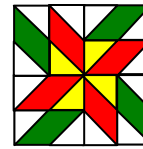


Friendship Star, Variation 5

MPQG Block of the Month

January, 2009



This variation of a Friendship Star uses four different fabrics. As there are several bias seams, it's a good idea to lightly spray-starch your fabric before cutting it, to aid stability. Make sure to use 1/4" seams, including the actual thread in the measurement, so as to help your block be 12-1/2" square when it's completed.

CUT:

Red: four 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles

Yellow: four 3-1/2" squares

Green: four 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles

White: twelve 3-1/2" squares



1) Lightly mark a line on the diagonal of the wrong side of the four 3-1/2" yellow squares and the twelve 3-1/2" white squares.



2) Place one of the 3-1/2" yellow squares on top of one of the 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" red rectangles, right sides together, with the marked diagonal line as shown. Sew on the diagonal line. Repeat with the three remaining red rectangles.



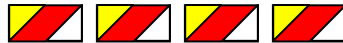
3) Trim the fabric 1/4" away from the sewn line as shown. Press the seam toward the yellow side.



4) Using the units created in Step 3, place one of the 3-1/2" white squares with the marked diagonal line positioned as shown, on top of the unit, right sides together. Sew on the marked line. Repeat with the three remaining units from Step 3.



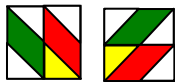
5) Trim the fabric 1/4" away from the sewn line as shown. Press the seam toward the white side. The completed rectangle should measure 3-1/2" x 6-1/2". Make four of these units.



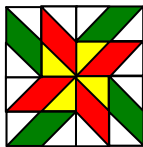
6) Repeat steps 1-5 to make four units as shown, using one green 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangle and two white squares to make each one. Press the seams toward the white sides. The completed rectangles should each measure 3-1/2" x 6-1/2".



7) Take one of the units completed in Step 5 and one of the units completed in Step 6 and piece together as shown. Press the seam allowance toward the rectangle which contains red. Repeat with the remaining units. The four completed units should each measure 6-1/2" square.



8) Piece two of the squares completed in Step 7 together as shown. Repeat with the remaining two squares. Press the seam allowance to either side, just remaining consistent. The completed units should each measure 6-1/2" x 12-1/2" inches.



9) Piece together the two units completed in Step 11 as shown to completed the block. Press the seam allowance to either side. The completed block should measure 12-1/2" square.