

Split Back Star Block

2023 QOV Block of the Year

Pieces needed for one 12 1/2" finished block:

White Fabric	1-4 1/2" square
	8-2 1/2" squares
Red Fabric	3-4 1/2" square
	1-5" square
Blue Fabric	3-4 1/2" square
	1-5" square



Directions:

1. Place a 2 1/2" white square on the lower left corner of a blue 4 1/2" square right sides together. Draw a diagonal line from top left to bottom right on the white square. **Figure 1**. Sew this line. Pull the blue fabric back under the square and trim the white square 1/4" below the seam. **Figure 2**. Fold the white fabric towards the corner of the red fabric and press flat. Repeat with a blue 4 1/2" square and two red 4 1/2" squares.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

2. Sew the 4 remaining 2 1/2" squares to the bottom right side of the red and blue 4 1/2" squares. **Figure 3**. Trim the white squares 1/4" below the seam line. Press the white fabrics towards the corner. These four units will make the star points.

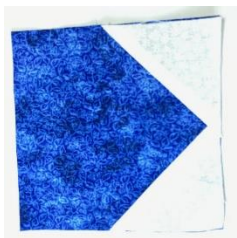


Figure 4

3. Place a 5" red square and a 5" blue square right sides together. Draw a line diagonally and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the line. **Figure 5.** Cut on the drawn line and press towards the blue fabric. Square both HST units to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square. **Figure 6.**



Figure 5

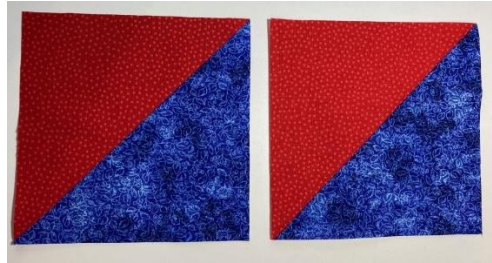


Figure 6

4. With the remaining blue, red and white $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares you now have 9 squares, each measuring $4\frac{1}{2}$ ". Lay out the squares to form the split back star block in three rows. **Figure 7.** Sew each row together to form the block.



Figure 7