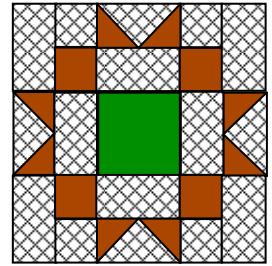


# Square in a Star

Block of the Month November, 2008



The Square in a Star design uses three fabrics and will produce a 12-1/2" unfinished block. For this time of year, I chose green, brown, and a lighter background fabric. As always, be careful to use an exact 1/4" seam unless otherwise stated, and to match your points.

## Cut:

### Green

One 4-1/2" square

### Background

One 5-1/4" square

Four 2-1/2" squares

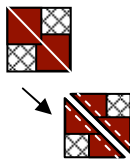
Eight rectangles 2-1/2"x 4-1/2"

### Brown

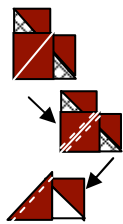
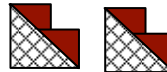
Four 2-1/2" squares

Four 2-7/8" squares

## Make Flying Geese units:



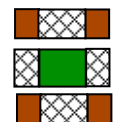
1. Right sides together, lay two of the brown 2-7/8" squares on the 5-1/2" background square as shown. Using a ruler, draw a line diagonally from the top left corner to the bottom right corner. Stitch a scant 1/4" on both sides of the drawn line. Cut exactly along the drawn line. Press the seams toward the brown side to make two units like this:



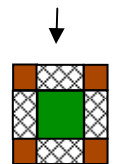
2. Draw a line diagonally on each of the remaining brown 2-7/8" squares. Right sides together, lay one of these marked squares on the sewn unit as shown; stitch a scant 1/4" on both sides of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line. Press the seams toward the brown side. Repeat this process with the remaining sewn unit and the remaining brown 2-7/8" square. You will have four flying geese, each measuring 2-1/2"x 4-1/2".



## Make a Nine-Patch:



3. Sew a brown 2-1/2" square to each end of a background rectangle. Press the seams toward the outside. Repeat this step to make two of these units, each measuring 2-1/2"x 8-1/2".

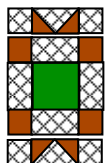


4. Sew a background rectangle to two opposite sides of the green 4-1/2" square. Press the seams toward the center. It should measure 4-1/2"x 8-1/2".



5. Assemble these units as shown to make the center Nine-Patch for the block. Press the seams toward the outside. The Nine-Patch unit should measure 8-1/2"x 8-1/2".

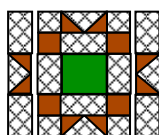
## Assemble the block:



6. Sew a 2-1/2" background square to each end of a Flying Geese unit. Press the seams toward the center. Repeat this step to make two of these Flying Geese strips, each measuring 2-1/2"x 8-1/2".



7. Sew one Flying Geese strip to the Nine-Patch as shown. Sew the other Flying Geese strip to the opposite side of the Nine-Patch as shown to complete the inner block unit. Press the seams toward the outside.



8. Sew a background rectangle to each end of the two remaining Flying Geese units. Press the seams toward the center.

9. Sew these Flying Geese strips to the remaining sides of the Nine-Patch inner block unit as shown, pressing the seams toward the outside. You have completed your Square in a Star block!