

Bay Area Quilt Guild Scrap Exchange

General Instructions

1. Use only good quality 100% cotton fabric and thread. Pre-wash all fabric.
2. Seams must be an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " - please measure your own blocks in stages and the completed blocks before turning in.
3. If you choose to make more sets than the minimum required per instructions, each new set must be done in different fabrics. Label each additional pinned group as #2.
4. No duplicates in a pinned group unless stated in the instructions.
5. No IOUs.
6. Press blocks from the back first to make sure seam allowances are going the correct direction, then press the front to check for accuracy of points. Trim all threads and clip nubs. DO NOT trim block or square it up...as this cuts off points.
7. Pin blocks into groups according to the instructions and label each pinned group with your name and phone number. Place labeled pinned groups in a large baggie and label the outside with your name, phone number and the number of pinned groups traded. Remember one pinned group per person goes to the guild.
8. If you stitch blocks to trade together instead of pinning, please use ONLY 2 or 3 large basting stitches. DO NOT stick name labels to blocks, please use pins or basting stitch.

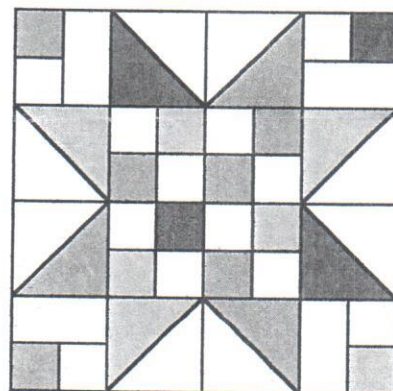
Terminology: SET - all blocks from the same fabric

PINNED GROUPS - one block from each SET for maximum variety - no repeats

STASH BUSTERS

Patriotic Checkerboard Stars

BLOCK SIZE: 16" finished (16 1/2" unf.)
DUE DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 25, Fabrics Etc box
MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 2, 6pm before guild meeting
CONTACT PERSON: Winnie Fleming 713-303-2795
PINNED GROUPS TO TRADE: 16 PINNED GROUPS each consisting of 2 different blocks
FABRICS: PRINTS: PATRIOTIC REDS and BLUES, combination prints, tone on tones, stars, stripes., with variety of textures. Limit amount of tans or lights.
BACKGROUNDS: WHITE on whites (bleached white) no color. See swatches
FABRICS NOT TO USE: NO SOLIDS. reds and blues only



16" finished (16 1/2" unf.)

*It's ok to repeat a few fabrics in a block or in both SETS but limit the repeats.
The backgrounds (whites) can be scrappy or all the same but should "read" the same.*

Yardage needed for 1 SET (16 blocks). Repeat for the second SET.

Background White on White - 3 yards total

Patriotic Reds and Blues - 2 1/2 yards total (12 - 2 1/2" strips and 8 approx 12" x 21") 20 different fabrics if not repeating

Instructions for 1 SET (16 blocks). Repeat a total of 2 times for 32 blocks. All strips are cut WOF (42") unless otherwise stated.

1. CHECKERBOARD: center block

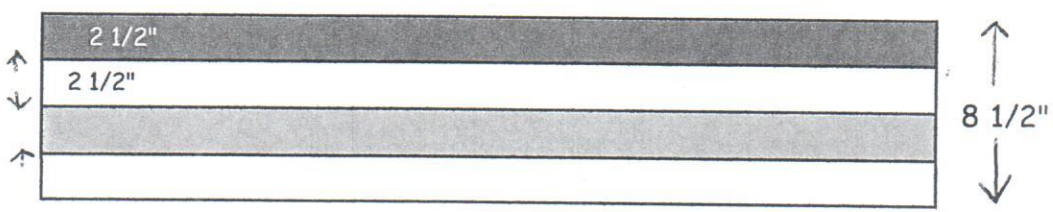
Cut the following:

WHITE - Cut 8 - 2 1/2" strips

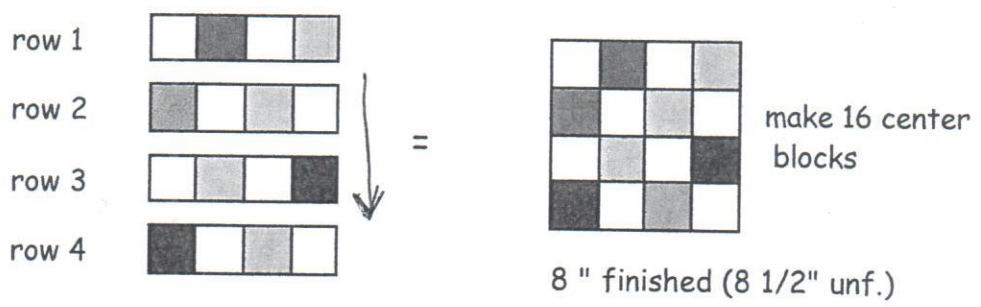
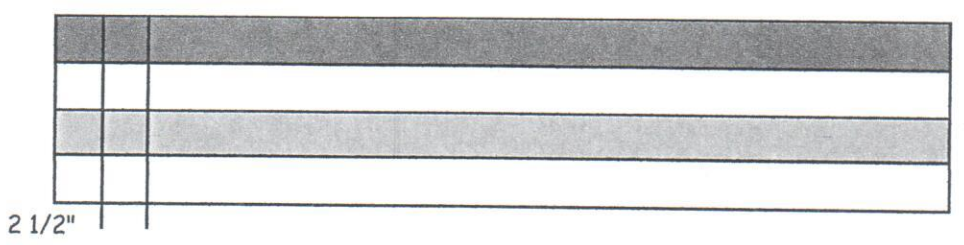
PATRIOTIC PRINTS - CUT 8 - 2 1/2" strips

Make 4 different strip sets, alternating prints and white. Each strip set with 2 whites and 2 different prints. Press toward the Prints. Each strip set should measure 8 1/2" raw edge to raw edge.

make 4 with different prints



Next, subcut 16 - 2 1/2" segments from each strip set. Each strip set is a different row of the checkerboard. Sew rows together alternating direction of each row according to the diagram. Make 16 Center blocks. Press completed checkerboard to one side.



2. CORNER BLOCKS

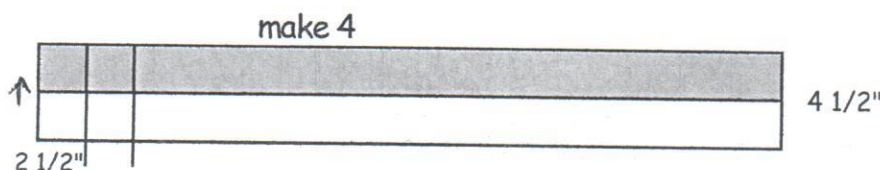
Cut the following:

WHITE - Cut 4 - 2 1/2" strips

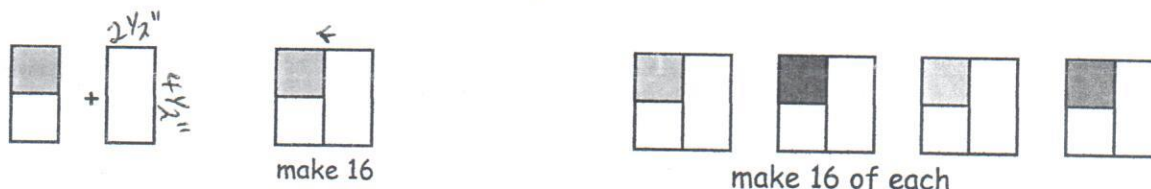
Cut 4 - 4 1/2" strips, subcut 16 - 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" from each 4 1/2" strip for a total of 64 - 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles

PATRIOTIC PRINTS - Cut 4 different 2 1/2" strips

Make 4 different strip sets each consisting of one white and one patriotic print. Press toward the print. Each strip set should measure 4 1/2". Subcut 16 - 2 1/2" segments from each strip set.



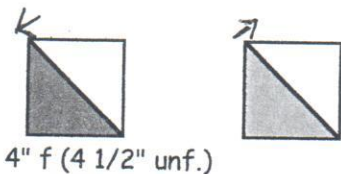
Next, sew a WHITE 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangle to each cut segment (16 of each x 4 for a total of 64 blocks). Press toward the cut segment.



3. STAR TIP UNITS:

Use 4" Finished Half Square Triangle Papers On A Roll, pairing one White and One Patriotic Print - make 16 HSTs. Repeat a total of 8 times with different Patriotic Prints. Follow instructions on the paper: pair fabrics right sides together, pin paper on top, shorten stitch length and stitch ON the dashed diagonal lines. Cut on the solid lines, remove paper, press HALF of the Prints to the DARK and press the other half towards the white. Clip excess tips once pressed for a clean block.

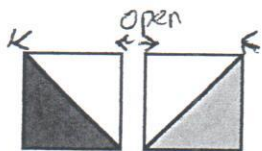
If NOT using the papers on a roll, CUT 1 - 4 7/8" strip from both White and Patriotic Prints, subcut 8 - 4 7/8" squares from both, draw a diagonal line on the backside of all white squares, pair with print and stitch 1/4" on both sides of the drawn line. Cut on the line, press accordingly. Repeat for a total of 8 fabric combinations making 16 HSTs of each.



make 8 fabric combinations, 16 of each.
Press half toward the dark and half toward the white

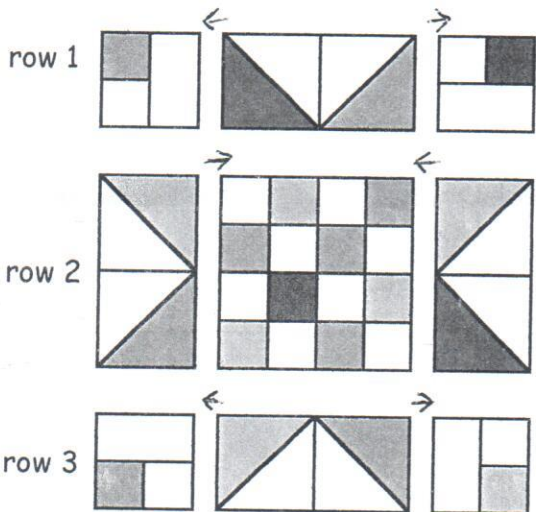
STAR TIPS continued:

Next, sew 2 different HSTs together for 16 pairs. Make 4 different combinations, 16 star tips of each. Seams should be opposing for finer points. Press pairs open.

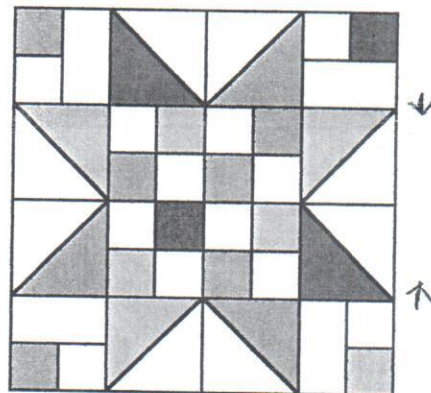


make 16 (repeat 4 times)

4. Now that all units are made, you are ready to sew the blocks together by rows:
 Row 1 - sew a corner block to both ends of the star tip. Row 2, sew a star tip to both sides of the center block. Row 3, sew a corner block to both ends of the star tip...according to the diagram. Arrows indicate pressing directions. Last sew rows together for 16 final blocks.



make 16



16" f. (16 1/2" unf.)

One Pinned Group:

