



“A Walk in the Stars” Quilt Along - Fall 2023 BLOCK #1 – FRIENDSHIP STAR BLOCK

NOTE: Go to [DKohn Designs on YouTube](#) to find my detailed how-to video for Block #1 – Friendship Star Block (Week #2) for this Quilt Along. BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE BLOCK PATTERN BY 11/30/23.

QUILT ALONG SUMMARY

This quilt is a star block sampler quilt. The block patterns will be released weekly during Sept. and Oct. 2023. Go to my Blog at [DKohndesigns.com](#) for the Quilt Along schedule and overall fabric requirements. The block patterns and layout directions are free through Nov. 30, 2023. Beginning Dec. 1, 2023, all of the block patterns will be removed and consolidated into one pattern with the addition of directions for several additional sizes of quilts and then the pattern will be for sale in my Shop at [DKohndesigns.com](#).

BLOCK SIZE: 5' X 5" unfinished, 4 1/2" finished in the quilt

PATTERN ASSUMPTIONS: 1) 1/4" Seams used throughout the pattern. 2) RST means right sides together. 3) HST means half square triangle. 4) Fat quarters are 18" x 21". 5) Drawings are NOT to scale. 6) Read the entire pattern before cutting fabrics.

FABRICS FOR THIS BLOCK: This block pattern looks best with three different high contrast fabrics. Fat quarters and/or scraps may be used. You will make a total of 4 blocks of Block #1. *NOTE: For faster assembly, you may want to chain piece sew the half-square triangles for all of the blocks at once.

LETTER	FABRIC/UNIT	1 BLOCK	ALL 4 BLOCKS
A	Outside corners (accent)	2 – 2 1/2" sq.	8 – 2 1/2" sq.
B	Background of all HSTs	4 – 2 1/2" sq.	16 – 2 1/2" sq.
C	Star points of star block	2 – 2 1/2" sq.	8 – 2 1/2" sq.
D	Center of star block (may fussy cut if desired)	1 – 2" sq.	4 – 2" sq.

BLOCK CONSTRUCTION FOR ONE BLOCK:

1) **Make the HSTs:** A) Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong of all Fabric B squares. (Fig. 1)

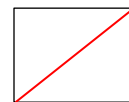


Fig. 1

B) Lay 1 Fabric A square and 1 Fabric B square RST and sew 1/4" on both sides of the diagonal line. This will create the 2 triangular pieces. Repeat for remaining Fabric A squares. (Fig. 2)

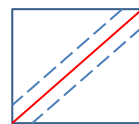


Fig. 2

C) Lay 1 Fabric B square and 1 Fabric C square RST and sew 1/4" on both sides of the diagonal line. Repeat for remaining Fabric C squares. (Fig. 2)

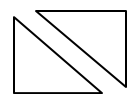


Fig. 3

D) Cut in between the two sewn lines of each HST. Cut each stitched layered square in half on the solid cutting line so that you separate the 2 triangular pieces from each square. This will create 2 HST block units from each layered square. (Fig. 3) You will have a total of 4 A/B HSTs and 4 B/C HSTs.

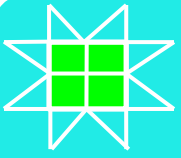
E) Press each HST open with seam to the darker fabric. Trim each HST to 2" square. (Fig. 4) (If using Clearly Perfect Slotted Trimmer ruler, trim HSTs first, then press open.)



Fig. 4

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- 2) **Assemble the Block:** A) Lay out and sew blocks and rows according to Fig. 5 diagram. Be sure to alternate direction of pressed seams for each row.

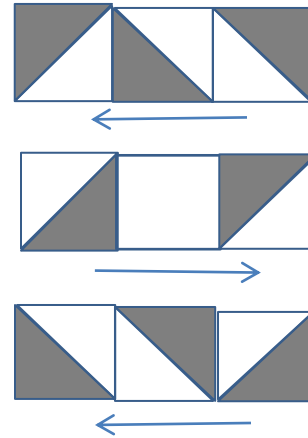


Fig. 5

- B) When sewing the rows together, press the top row seam toward the top of the block, press the bottom row seam toward the bottom of the block. (Fig. 6)

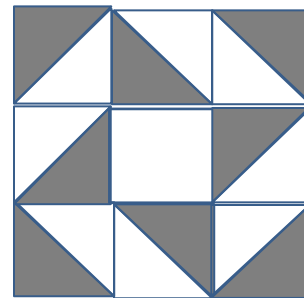


Fig. 6

- 3) **Trim the Block:** Trim block to 5" unfinished size (4 1/2" finished in quilt).
- 4) **Make a total of four (4) blocks.**