Pieced Block presented at the May 11th Meeting

(please bring completed blocks to the July 20th Meeting)

Circle of Stars Block

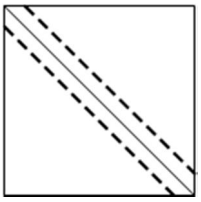
Note: This is a very simple square to put together but you need to pay close attention to the layout. Use white-on-white for the background and use a different color for each of the 8 stars (solid, tone-on-tone, or small print will work best).

Fabric Requirements and Cutting:

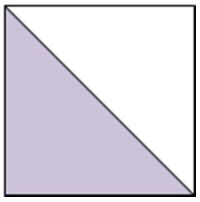
White (background) – Cut 16 squares 2⅞" x 2⅞" and 37 squares 2½" x 2½"

For each of the 8 Stars – Cut 2 squares 2⅞" x 2⅞" and 1 square 2½" x 2½"

Piecing Instructions:

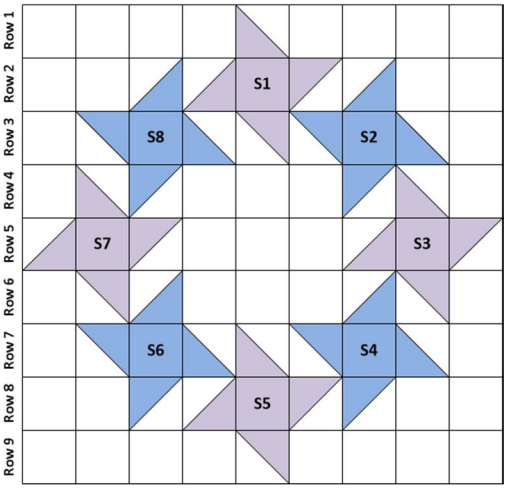


1. Draw a diagonal line (corner to corner) on the wrong side of 2 White 2⅞" x 2⅞" squares (this line will later be used as a cutting line). Mark a ***scant*** ¼" seam line on each side of the cutting line as shown. ►
2. Lay the 2⅞" x 2⅞" squares for one of the Stars face up on your work surface and position a marked White 2⅞" x 2⅞" square face down on top of each (right sides together).



3. Sew along the marked ¼" seam lines then cut apart along the marked cutting line; press seams towards the Star fabric to form 4 Half-Square Triangle (HST) units as shown. ►

**Repeat Steps 1-3 for each of the remaining 7 Star fabrics.



4. Using the graphic at the right as a guide, arrange the HST Star units, the White 2½" x 2½" squares and the Star 2½" x 2½" squares into 9 rows as shown.

   Note: The direction of the HST units in the stars sometimes rotate right (blue in the diagram) and sometimes they rotate left (gray in the diagram).

5. Sew the units in each row together;
   Press the seams towards the right in odd numbered rows and towards the left in even numbered rows.
6. Sew the rows together and press the seams.

   Note: Your assembled block should now measure exactly 18½" x 18½".