Hint: *If your machine tries to eat the corners where you start on a seam, put a thin piece of paper between the fabric and the feed dog in that corner. You can rip the paper out after sewing the seam.*

Rows 1 and 3, press the seams out away from the center block. Row 2, press the seams towards the center block.



Nest your seams and sew your rows together using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. If you can, spin your center seams to get them to lay flatter and press.



Your completed block should measure approximately $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ "