

Fractured Star Block

Fabric Selection

Fabric 1 is **intended** to be your background fabric (in our example, it is a light color—off white).

Fabric 2 is **intended** to be a dark highlight fabric. It should contrast with all other fabrics in the quilt. In our example, fabric 2 is deep red.

Fabric 3 is **intended** to be a direct contrast to fabric 3. It should reflect the same color, but be a lighter. In our example, fabric 3 is lighter red (medium).

Fabric 4 is **intended** to be a medium/dark value. It should be darker than the background fabric, but contrast with fabrics 2 & 3. In our example, fabric 4 is blue.

Cutting Instructions

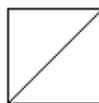
Fabric Number	Number to Cut	What to Cut	Label As
Fabric 4	1	4.5 inch square	Patch A
Fabric 2	8	2 .5 x 4.5 inch rectangles	Patch B
Fabric 3	4	2 .5 x 4.5 inch rectangles	Patch C
Fabric 1	24	2.5 inch squares	Patch D
Fabric 3	4	2.5 inch squares	Patch E
Fabric 1	2	3 inch squares	Patch F
Fabric 3	2	3 inch squares	Patch G

Notes:

All seams are pressed open unless otherwise specified. When matching points, I recommend you pin. Read carefully before completing blocks. Units are oriented in a specific direction. Ensure your block matches the illustration's orientation before trimming.

I. Make 4 Half Square Triangles

1. Take the 2 **Patch Fs** and draw a line (use a pencil or non-permanent marking pen) diagonally on the **REVERSE** side of the fabric. If you prefer, use your favorite method to make 4 half-square triangles, trimmed to 2.5 inches (finished size 2 inches).

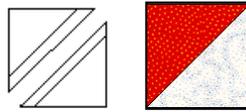


2. Using the 2 **Patch Fs** and the 2 **Patch Gs**, put them right sides together. Sew one quarter inch on either side of the line drawn on the Patch F.



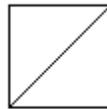
3. Cut on the line to make half square triangles (HST). Square them up and press open—press toward the darker fabric. Makes 4 HST. Trim to 2.5 inches.

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II. Make the Star Points

1. Take the 24 of the **Patch Ds** (leaving 4 patches unused) and draw a line (use a pencil or non-permanent marking pen) diagonally on the REVERSE side of the fabric. This mark will be a sewing line, so it should not be visible from the front of the fabric. You may use a crease line instead of marking the line.



Hint: To make the following part easier, fold your square pieces diagonally and lay them out to make sure they are oriented in the same direction as the picture.

2. Take 4 (only half!) of the **Patch B** laid right side up on top lay 1 **Patch D** face down on the right of **Patch B** as follows:



3. Sew just on the outer edge line made in step 1 (closest to the lower right corner in this picture). Flip the inner piece over to create the “dog-eared rectangle”. If your edge does not cover exactly, your marking or sewing may be incorrect. Press toward the corner, so your block looks like this. **Do not trim the layers underneath yet.**



4. Lay a **Patch D** face down on the left of **Patch B**, with the line going parallel to the line already made. Repeat sewing and pressing. Your block should now look like this: (You should have 4)



5. Now take 4 the remaining half of the **Patch B**, laying 1 **Patch D** on the right side of **Patch B**, with the line running toward the lower right corner. Sew just on the outer edge line made in step 4 (closest to the upper right corner). Press toward the corner. Lay **Patch E** on the left hand side of Patch D so the line runs parallel to the other corner. Repeat sewing and pressing. Your block should now look like this: (You should have 4)

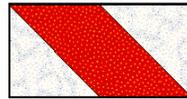
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6. Take all 4 of the **Patch C** laid right side up on top lay 1 **Patch D** face down on top of each **Patch C** as follows:



7. Sew just on the outer edge line made in step 1 (closest to the upper right corner in this picture). Flip the inner piece over to create the “dog-eared rectangle”. Press toward the corner, so your block looks like this. Lay a **Patch D** face down on the left of **Patch C**, with the line going parallel to the line already made. Repeat sewing and pressing. Your block should now look like this: (You should have 4)



8. You should now have 4 each of the following blocks:



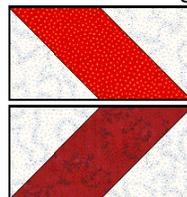
When you are certain that the blocks above match the orientation, **TRIM** the excess 2 layers underneath the dog-ears off. Press the remaining seam allowance toward the corners.

9. Using the 4 remaining **Patch D** and the half square triangles, sew one **Patch D** to one each half square triangle as pictured below:



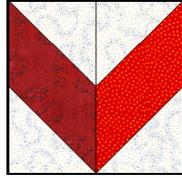
III. Assemble the block.

1. Take the two units from Step 8 above that are mirror image and sew them together:

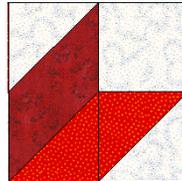


Make 4 chevrons, matching the center point as pictured (should measure 4.5 inches square):

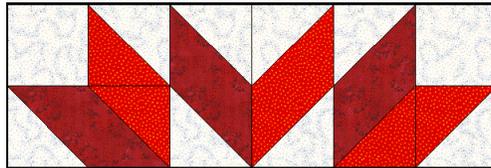
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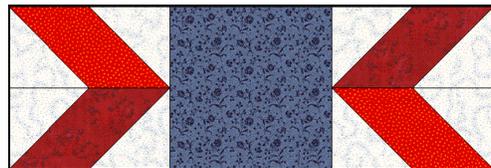
2. Sew the unit from step 9 to the remaining "dog-eared rectangle" unit as pictured below (should measure 4.5 inches square) to create the corner piece:



3. Assemble the top and bottom row of the block by sewing one chevron block to one corner piece as pictured. Press seam away from the center block. (Make 2, each should measure 4.5 x 12.5 inches).



4. Sew 2 chevrons to **Patch A** as pictured. Press toward the center block. (Make 1, measuring 4.5 x 12.5 inches).



5. Now assemble the block by sewing the results of step 3 & 4 together:

