

Smithtown Stitchers Block of the Month 2018

Block #2: Dolley Madison Star

All cutting directions yield a total of (2) 12 ½" blocks

Go Cutter

For center 4 patch

Cut 2 strips 3" x 12", one light and one contrast

Using Go-Cutter #55018* on the small square, cut 4 lights and 4 contrast squares

For quarter square triangles

Cut strips 11" x 5 ¾", 1 background, 1 contrast, and 2 star point fabrics

Using Go-Cutter #55047, cut total of 8 background triangles, 8 contrast triangles, and 16 star points

For corner squares

Cut 4 strips of background fabric 5" x 10". Fold in half. Using #55018* upper large square, cut 8 corner squares

*Die #55018 comes with purchase of Go-Cutter

Rotary Cutters

For center 4 patch

cut (4) 2 ½" squares of light and (4) 2 ½" squares of contrast

For quarter square triangles

cut 5 ½" squares: (2) background, (2) contrast, (4) star point fabric

For corner squares

cut (8) 4 ½" squares of background fabric

Assembly

For Go-Cutters, lay block out as shown in picture. For (2) blocks, assemble a total of (8) quarter square triangles and (2) center 4 patches.

For Rotary Cutters

Assemble quarter square triangles: *See accompanying diagram*

Lay a star point and a background fabric right sides together and a star point and contrast fabric right sides together

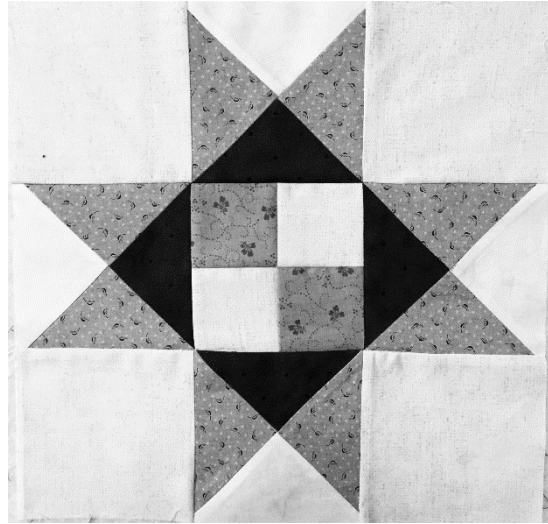
Draw diagonal line from corner to corner on star point fabrics

Sew ¼" on both sides of drawn line on both star point fabrics

Cut apart on line, press to star point fabric

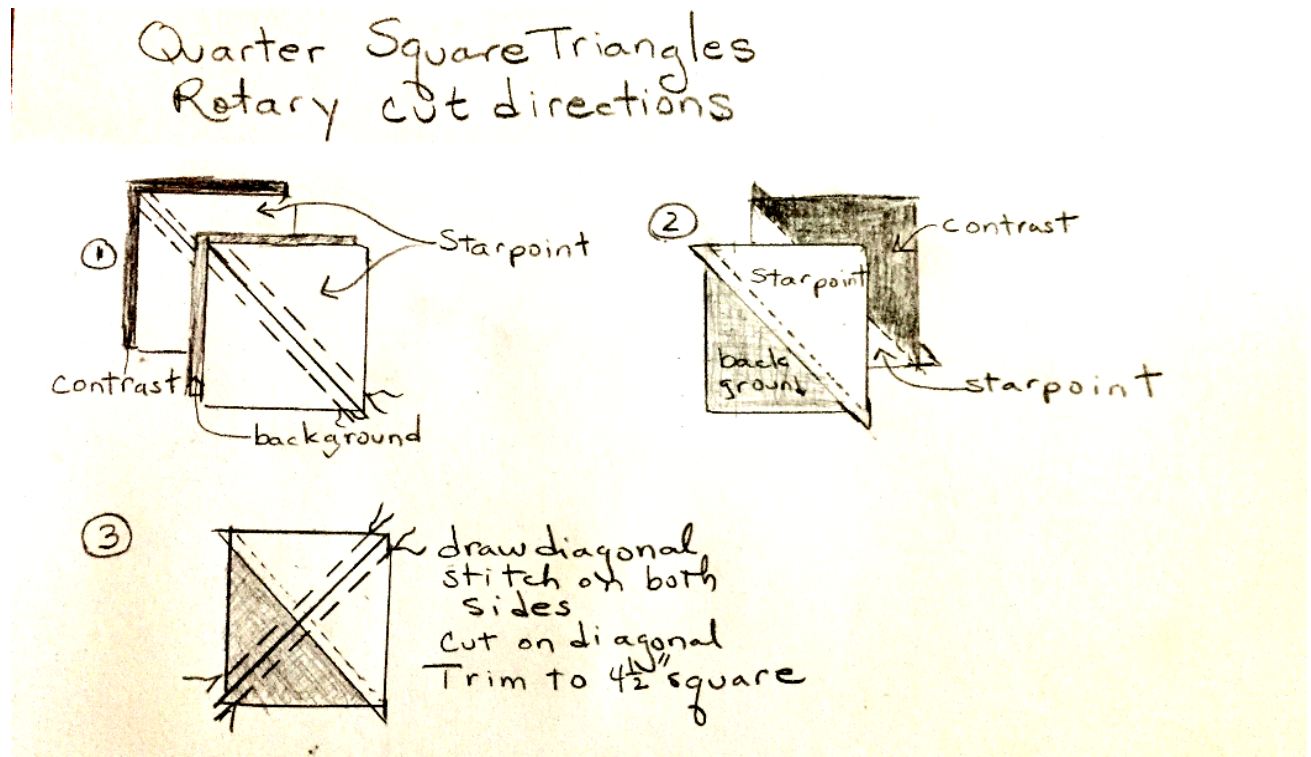
Put background/star point half square triangle right sides together with star point/contrast half square triangle, matching seams. Draw line from corner to corner across seam and stitch ¼" on both sides. Cut apart on drawn line, square up to 4 ½" square.

Assemble center 4 patch. See picture for placement of squares.



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The March/April 2018 edition of McCall's Quilting magazine has a color 'tutorial' on this method of making quarter square triangles on page 62.



Optional: Use your 'focal fabric' as center in place of the 4 patch