



Point Taken

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Who says a star has to have points? With this fun star, you don't have to worry about chopping off the points—that's part of the design! Point Taken is a perfect example of how using specific pressing directions can nest the seams and make sewing easier. ~Susan

What You'll Need

- A: 2 green print squares, $2\frac{3}{8}'' \times 2\frac{3}{8}''$; cut in half diagonally to make 4 triangles
- 1 red print square, $9'' \times 9''$; cut into:
 - B: 2 squares, $2\frac{3}{8}'' \times 2\frac{3}{8}''$; cut in half diagonally to make 4 triangles
 - C: 8 squares, $2'' \times 2''$
 - D: 4 yellow print squares, $1\frac{1}{4}'' \times 1\frac{1}{4}''$
 - E: 8 squares, $1\frac{1}{4}'' \times 1\frac{1}{4}''$
 - F: 4 squares, $2'' \times 2''$

Assembly

Press all seam allowances in the direction indicated by the arrows.

1. Sew an A triangle to a B triangle to make a half-square-

triangle unit. Make four units that measure $2''$ square. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the D squares. Referring to "Stitch and Flip" on page 137, place a D square on the A corner of a half-square-triangle unit. Sew, trim, and press. Make four.



Make 2 of each.

2. Arrange and sew the units in rows, rotating them as shown at right. Press. Sew the rows together to make the block center that measures $3\frac{1}{2}''$ square.

3. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the E squares. Using the stitch-and-flip method, sew an E square on one corner of a C

square. Make eight and press. Join two units, nesting the seams as shown, to make a side unit. Make four side units that measure $2'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$.



Make 4 of each.



Make 4.

4. Sew the F squares, four side units, and the block center together in three rows as shown. Press. Join the rows and press to make a $6\frac{1}{2}''$ block.

