

Norfolk County Quilters' Guild
President's Challenge 2025
Block #5 January

Eight Pointed Star

Cut the following pieces:

For small 6" x 6" block

For large 18" x 18" block

Centre:

1 2.5" x 2.5" square (feature)

1 6.5" x 6.5" square (feature)

Four corner squares:

1 1.5" x 6.5" rectangle (feature)

1 3.5" x 14.5" rectangle (feature)

1 1.5" x 6.5" rectangle (background)

1 3.5" x 14.5" rectangle (background)

4 1.5" x 2.5" rectangles (background)

4 3.5" x 6.5" rectangles (background)

8 Star Points:

8 1.5" x 3" rectangles (feature)

8 3.5" x 7" rectangles (feature)

8 1.5" x 1.5" squares (background)

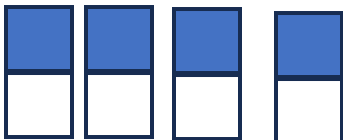
8 3.5" x 3.5" squares (background)

As the blocks become more advanced with more pieces, you might want to become more deliberate in your colour/fabric choices for the feature fabrics. You might even want to introduce some different colours if you wish to have more contrast in your block. In addition, you might want to use different colours and/or tones between the large block and the small block (as I did with this block). That way, the small block does not get 'lost' in the pieces of the large block. Ultimately, it is all your choice.

Piecing the 4 corner blocks:

1. Sew the two 1.5' x 6.5" rectangles together, along one long side.
2. Press open.
3. Sub-cut into 4 1.5" x 2.5" rectangles.

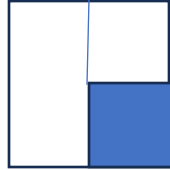
1. Sew the two 3.5" x 14.5" rectangles Together, along one long side.
2. Press open.
3. Sub-cut into 4 3.5" 6.5" rectangles.



4. Sew one of the background rectangles to one of the rectangles made in step 3.
5. Press and trim the resulting square to 2.5" x 2.5".

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5. Press and trim the resulting square to 6.5" x 6.5".

6. Make 4 of this unit.



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Piecing the 8 Star Points

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the 1.5" x 1.5" background squares.
2. Sewing directly on the diagonal line, 'snowball' each of the 1.5" x 3" rectangles.

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2. Sewing directly on the diagonal line, 'snowball' each of the 3.5" x 7" rectangles.

Ensure 4 of the stitching lines go up on the right, and 4 go up on the left.



3. Flip the snowball open and press.
4. Trim away the excess on the back. (you could create HSTs from this)
5. Trim this rectangle to 1.5" x 2.5" by cutting off the end that is NOT snowballed.
6. Sew each pair together along the long sides (see below).
7. Press and trim this square to 2.5" x 2.5".

3. Flip the snowball open and press.
4. Trim away the excess on the back. (you could create HSTs from this)
5. Trim this rectangle to 3.5" x 6.5" by cutting off the end that is NOT snowballed.
6. Sew each pair together along the long sides (see below).
7. Press and trim this square to 6.5" x 6.5".

Make 4 of this unit.

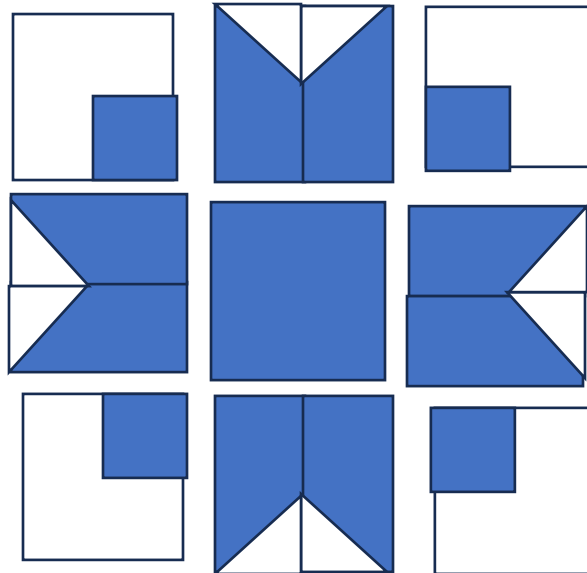


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8. Sew all pieces together following the diagram below.

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9. Please remember that you will NOT make one of the pieces of this large block. That piece will be replaced with the small star block.



Press your final block and trim to 18.5" x 18.5" (if needed).

