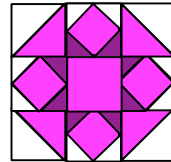
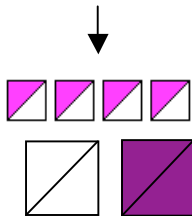


Hidden Star Block of the Month May, 2008



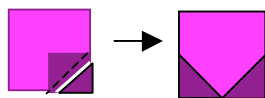
The Hidden Star Block is a little more difficult than the Friendship Stars, but only a little! It uses three different fabrics. For a change this month, let's use pink, purple and white – solids or prints, as you choose. Use careful $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams!

Cut: Pink: one $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x $9\frac{3}{4}$ " rectangle and five $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
 Purple: eight $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
 White: one $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x $9\frac{3}{4}$ " rectangle and eight $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

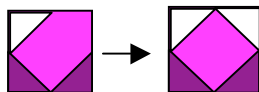
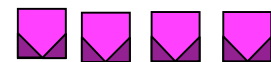


1) Place the two $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x $9\frac{3}{4}$ " rectangles with right sides together, lightest of the two fabrics on top. Lightly draw a straight line $4\frac{7}{8}$ " from the short edge dividing the rectangle in half and forming two squares, then draw two diagonal lines through the center of the two squares as shown. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the diagonal line on both sides. Cut the rectangles apart on the drawn lines creating four half square triangle components. Press the seams to the darker fabric. The finished units (half-triangle squares) should measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

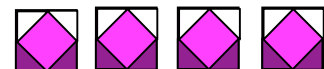
2) Lightly mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of the eight $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of white fabric and on the eight $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of purple fabric.



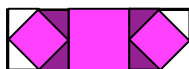
3) Take one of the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " pink squares and one of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " purple squares and place them right sides together with the marked diagonal line placed as shown. Sew on the marked line. Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn line, (*being careful to cut off the excess toward the corner, not the larger part of the unit!*) and press the seam allowance toward the smaller square. Repeat this step to apply another $2\frac{1}{2}$ " purple square to an adjacent corner as shown. Repeat to make a total of **four** units.



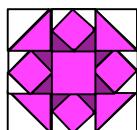
4) Using the unit completed in Step 3, repeat the same process at the diagonal opposite corner, using a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " white square. Sew on the diagonally marked line. Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn line (*being careful to cut off the excess toward the corner, not the larger part of the unit!*) and press the seam allowance toward the smaller square. Repeat this step to apply another $2\frac{1}{2}$ " white square to the adjacent corner as shown. Make a total of **four** units, each measuring $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



7) Using one of the units completed in Step 4 (a "Step 4 unit") and two of the half-triangle squares made in Step 1, create the top row of the Block by piecing the units as shown, sewing with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams. Press the seam allowance toward the outer units. Repeat this process to create the bottom row of the Block. Each row should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".



8) Using the remaining two Step 4 units and the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square of pink fabric piece the center row of the Block as shown, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press the seam allowance toward the center pink square. This unit should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".



9) Piece the three rows together as shown to complete the Hidden Star Block. The finished Block should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square, which includes a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance on all sides.

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