

## BLOCK LOTTO\_Disappearing Four-Patch Star

Unfinished block size: 12.5 inches square

### MATERIALS:

All four-patch & star fabrics should be in a **SINGLE, COLOR FAMILY**. Any secondary color in a print must be minimal.

- (4) 4-inch squares: 2 different lights, 2 different mediums
- (1) 8-inch square, or (4) 4-inch squares (see *NOTE at end of Step 4*): dark (solid, tone on tone, or small print in same colorway that reads as a solid)

Background Fabric: **WHITE, or WHITE-on-WHITE** (NOT ivory or cream)

- (4) 3.5" squares
- (1) 8-inch square, or (4) 4-inch squares (See *NOTE at end of Step 4.*)



### DIRECTIONS:

1. To make the four-patch, sew the four colored squares together to form a larger square, with light fabrics diagonally from each other and medium fabrics diagonally from each other.
2. Make two vertical cuts,  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch from each side of vertical center seam.  
Make two horizontal cuts,  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch from each side of horizontal center seam.

**NOTE:** Take care to keep fabric steady while cutting to ensure accuracy.



3. Rotate the four two-fabric pieces and the center square 90 degrees. Sew pieces as shown.



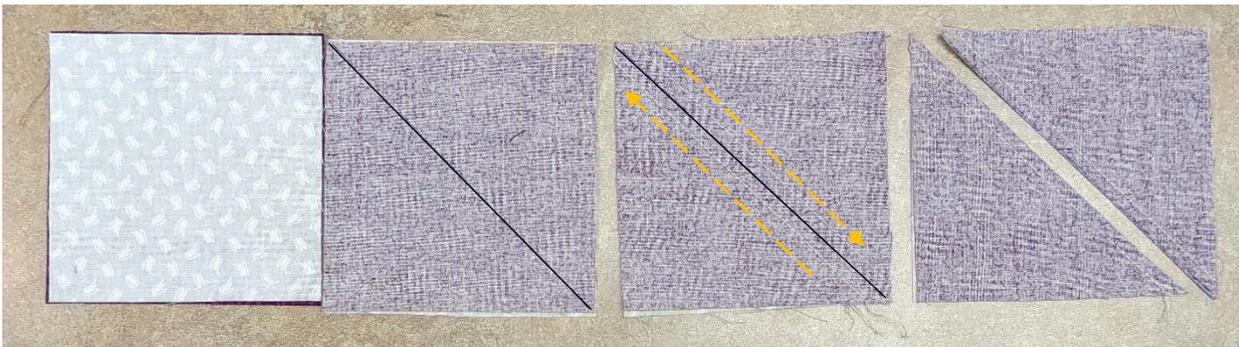
**NOTE:** The completed inner block should measure 6.5 inches square.

4. To make eight half-square triangles for the star points, mark the wrong side of the 8-inch square of white fabric on the diagonal in both directions and in the center both horizontally and vertically, as shown below.

Place right side of white fabric to right side of 8-inch colored fabric. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the two diagonal lines. Cut apart on all previously marked lines. Press open (with four seams to the dark side and four seams to the white side so you can nest them later). Trim each square to 3.5 inches.



**NOTE:** If working with scraps, take (4) four-inch squares of the dark colored fabric and lay them right-sides together with (4) four-inch squares of white fabric. Mark a diagonal line and sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the diagonal. Cut apart on the line, press open as above and trim.



5. Lay out the half-square triangle star points and corner squares around the disappearing four-patch, as shown below. Sew the star points together first, nesting the seams. Add the corner squares. Then sew the three rows together. Press well. Completed block should measure 12.5 inches square.

