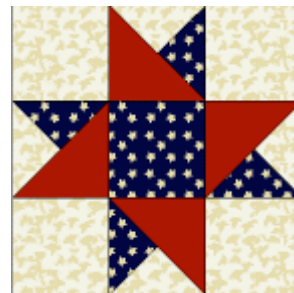


March 2008 Block of the Month

Party Hats Friendship Star variation II

You will notice some similarities between this block and the Friendship Star blocks of January and February, except that now the Star's points are double. The unfinished size, once again, is 12-1/2" square. You might want to review the Tips for Precision Sewing, found in your December Newsletter or on the Website in the Block of the Month section.

Let's use red, blue, and white or off-white fabric as shown.



Cut:

Fabric 1 (Background): White/off-white

Four squares 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" and

One square 5-1/4" x 5-1/4" cut twice diagonally ... yield: four quarter-square triangles.

Fabric 2: Red

Two squares 4-7/8" x 4-7/8" cut once diagonally ... yield: four half-square triangles

Fabric 3: Blue

One square 4-1/2" x 4-1/2"

One square 5-1/4" x 5-1/4" cut twice diagonally ... yield: four quarter-square triangles.

Piece the Block, using 1/4" seams throughout:

1. Sew together one blue and one white/off-white quarter-square triangle, as shown in the diagram. Press the seam toward the blue side. Make four of these. (*Make sure to have the blue on the right side.*)



2. Next, sew the blue and white triangle to a red half-square triangle, to form a pieced-square sub unit. Press the seam toward the red side. Make four of these subunits, each measuring 4-1/2" square.



3. Piece two of the pieced-square subunits with the 4 1/2" blue fabric square as shown, to create the center row unit of the Block. Press the seams in toward the center square.



4. Create the upper Block row by piecing together one of the pieced-square subunits with two of the 4-1/2" background squares as shown. Repeat this process to make the lower Block row. Press the seams out, toward the background squares.



5. Piece the three Block rows together as shown to create the finished Block. Press the seams toward the outside edge of the Block. The completed, unfinished Block should measure 12-1/2" inches square which includes a 1/4" seam allowance on all sides.

