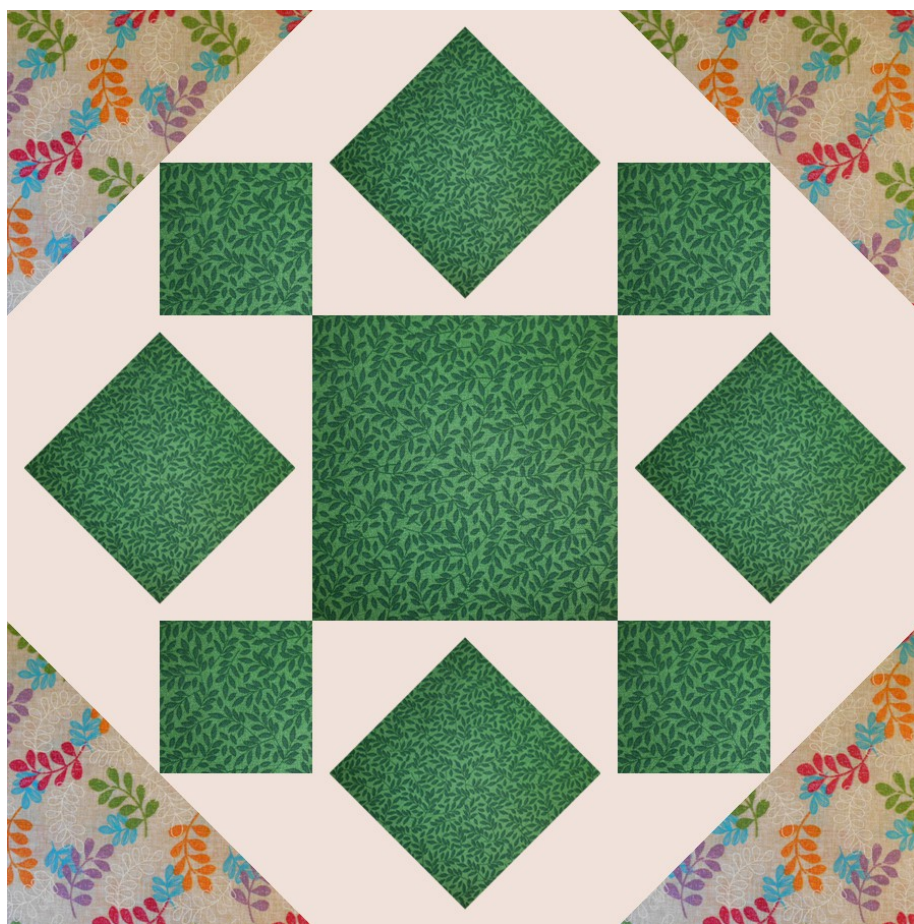


# SUMMER STAR QUILT BLOCK



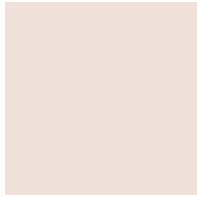
**LEARN HOW TO MAKE THIS BLOCK  
THE SLIGHTLY OFF WAY**

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY  
SLIGHTLY OFF QUILTER**


# MATERIALS LIST

(MAKES 18 ½ " BLOCK )


## BACKGROUND MATERIAL

	# NEEDED	SIZE
	2	8 in. x 4 in.
	2	15 in. x 4 in.
	16	4 in. x 4 in.

## FOCAL MATERIAL

	# NEEDED	SIZE
	1	7 ½ in. x 7 ½ in.
	5	6 ½ in. x 6 ½ in.


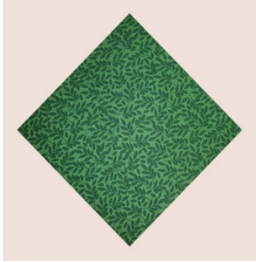

## ACCENT MATERIAL

	# NEEDED	SIZE
	2	8 ½ in. x 8 ½ in.

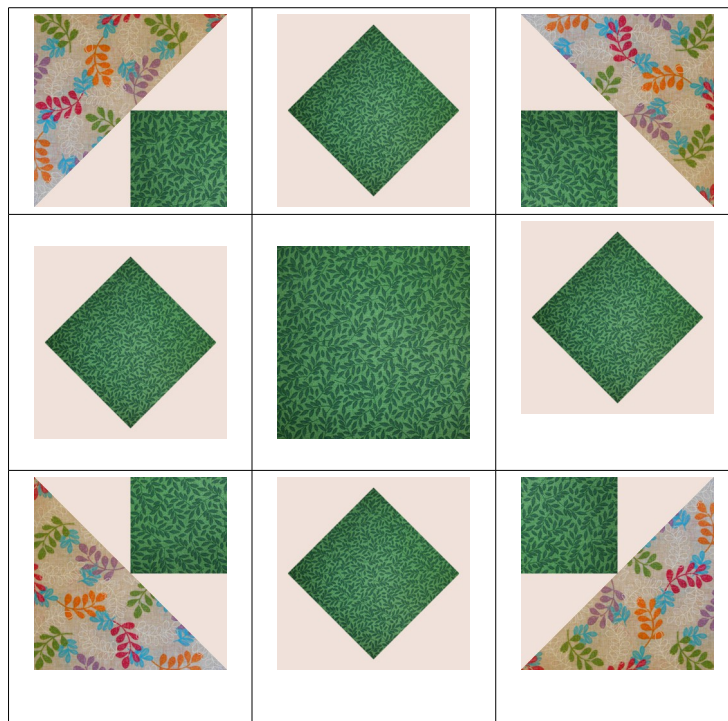
# BREAKING IT DOWN

The Summer star block is essentially a 9 patch block as it can be broken down into a 3 x 3 grid

There are 3 separate units that make up the block

UNIT A	UNIT B	UNIT C
		

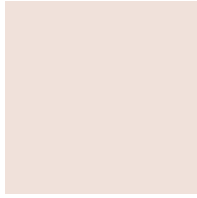
**EACH UNIT MAKES UP ONE SECTION OF THE 9 PATCH CONSTRUCTION**



# UNIT A

## NEEDED PARTS


### BACKGROUND MATERIAL

	# NEEDED	SIZE
	2	8 in. x 4 in.
	2	15 in. x 4 in.

### FOCAL MATERIAL

	# NEEDED	SIZE
	1	7 ½ in. x 7 ½ in.

### ACCENT MATERIAL

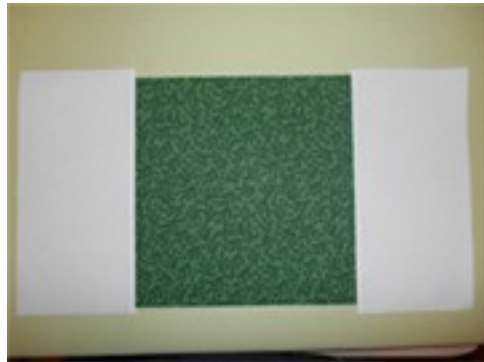
	# NEEDED	SIZE
	2	8 ½ in. x 8 ½ in.

# UNIT A

## CONSTRUCTION

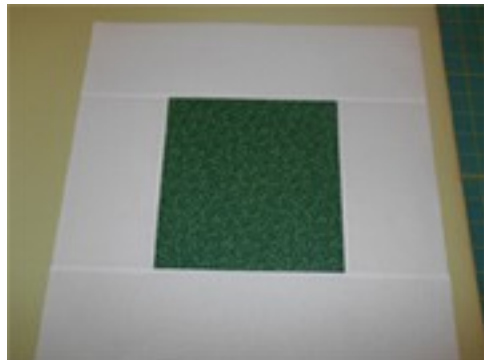
### STEP ONE

Take your 7 ½ in. square and sew one 8 in. by 4 in. strip along two opposite sides to form a rectangle. Trim any excess.



### STEP TWO

Sew one 15 in. x 4 in. strip along each of the long sides of your rectangle to create a framed square. Trim any excess.



### STEP THREE

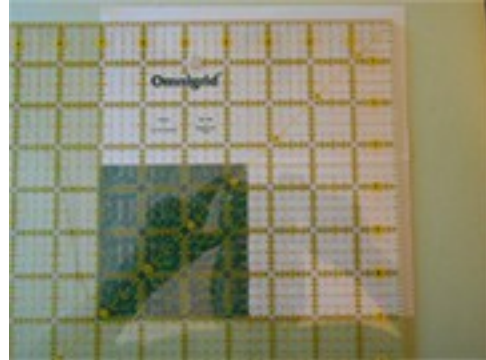
Cut your square evenly into 4 quarters as shown.



## UNIT A CONSTRUCTION PART TWO

### STEP FOUR

Trim each new unit to 7 in. x 7 in. as shown, so that you are only trimming the background fabric and not the focal fabric.



### STEP FIVE

On the back of each unit, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner as shown.



### STEP SIX

Take one of your 8 in. x 8 in. squares of accent fabric and lay one of your units right sides together in one corner as shown.



## UNIT A CONSTRUCTION PART THREE

### STEP SEVEN

#### Sew ON THE LINE

Repeat steps six and seven with your second accent fabric square.



### STEP EIGHT

Line your ruler up so that the  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch line is over your stitched seam and cut off the excess AWAY from the focus fabric side as shown. Do this for both units you just made.



### STEP NINE

Take the piece of accent fabric that you just cut from the first two units and repeat the above steps with your remaining two original units.



## UNIT A CONSTRUCTION PART FOUR

### STEP TEN

Press all four units open.



### STEP ELEVEN

Trim your units to 6 ½ in x 6 ½ in. as shown. Make sure that there is 3 ¼ in. x 3 ¼ in. of focal fabric in the corners before trimming.



### STEP TWELVE

Set these units aside and proceed to Unit B Construction.



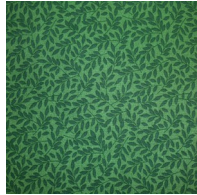
# UNIT B

## NEEDED PARTS

### BACKGROUND MATERIAL

	# NEEDED	SIZE
	16	4 in. x 4 in.

### FOCAL MATERIAL

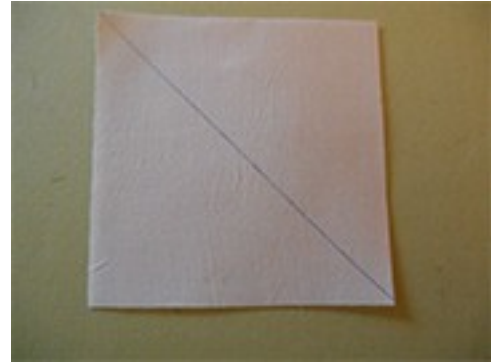
	# NEEDED	SIZE
	4	6 ½ in. x 6 ½ in.

## UNIT B

### CONSTRUCTION

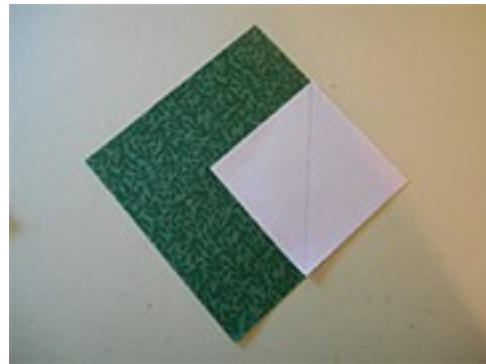
#### STEP ONE

Take your 4 in. x 4 in. squares of background fabric and draw a diagonal line from corner to corner.



#### STEP TWO

Place one background square on top of one of the 6 ½ in. focal fabric squares right sides together as shown.



#### STEP THREE

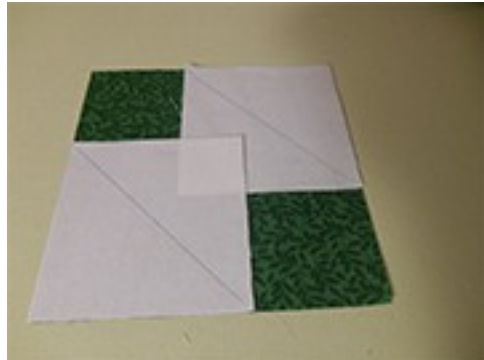
Sew ON THE LINE.

Repeat this for all four focal fabric squares.

## UNIT B CONSTRUCTION PART TWO

### STEP FOUR

Rotate your focal fabric square, and repeat the same steps on the opposite corner as shown.



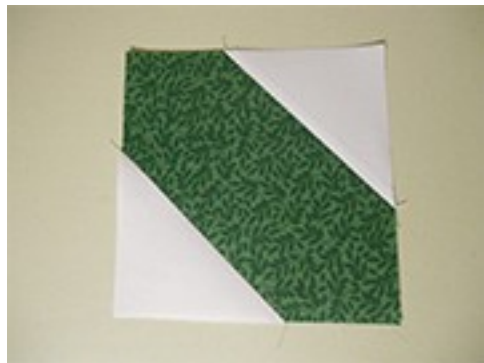
### STEP FIVE

Line your ruler up so that the  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch line is over your stitched seam and cut off the corners as shown. Do this for all four units.



### STEP SIX

Press all four of your units open.



## UNIT B CONSTRUCTION PART THREE

### STEP SEVEN

Repeat the same steps as above on the two remaining corners of each unit.



### STEP EIGHT

You should now have all four units pressed open.



### STEP NINE

Trim each unit to 6 ½ in x 6 ½ in.  
You are now ready to assemble the final block !

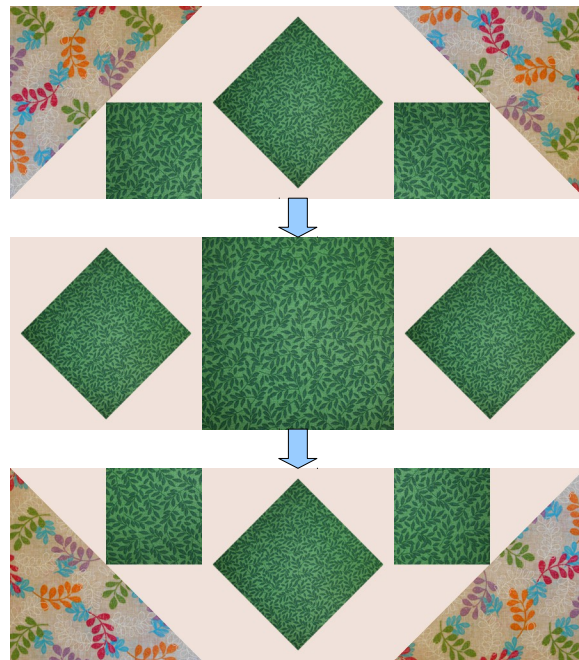
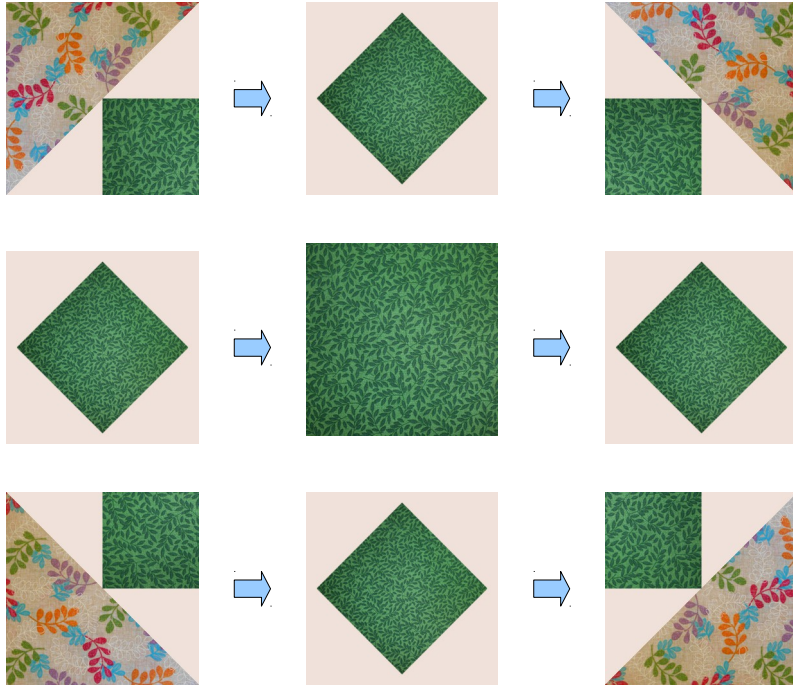


**\* THIS UNIT WAS DESIGNED WITH THE INTENTION OF THE CENTER SQUARE POINTS NOT GOING ALL THE WAY TO THE SEAM, IN ORDER TO GIVE IT THE APPEARANCE THAT IT IS FLOATING AROUND THE CENTER SQUARE IN THE FINISHED BLOCK.**

**\*\* IF YOU PREFER YOUR UNITS POINTS TO TOUCH THE SEAM IN THE FINAL BLOCK, CREATE YOUR UNITS USING 3 ½ IN. SQUARES OF BACKGROUND FABRIC INSTEAD OF 4 IN.**

## FINAL BLOCK CONSTRUCTION

Assemble your block as shown.



## CONGRATULATIONS !

Trim your final block to 18 ½ in. x 18 ½ in.



## FINAL NOTES

I am sure that there are many other ways to create this block, I am only showing you the way that I personally do it. If you have a preferred method of creating any of the individual units in this block please feel free to do it whatever way works best for you.

I know that my methods of creating the units result in a sizable amount of scraps, and again, this is just my personal preference. I prefer to trim down, rather than come up too small in the end.

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