

Our Block of the Month Program

This year we are using red, white, and blue fabric blocks (one or more) to make tops for our Veterans program. There will be 9 different star block patterns. Instructions for each block will appear monthly in the newsletter and instructions for all 9 blocks will be on our website.

Current block tally: Jan - 11; Feb - 11; March - 11; April - 9; May - 4

June Block of the Month: Ohio Star

The classic Ohio Star is a nine-patch quilt block made with five plain squares and four quarter-square triangle units (hourglass pattern). It's easy to make, but make sure to sew an accurate quarter inch seam allowance when assembling the patchwork units for easy assembly.

Fabric needed: white for background and either blue or red fabric for star.

White: four $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and two $5\frac{1}{2}$ " squares to make quarter square triangle blocks.

Red or Blue: one $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square for center block and two $5\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for QST blocks

Draw a center line diagonally on the white $5\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

Combine a white square with a colored square, right sides together.

Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on each side of the center line and cut along the center line.

Press each HST to the dark side.

Draw a diagonal line through the center on the wrong side of the pressed HSTs.

Combine 2 HST blocks, right sides together so that the contrasting fabrics are across from each other, nesting the center seam.

Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the drawn line and cut on the center line.

Press open and square your hourglass block to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Arrange the blocks as shown and sew together.

There is a great Ohio Star tutorial at:

arkansasquilter.com/12-quilt-block-series-ohio-star-free-tutorial/



Happy sewing, Roxy

Clarification to May Indian Star pattern: the background square at $7\frac{1}{4}$ " is for single HST. I making flying geese the square should measure $7\frac{3}{4}$ ".