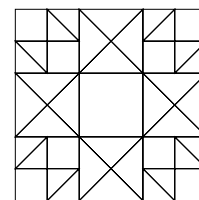


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The block is an adaptation of Ohio Star that creates a second star where the blocks meet.



The basic block size is 9 inches and the completed wallhanging will measure approximately 24 inches square.

To make the wallhanging **you will need**

- a bold print for the outer border – a fat quarter is enough if you don't mind piecing the strips, otherwise ½ m
- a fat quarter of a plain or self coloured print for the Ohio Star (red)
- a fat quarter of a contrasting plain or self coloured print for the secondary stars (green)
- a fat quarter of a further contrasting self coloured or two coloured print for the inner border and Ohio Star centres
- ½ m of background

Cutting

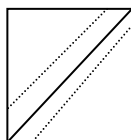
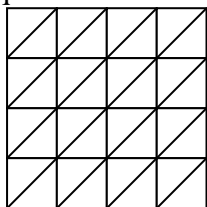
From the background fabric cut thirty two 2 inch squares.

From the contrast/accent fabric cut four 3½ inch squares and four 1½ inch wide strips for the inner border.

From the bold print cut four 2½ inch strips for the outer border.

To make

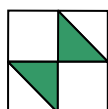
1. On the wrong side of the background fabric draw a grid of sixteen 2 3/8 inch squares. Draw in one diagonal across each of these squares. Cut out the fabric containing the grid and put the remainder on one side. Place the square of background fabric with the grid drawn on it right sides together with the secondary (green) star fabric and pin securely. Stitch a seam line ¼ inch either side of the diagonal lines drawn earlier. Cut out the sixteen squares from the grid and then cut each square in half along the diagonal between the lines of stitching. Open out the pieces and press the seams to one side – you should have a half-square triangle square.




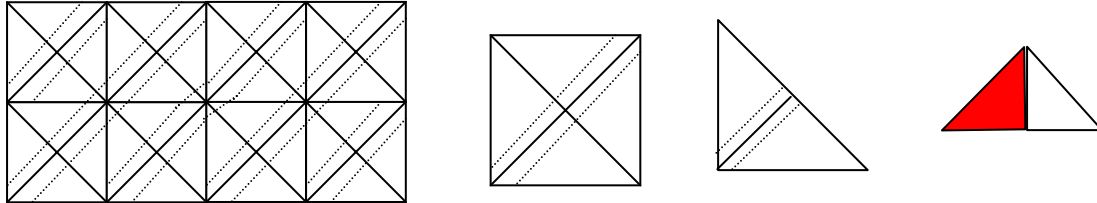
2. Sew each of these squares to a small background square.



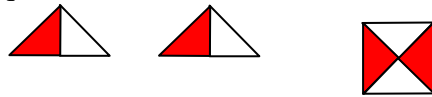
3. Sew these in pairs to make a four patch block.



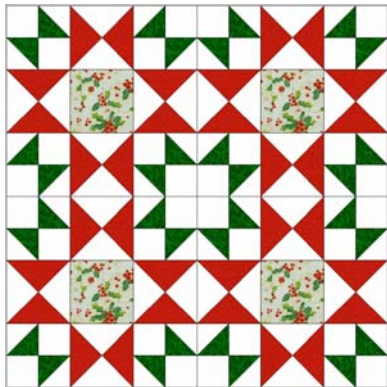
4. On the  wrong side of the background fabric draw a grid of eight 4¼ inch squares. Draw in both diagonals across the squares. Cut out the square of fabric containing the grid and pin it right sides together with the main star (red) fabric. Sew a seam line ¼ inch either side of **one** of the diagonals on each square. Cut out the squares. Cut across the unstitched diagonals. Cut along the stitched diagonals between the seam lines. Press the seams to one side. You should have a set of quarter-square triangle triangular units.



5. Sew these into squares:-



5. Sew all the units together to complete each of the four star blocks.



6. Sew these blocks into pairs then into four to complete the wallhanging centre.

Notice how a second star has been formed in the centre.

Borders



Measure the wallhanging across its width – it should be roughly 18½ inches. Cut two of your contrast/accnt strips to this length and sew them to the top and bottom of the hanging.

Measure from top to bottom of the hanging – it should be about 20½ inches – and cut the last two contrast/accnt strips this length. Sew them to the sides of the hanging

Now do the same to sew the print borders on.

The wallhanging is ready for quilting and binding.