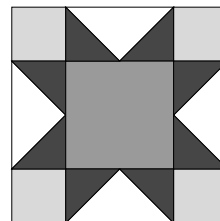


Sawtooth Star

Instructions are given for an eight (twelve) inch block.

- Sawtooth Star is a simple four-patch block – that is, it is made up from four (or in this case 16) smaller units.
- It is best made to finish at a size that is a multiple of 4 – i.e. 8 inches or 12 inches etc.
- You will need a minimum of three fabrics including a background.



Cutting



From light cut:
 1, 5¼" (7¼") squares; cut in 4 diagonally.



From medium cut:
 4, 2½" (3½") squares

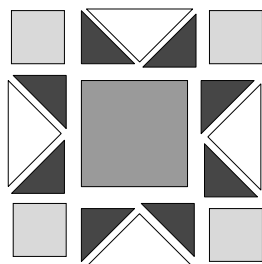


From dark cut:
 4, 2⅞" (3⅞") squares; cut in 2 diagonally



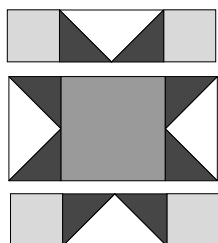
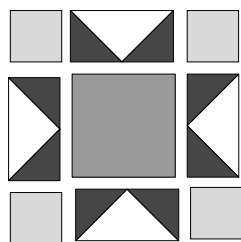
From contrast cut:
 1, 4½" (6½") square

Making the block



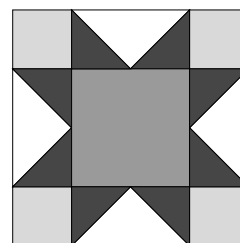
Lay block pieces out as shown.

Stitch units first



Stitch units into rows

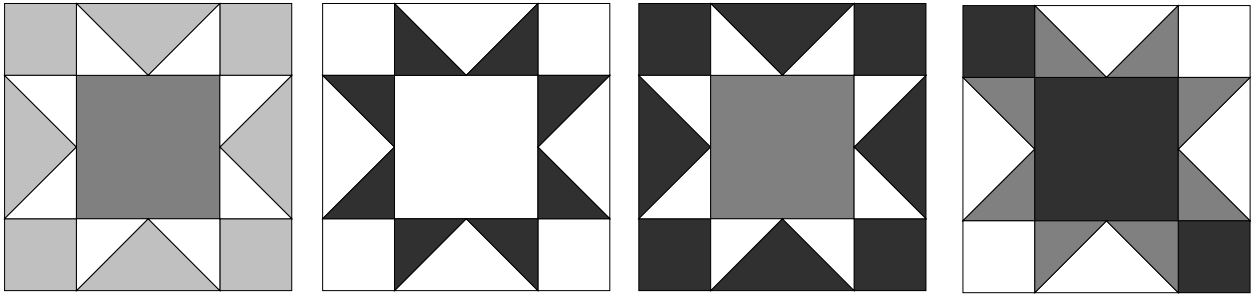
Finally stitch rows to complete
 Sawtooth Star block.



Ideas

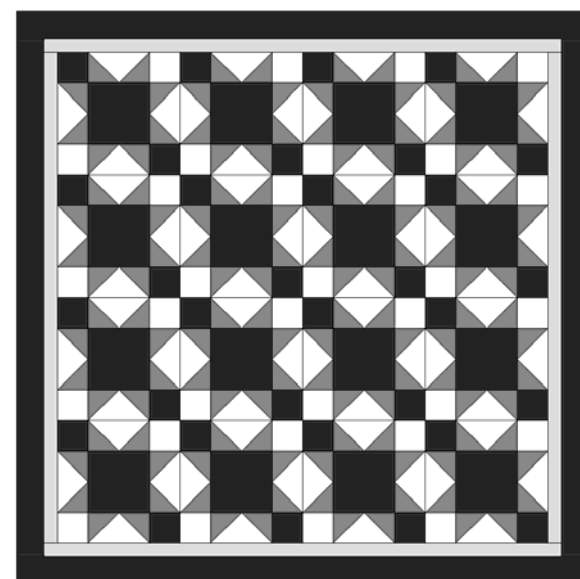
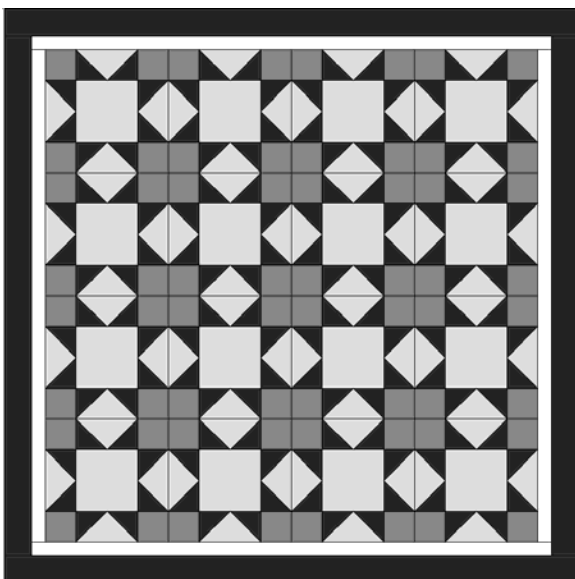
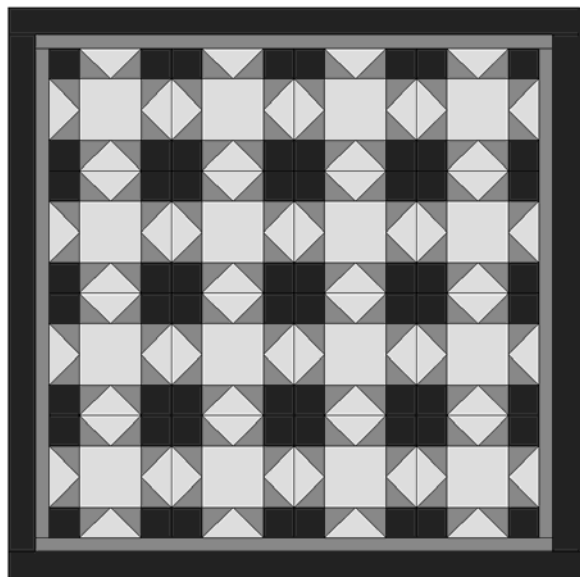
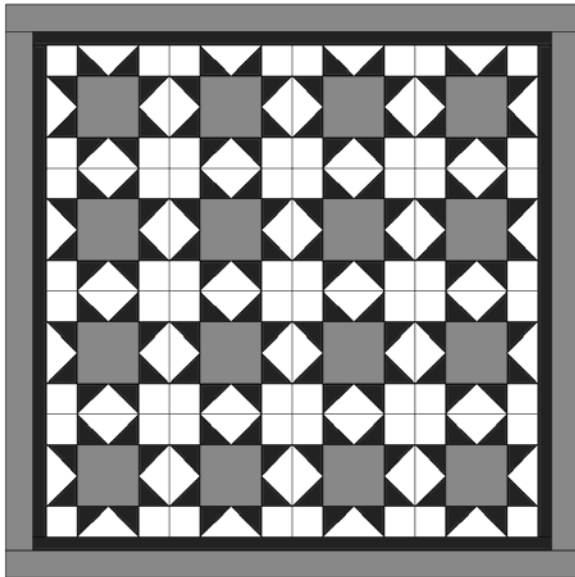
Block colourings

Try altering the placements of lights, darks and mediums in the block.

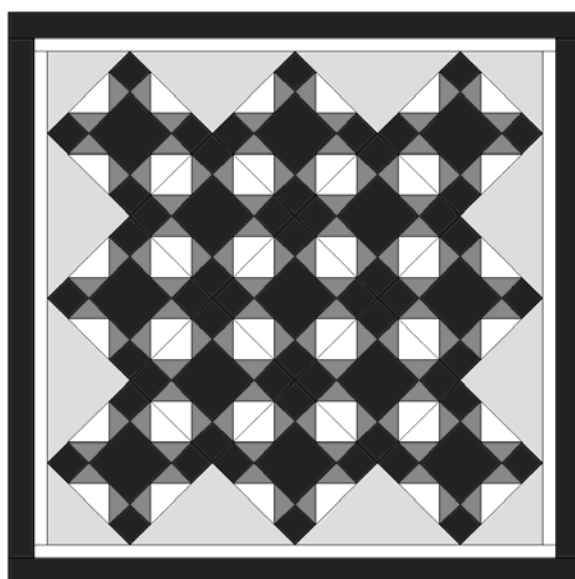
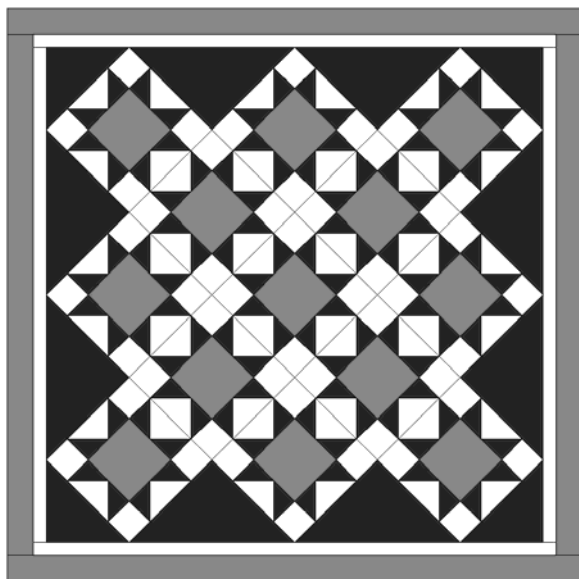


Making quilts

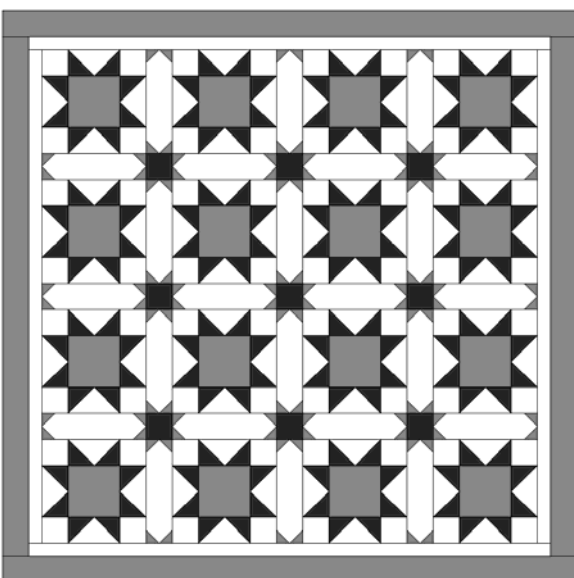
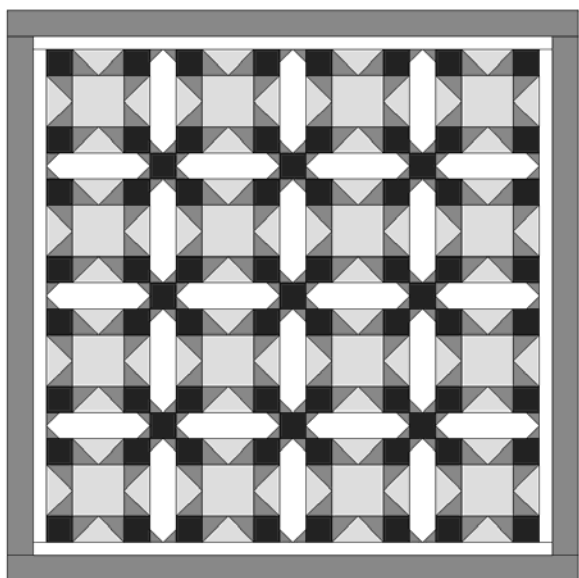
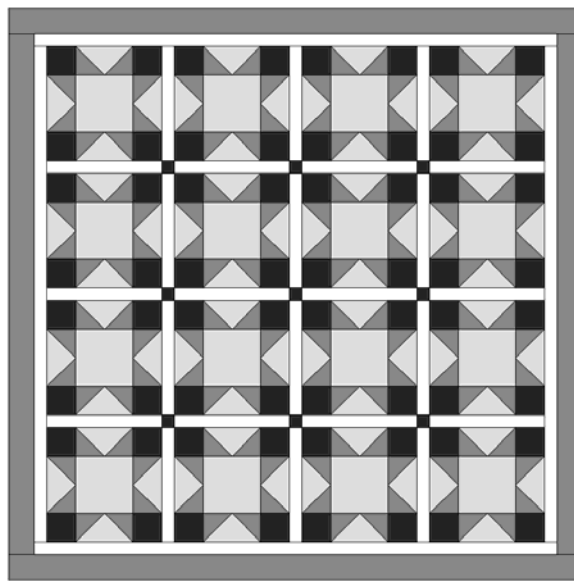
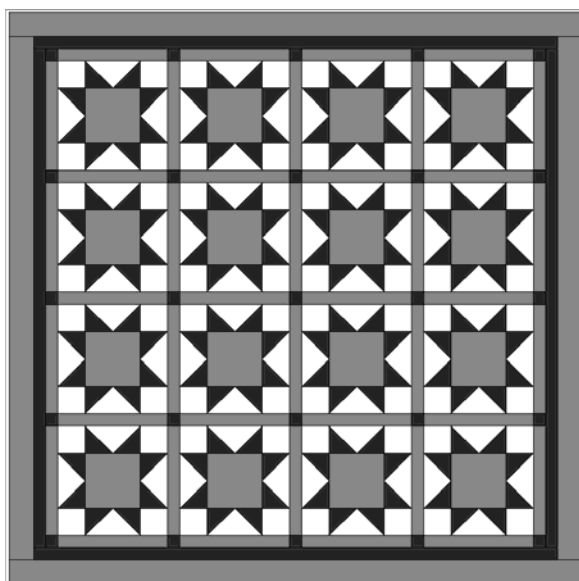
Set edge to edge 4 x 4 of the same colour and fabrics can look quite boring. Using different fabrics of the same shade can liven things up however – though this doesn't show up in our black and white diagrams.



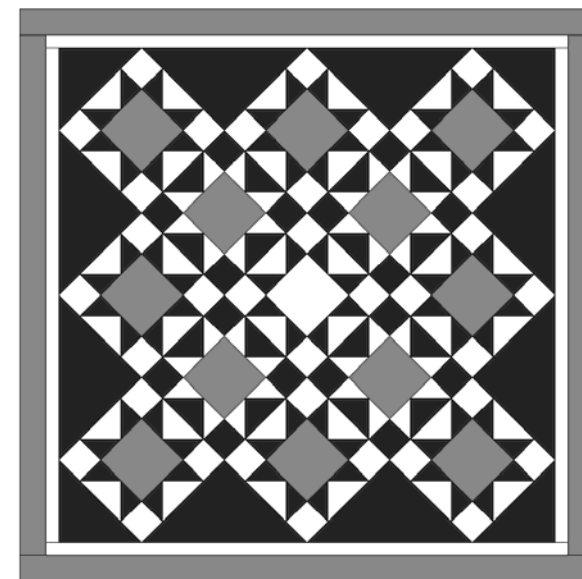
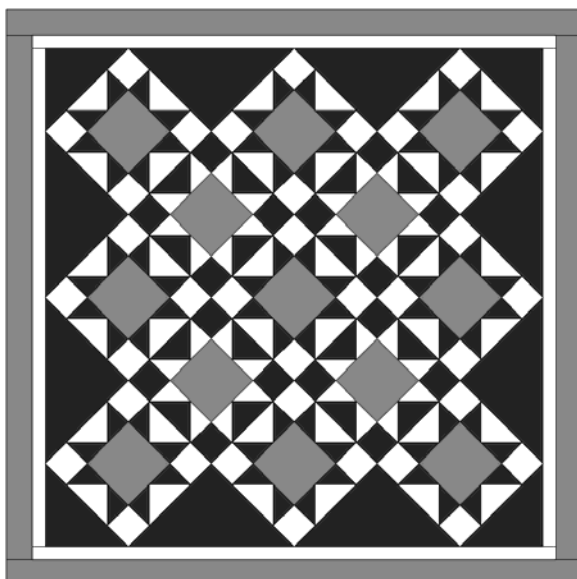
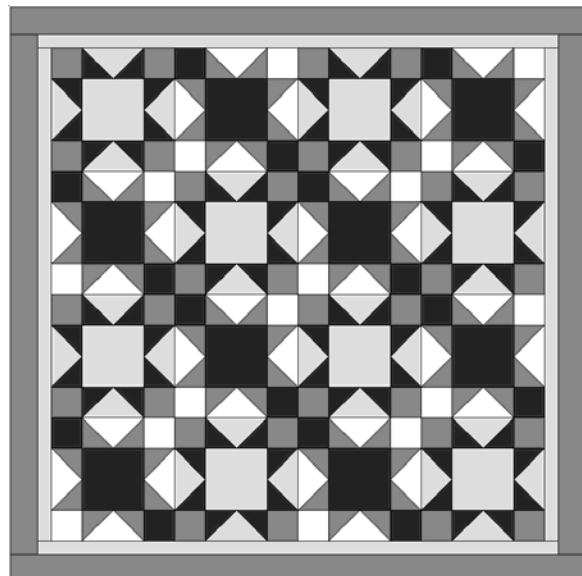
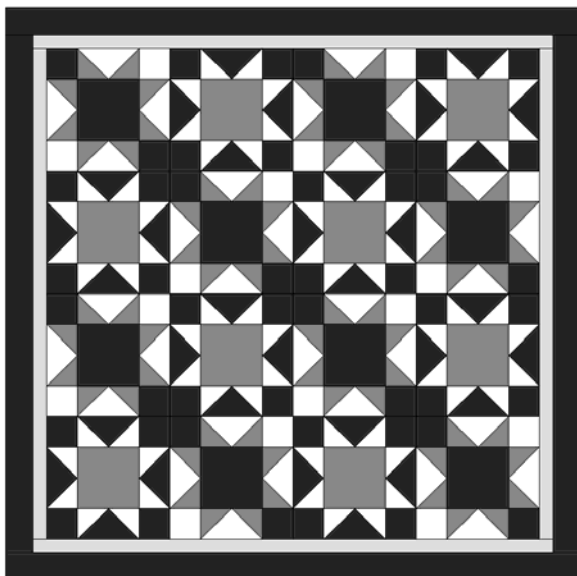
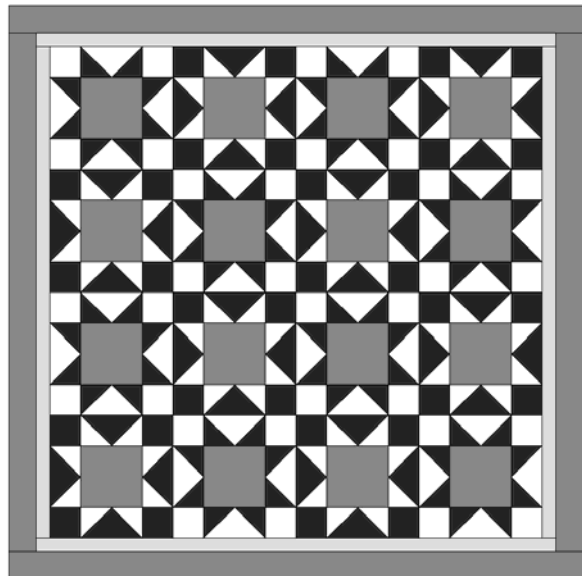
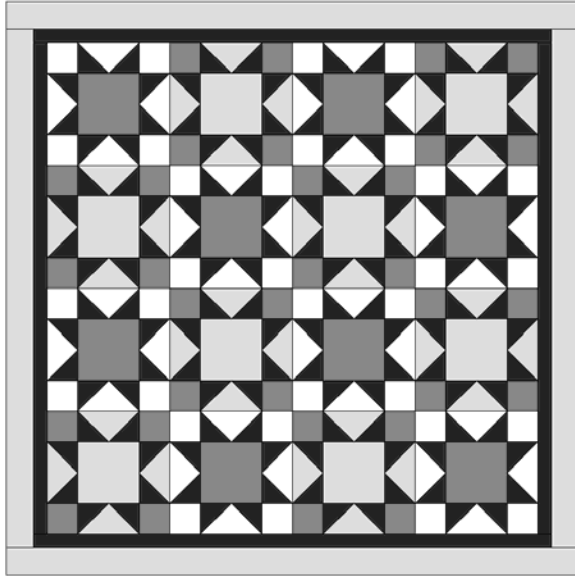
Even on-point settings can be a little 'ho hum', and as the block is completely symmetrical even turning them or making mirror images doesn't change anything.



Try adding sashing to improve matters – pieced sashing, making a sawtooth star at the block junctions, adds a little spark of interest too.



When you use two different colourings of the block together things really start to change.



Now add pieced borders and a simple block quilt can come alive

