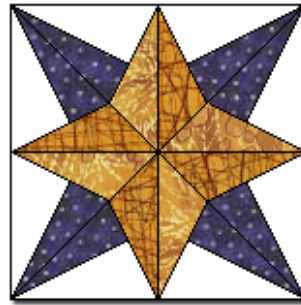


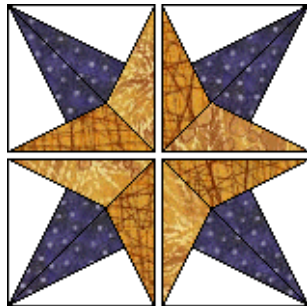
Eight Pointed Star Variation 2

This makes a 12" block, and is
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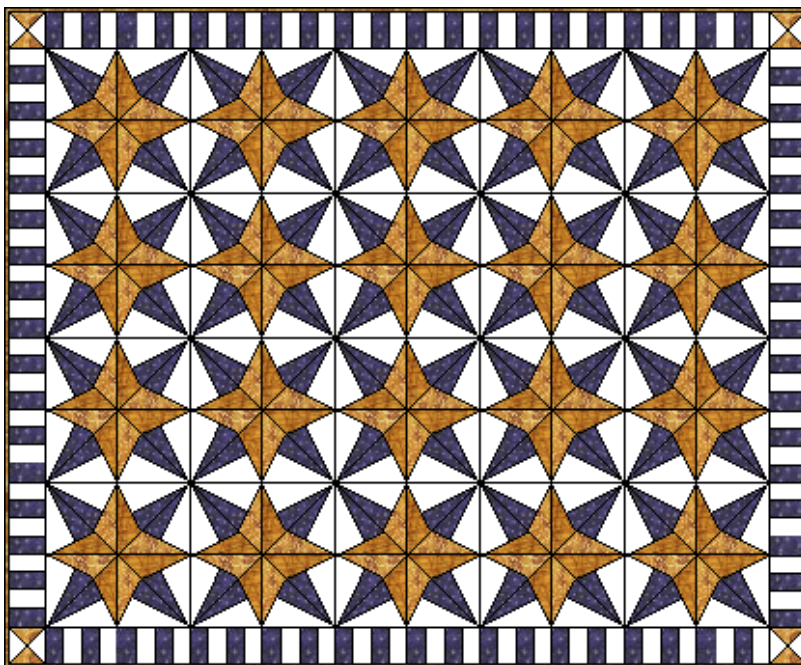


[Click here for the paper
piecing template!](#)

The first thing that I would recommend that you do, is go to the [Practice Paper Piecing Page](#). When you feel comfy with paper piecing, come on back and try the Eight Pointed Star Variation 2 Block! You will need to print out four copies of each of the two units needed per block you want to make on very lightweight paper. Fat Quarters will be plenty!



When you are done paper piecing the eight units...join them as quadrants, and then join the four quadrants as a block, as shown at left...using as always those SCANT 1/4\"/>



Here's another four by five quilt, with a pieced border, quarter squares in the four corners, and a thin binding...Reminds me of the fourth of July!

Happy Quilting People!

Marcia :o)

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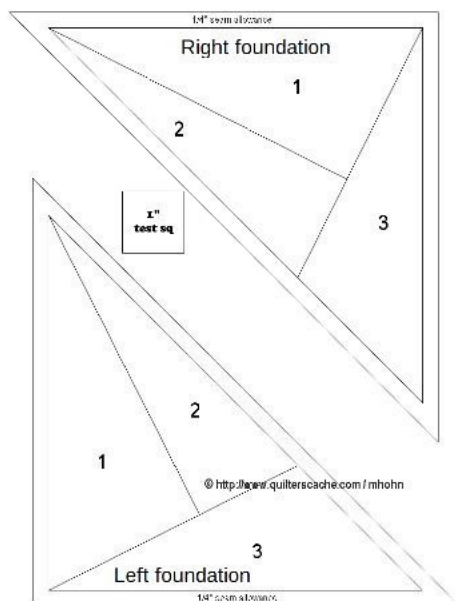
Traditional Block

pattern from
<http://www.quilterscache.com>

Eight pointed Star Variation 2 – Paper Piecing

Print four copies of your foundation templates from the link in your email. Ensure that the 1" test square block is exactly 1".

Label each foundation triangle as a "left" and a "right" as shown below.



Cut the page diagonally so the left and right foundation are separate. Create an area for your "left" pieces and a separate area for your "right" pieces.

Cutting your Templates for fabric cutting

Print the templates that are pdf attachments to your email. Make one copy for each of the dark, medium, and background fabrics. Ensure that the 1" test square is very close to 1" – If you are out by 1mm or 2mm, that's okay. Cutting for paper piecing has wiggle room.

Cut each template down to size, around the outside edges **only**. You will have a rectangular shape.

Cutting your fabrics:

Dark Fabric:

Collect your dark fabric piece, sized 7" x 17". Subcut into (4) pieces 4¼" x 7". Stack pieces one on top of each other, all right sides up.

Place dark fabric template on top of stacked fabric, and cut along the red lines. Using a wonderclip or bobby pin, clip fabric and template/label together, and place in the "left" and "right" areas of your workspace

Medium Fabric: Collect your medium fabric piece, sized $7\frac{1}{2}$ " by 21". Subcut into (4) pieces $5\frac{1}{4}$ " by $7\frac{1}{2}$ ". Stack pieces on top of each other, all right sides up.

Place medium fabric template on top of stacked fabric, and cut along red cut lines. Using a wonderclip or bobby pin, clip fabric and template/label together, and place in the "left" and "right" areas of your workspace.

Background Fabric: Collect your b/g fabric piece, sized $7\frac{1}{2}$ " by 22". Subcut into four pieces, each $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{1}{2}$ ". Stack pieces on top of each other, all right sides up.

Place b/g fabric template on top of stacked fabric, and cut along red cut lines. Using a wonderclip or bobby pin, clip fabric and template/label together, and place in the "left" and "right" areas of your workspace.

Sewing fabric to foundation pages: You will be making (4) "left" and (4) "right" triangles.

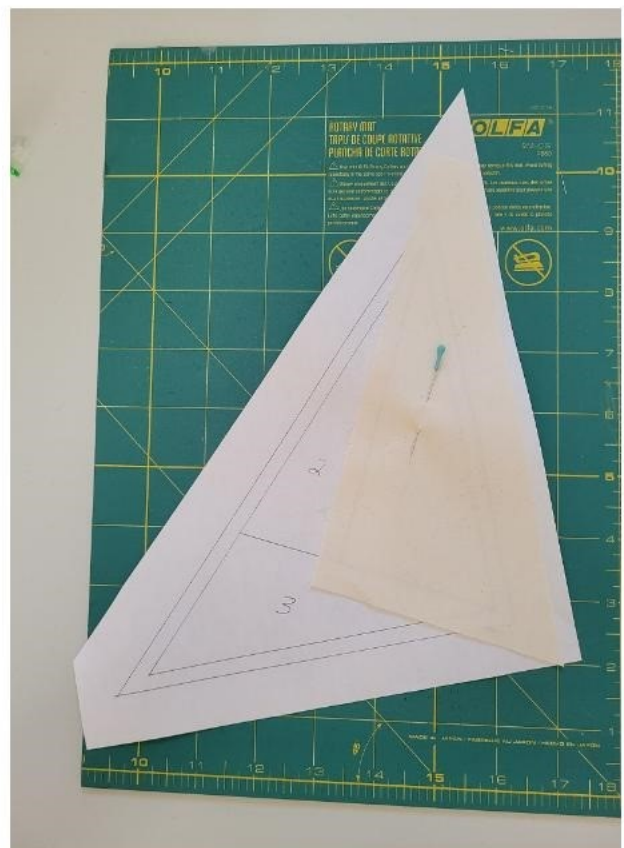
Gather either the "right" or "left" stack of fabric and the corresponding (4) foundation papers. It is easiest to work on only one side at a time. The photos below demonstrate the "left" side.



A light board is helpful when placing your fabrics in position for sewing. If you don't have a light board, you can trace the lines onto the back of the page using your window. You will be aligning your fabric on the back of the page, and sewing on the front of the page. Your fabric will not be visible when you sew – it's underneath the paper.

For the first piece:

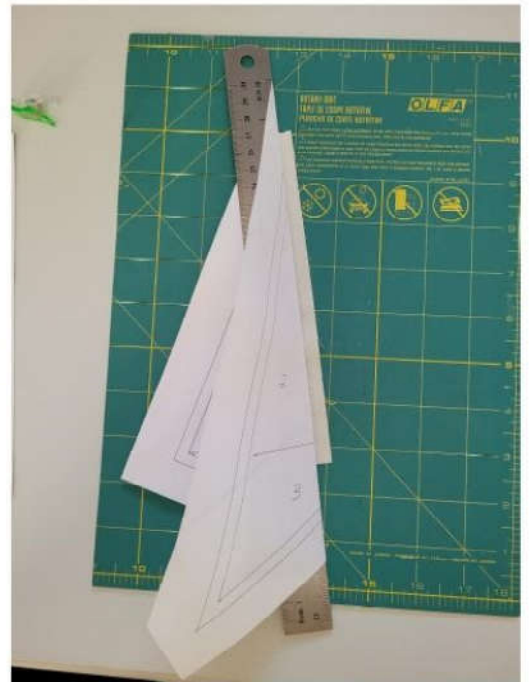
Step 1: Place the foundation paper on your light board or table, right side down. Place piece #1 into place on space numbered 1, right side up. Make sure the fabric covers all of the area needed, including a seam allowance. Secure with pins or glue.





Place ruler along sew line.

Flip the foundation paper over so it is right side up. Fold the paper back along the seam you plan to sew, between piece 1 and 2. Do not fold back the fabric. Use a ruler or cardstock as a folding guide.

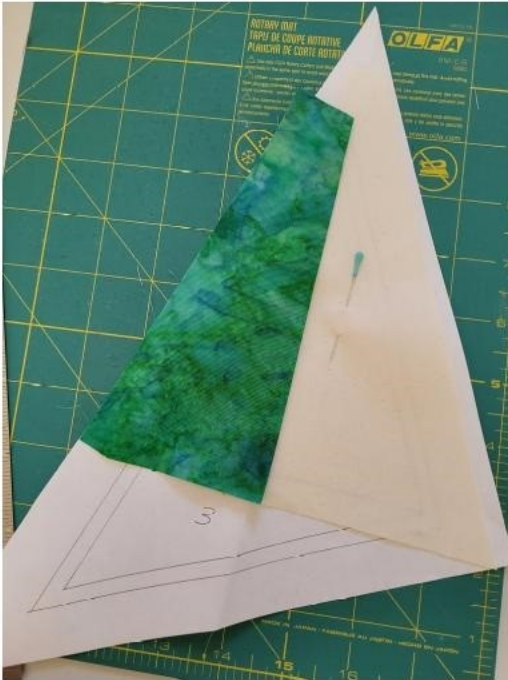


Fold paper back. Do not fold fabric.

Trim the fabric 1/4" from the folded paper (an add-a-quarter ruler is helpful, but not required).

Finger press the paper flat again.

Place it face down (printed side) on your light board or table.



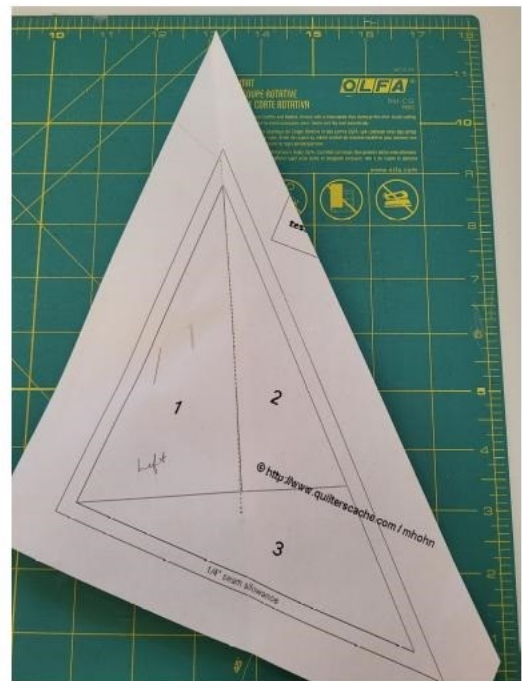
Position fabric right side up.

Take fabric piece 2, right side up, and align it on the foundation paper along the seam, so that it covers all of the space in the area marked (2). Be sure it covers everything, including the seam allowance. Then flip the fabric carefully onto piece 1, right side down, so that right sides of fabric are together, aligning at the seam, and secure with pins or glue. If using glue, only apply in the seam allowance.



Flip fabric over, aligning seams.

Carefully turn the foundation paper over and sew along the drawn line between piece 1 and 2, with an extra 1/4" before and after the drawn line.



Sew along line between piece 1 and 2.

Turn the foundation page over so that the fabric is on top. Unfold the fabric so right sides are showing and press carefully along the seam.

Place the foundation paper on your table or light board printed side up (fabric side down). Fold the foundation paper along the next seam line, between piece 1/2 and piece 3. If the last seam you sewed prevents you from folding the paper, carefully pull the paper up from the seam until the paper can lay flat. Then place your folding guide (ruler) along the line to be sewn, fold the paper over, then trim the fabric 1/4" away from the folded paper.

Flip the foundation paper over so the printed side is down. Carefully place fabric piece 3, right side up, to cover section 3, aligning along the seam. Ensure seam allowances are covered too, as shown in the photo.



Position piece 3.

Carefully flip the fabric over, keeping the seam alignment position, and secure with pins or glue.

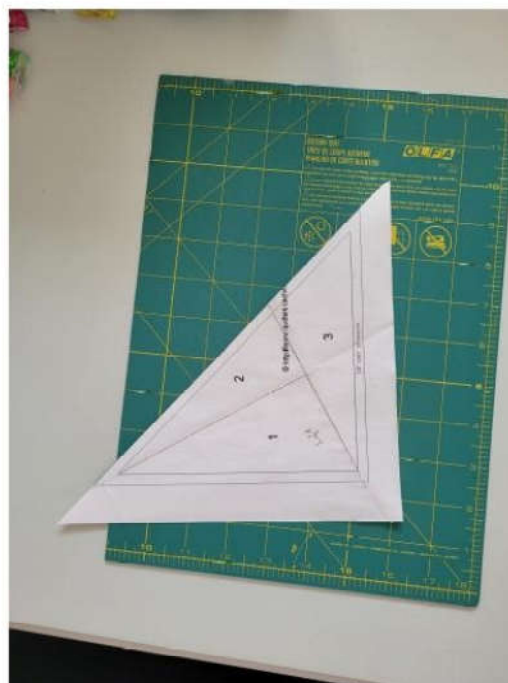
Flip foundation page over and sew along drawn line.

Turn over and unfold fabric. Press carefully.

Ensure all of the triangle template is covered with fabric, including the seam allowances.

You are now ready to trim the foundation papers to size.

Trim the foundation paper along the **outer** lines. The photo shows the first trim. Trim all three sides.



First side trimmed. Trim all three sides.

Following the layout of the block, sew the triangles together to make a square.

Then sew the squares together to make the block.

Remove the paper from the block. Remove in reverse order sewn – first remove paper from piece 3, then from piece 2, then from piece 1. Take care that you do not pull out threads.

If needed, spritz the paper with water to aid in removal.

