

Fireworks  
Block of the Month  
July, 2008

Dear MPQG members who receive only the printed Newsletter:

The instructions for the block of the month for July, 2008, would not fit onto one page, try as I might to make them do so. ***The newsletter this month unexpectedly had extra room, so it is included here in full.***

For future times when this isn't an option, these instructions can be downloaded. Now is a good time to learn how to do that if you are not familiar yet with how to use [www.mpqg.org](http://www.mpqg.org).

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This block is not terribly difficult, but it is very important to pay attention to ¼" seams, and to press each seam carefully. Since many of the seams are sewn on the bias, I also found it helpful to stabilize the fabric a bit by starching it lightly before cutting out the various parts. (My husband made the block, too, and did not starch the fabric – his ended up at exactly 12" square, instead of 12-1/2" square, no matter how hard he tried, because he had to trim some parts to keep them square. Those of you who have seen some of his blocks know that his woodworking skills usually let him make some very accurate blocks!)

The instructions for the August Block of the Month will fit on one page, as usual.

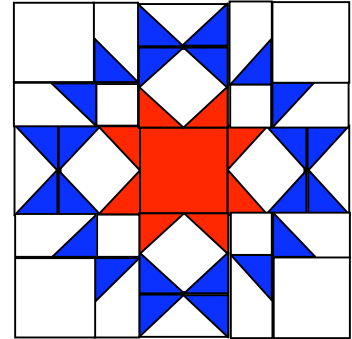
Thank you for participating in the Block of the Month!

***Sincerely, Debbie Biller***

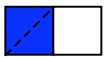
## Fireworks Block of the Month July, 2008

The Fireworks (aka Green Mountain) Block uses three different fabrics: red, white and blue for July, of course! Carefully using 1/4" seams, you will complete a 12-1/2" unfinished block. It's a little complicated, but I know you can do it!

**CUT:** Red fabric: one 3-1/2" square  
 eight 2" squares  
 Blue fabric: twenty-four 2" squares  
 White fabric: eight 3-1/2" squares  
 four 2" squares  
 twelve 2" x 3-1/2" rectangles



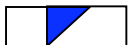
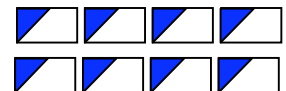
1) On the wrong side of the twenty-four 2" squares of blue fabric lightly mark a diagonal line as shown. Do the same thing to the eight red 2" squares.



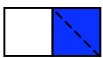
2) Take one of the 2" x 3-1/2" rectangles of white fabric and place one of the 2" marked blue squares on top of the rectangle with the marked diagonal line placed as shown, right sides together. Sew on the diagonal line. Repeat with seven more 2" x 3-1/2" white rectangles and seven more 2" blue squares to make eight units:



3) Trim 1/4" away from the sewn diagonal line as shown. Press the seam allowance toward the blue side. The completed eight units should measure 2" x 3-1/2". Four will be used in Step 4, and four in Step 9.



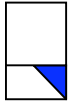
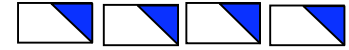
4) Take one of the units completed in Step 3 and one of the 2" white squares and piece together as shown. Repeat to make four of these units altogether. Press the seam allowance toward the blue side. The completed units should measure 2" x 5".



5) Take one of the 2" x 3-1/2" white rectangles and place one of the 2" marked blue squares, right sides together, on top of the rectangle with the marked diagonal line placed as shown. Sew on the diagonal line. Repeat to make four of these units altogether.

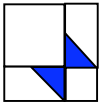


6) For each unit made in Step 5, trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn diagonal line as shown. Press the seam allowance toward the blue side. The four completed units should each measure 2" x 3-1/2".

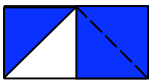


7) Take one of the units completed in Step 6 and one of the 3-1/2" white squares and piece together as shown. Repeat to make four of these units altogether. Press the seam allowance toward the white 2" square. The four completed units should measure 3-1/2" x 5".

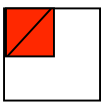
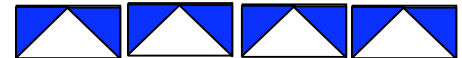
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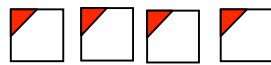
8) Take one of the units completed in Step 4 and one of the units completed in Step 7 and piece them together into a corner unit as shown. Repeat to make four of these corner units. These completed units should measure 5" square.



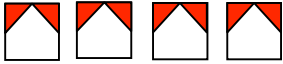
9) Take one of the remaining four units from Step 3 and place one of the 2" marked blue squares, on top of the unit with the marked diagonal line placed as shown, right sides together. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn diagonal line as you did in Step 6, and press the seam toward the blue side. Repeat with the three remaining Step 3 units and three more 2" blue squares to make four units altogether, each measuring 2" x 3-1/2".



10) Take one of the 3-1/2" white squares of background fabric and place one of the 2" marked red squares on top of the square with the marked diagonal line placed as shown, right sides together. Sew on the diagonal line, then trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn line, and press the seam toward the red side. Repeat with three remaining 3-1/2" white squares and three more 2" red squares, to make four units like this:

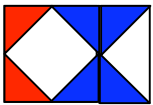
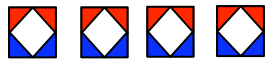




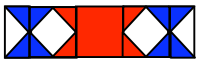
11) Take one of the units from Step 11 and place one of the 2" marked red squares on top of the square with the marked diagonal line placed as shown, right sides together. Sew on the diagonal line, then trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from  the sewn line, and press the seam toward the red side. Repeat with three remaining Step 11 units and three remaining 2" red squares, to make four units like this:



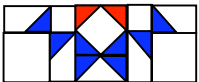
12) Repeat Step 11 and Step 12 using 2" blue squares on the other two corners of the units made in Step 12. You will have four completed units like the one shown. Each unit should measure  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



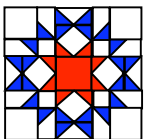
13) Take one of the units completed in Step 9 and one of the units completed in Step 13 and piece together as shown. Repeat with the three remaining Step 9 and Step 13 units. Press the seam allowances toward the Step 12 unit. These four completed units should measure  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5".



14) Take two of the units completed in Step 14 and piece together with the  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " red square as shown to complete the center row of the Green Mountain Star quilt Block. Press the seam allowances toward the center. The completed row should measure  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".



15) Take one of the units completed in Step 8 and two of the Step 14 units and piece them together as shown to form the bottom row of the Block. Repeat with the final Step 22 unit and Step 8 units to form the top row of the Block. Press the seam allowances toward the outside. These completed rows should each measure 5" x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".



16) Piece together the three rows completed in Steps 15 and 16 to finish your Fireworks Star!