

Eight Point Star Quilt Block Tutorial

Stitch an eightpoint star quilt block using half square triangles. With no y seams it's easier to make than the traditional LeMoyne star block!

NOTE: *These directions will give you TWO blocks.*



Select the 8 fabrics for the star points and a background fabric.



Cutting Chart for 8" and 12" block

8 Inch Finished Block

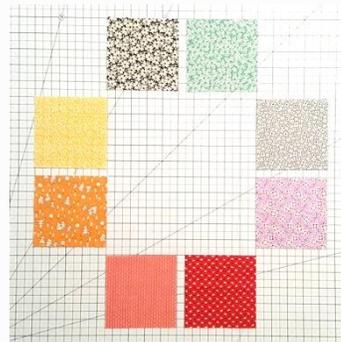
- Star Points: Cut 2 (3 1/4 inch) **large** squares from each fabric (16 total)
- Background: Cut 8 (3 1/4 inch) **large** squares (will trim HSTs to: 2-1/2 "
- Background: Cut 8 (2 1/2 inch) **small** squares

12 Inch Finished Block

- Star Points: Cut 2 (4 1/4 inch) **large** squares
- Background: Cut 8 (4 1/4 inch) **large** squares (will trim HSTs to: 3-1/2 "
- Background: Cut 8 (3 1/2 inch) **small** squares

Eight Point Star Quilt Block Instructions

Step 1 Cut two sets of large squares from the 8 star point fabrics.



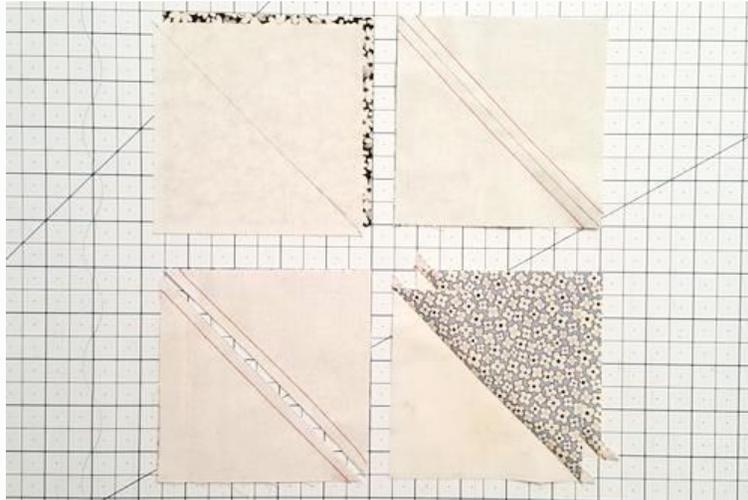
Step 2 Arrange your star point fabrics as you want them to progress around the star. (See above)

Step 3 Cut 8 large and 4 small squares from background fabric.

Set aside the small squares for the corners.



Step 4 Use the 8 star point large squares arranged in Step 2 with the 8 large background squares to **make 16 half square triangles** (HST). A quick refresher is shown in the picture below. Finger press the seams toward the darker fabric.



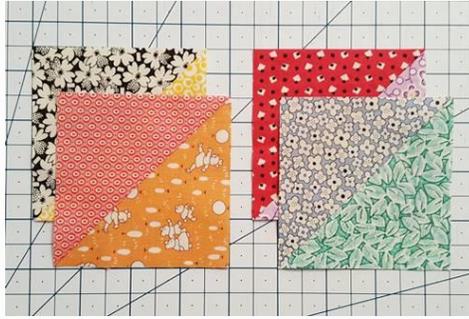
Step 5 Trim the half square triangles to size (2-1/2 inches square for 8-in block and 3-1/2 inches square for 12-inch block).

Step 6a Arrange one half square triangle of each color into star points according to your color arrangement from Step 2. See the photo below for directional placement of the HSTs.

Step 6b Pair up the second group of 8 large star point squares, according to how they meet in the corners. (See the photo below).



Step 7 From the star point squares paired up in Step 6b make half square triangles. Trim the HSTs to size (2-1/2" for 8 in block or 3-1/2" for 12 in block).



Step 8 Place the half square triangles made in Step 7 in the center square of the eight-point star quilt block, positioning it to color match with its other star point HST half.

Place one small plain square in each corner of the block. This completes the layout of the 8-point star quilt block.



Step 9 Press all the seams with an iron before stitching the patches together. In general, press the seams in opposite directions to nest and for less bulk when stitching.

Step 10a Stitch the patches of each row together.



Step 10b Press each center seam open. For Rows 1 and 3 press the outer seams away from the center of the block. For Rows 2 and 4 press the outer seams toward the center of the block.

Step 11a With right sides together, stitch Row 1 to Row 2, first match the center seam and then nest outer seams. Repeat to stitch Row 4 to Row 3.



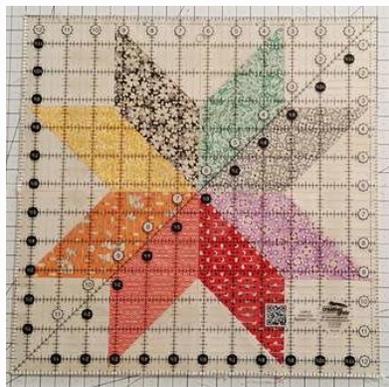
Step 11b With right sides together, stitch Row 2 to Row 3, first match center seam and then nest outer seams.

Step 12 Press the center seam open. Next, press the horizontal seams open.



Finished Scrappy 8 Point Star Quilt Block

Step 13 Trim the block to size, making sure a 1/4 inch seam allowance is left on all the star points.



Step 14 Repeat with the remaining 12 HSTs and 4 corner blocks to make a second block.

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