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Fabric needed: Two $10\frac{1}{2}$ " square, one either red or blue and one white.

Match the squares with right sides facing. Sew down each side, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

Cut the sewn square diagonally both ways to make four half-square triangles.

Press the HST open with the colored fabric on top. Trim the dog ears top eliminate bulk.

	Arrange the 4 half-square triangles alternating light and dark to the center, as shown below, to make an hourglass block. Sew into 2 rows and press the seams toward the darker triangle. Sew the two rows together to complete the block. Press. Your hourglass block should measure $13\frac{1}{2}$ ", trim if needed.
	Cut the block into thirds, each way, each third should measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".
	Turn each of the eight outside squares 180°
	Turn the center block 90°



Sew rows together nesting seams. You may want to repress the seams that intersect with the center square to nest them.

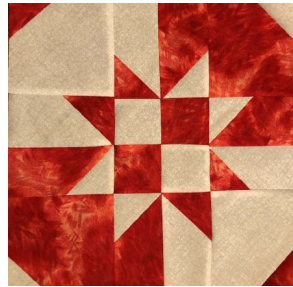
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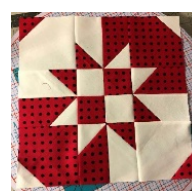
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