



# Sparkling Star

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*I live in the suburbs and rarely see many stars in the sky because of nighttime light pollution. As a family, we enjoy dirt-bike riding in the desert. There, before the moon rises, the sky sparkles with the light of thousands of stars. It's a beautiful time to reflect upon the day's events and dream of tomorrow's adventures. ~Linda*

## What You'll Need

1 navy tone-on-tone square, 10" x 10"; cut into:

A: 16 squares, 1½" x 1½"

B: 4 rectangles, 1¾" x 2¾"

C: 2 squares, 2" x 2"

1 yellow print #1 square, 8" x 8"; cut into:

D: 2 squares, 1½" x 1½"

E: 4 rectangles, 1¾" x 2¾"

F: 2 squares, 2" x 2"

1 yellow print #2 square, 6" x 6"; cut into:

G: 2 squares, 1½" x 1½"

H: 4 squares, 2" x 2"

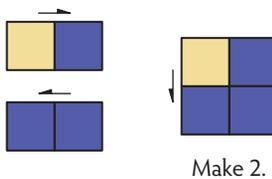
Template plastic

## Assembly

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

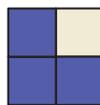
**1.** Arrange three A squares and one D square in two rows as shown. Sew the units into rows

and press. Join the rows and press. Make two corner units that measure 2½" square.



Make 2.

**2.** Repeat step 1 using three A squares and one G square to make two corner units.



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**3.** Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the H squares. Referring to "Triangle Squares" on page 137, place an H square on a C square with right sides together. Sew,

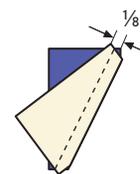
cut, and press to make two half-square-triangle units. Make four units and trim them to measure 1½" square.



Make 4.

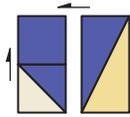
**4.** Make a template using template plastic and the triangle pattern on page 17. Trace the template onto the right side of each of the B and E rectangles. Cut out along the marked lines.

**5.** Join one B and one E triangle, slightly offsetting the triangles as shown. Make four units that measure 1½" x 2½".



Make 4.

**6.** Sew an A square to a half-square-triangle unit and press. Sew the unit to a unit from step 5 as shown and press. Make four side units that measure  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



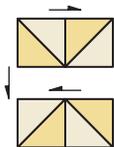
Make 4.

**7.** Using the leftover H squares, place an H square on an F square with right sides together. Sew, cut, and press to make two half-square-triangle units. Make four units and trim them to measure  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



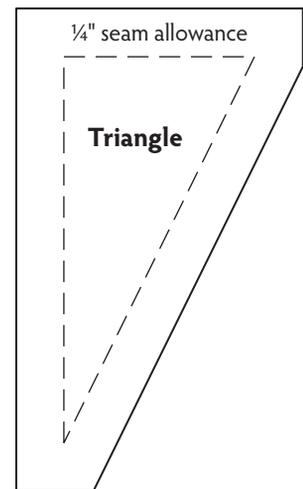
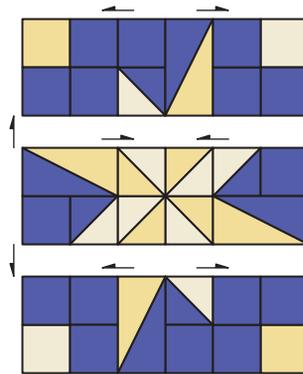
Make 4.

**8.** Join the units from step 7 to make the block center. Press. It should measure  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



Make 1.

**9.** Arrange the four corner units, four side units, and the block center in three rows as shown. Sew the units into rows and press. Join the rows and press to make a  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " block.



### ALTERNATE COLORWAY

