

BLOCK PATTERN: SQUARE IN A STAR

Skill Level BEGINNER

Finished Size: 12" x 12"

Cutting Instructions:

Background cream/off white

12 rectangles 2½" x 4½"

4 squares 2½" x 2½"

Blue or any spring colored solid/near solid

12 squares 2½" x 2½"

Floral print fussy cut if you'd like to!

1 square 4½" x 4½"

Press seams open or nest as desired



Piecing the Block:

Step 1. Draw a diagonal line on wrong side of 2½" blue square. Layer blue square and 2½" x 4½" background rectangle, right sides together, aligning raw edges. Sew directly on top of drawn line. Cut away excess fabric ¼" from seamline. Open and press. Repeat for other end of rectangle (**Diagram I**). Make 4 pieced rectangles.



Diagram I

Step 2. Referring to **Diagram II**, sew blue 2½" squares, 2½" x 4½" rectangles, and 4½" floral print square together to make 9-patch. Make 1.



Diagram II

Step 3. Sew 2½" background squares to each side of pieced rectangle to make top/bottom pieced strip (**Diagram III**). Sew pieced strip to top and bottom of 9-patch unit.

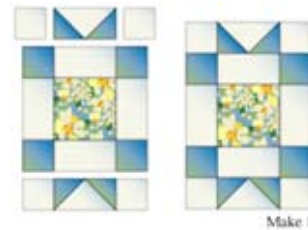


Diagram III

Step 4. Sew 2½" x 4½" background rectangles to each side of pieced rectangle to make side pieced strips (**Diagram IV**). Sew to each side to make Square in a Star Block.



Diagram IV

For once it's great to be square! This month's BOM, the "Square in a Star" block lets you share a bit about who you are, what you enjoy, things that make you think of spring, a memory of springtime activities, or whatever things you can fussy cut to star in this block!

After making a block, take a picture and share it on Mudsock's Facebook with a paragraph that lets everyone learn a bit about who their fellow quilters are.