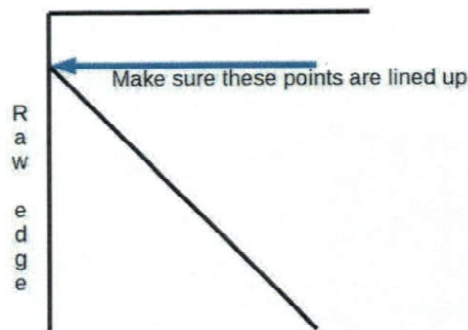


## Saskatoon Quilters' Guild Mystery Quilt – Starlit Journey – Block #4

### Hints and Tricks for “Solomon’s Star”

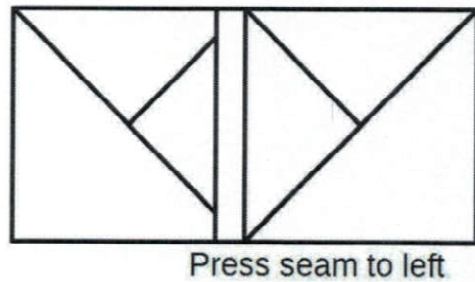
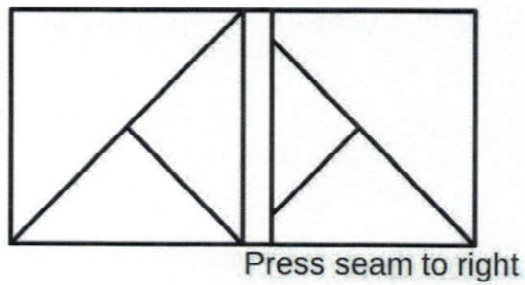
Solomon’s Star is very similar to Block #2, Star of Virginia, however it has a pinwheel within a square as the centre block.


1. Mark your pattern wherever it says Color 1 as “Dark”, Color 2 as “Medium” and Color 3 as “Background”.
2. Use the same method you used in Block #2 (Star of Virginia) to make Flying Geese.
3. When you sew your quarter square triangles to the half square triangle, if you need help, refer back to Block #3 (Card Trick Block) – steps 5 and 6, to refresh your mind.
4. Making a pinwheel this size can add a lot of bulk to the centre of the pinwheel. A useful way avoid this is to “spin” the centre seams of the pinwheel. You must first make sure that when you sew the half square triangle units together in step 3 above, that you make sure your raw edges of each quadrant are matched, and the points are matching. (see diagram below). Use the perpendicular pin method, which will go in at each point, and then pin along the raw edge.



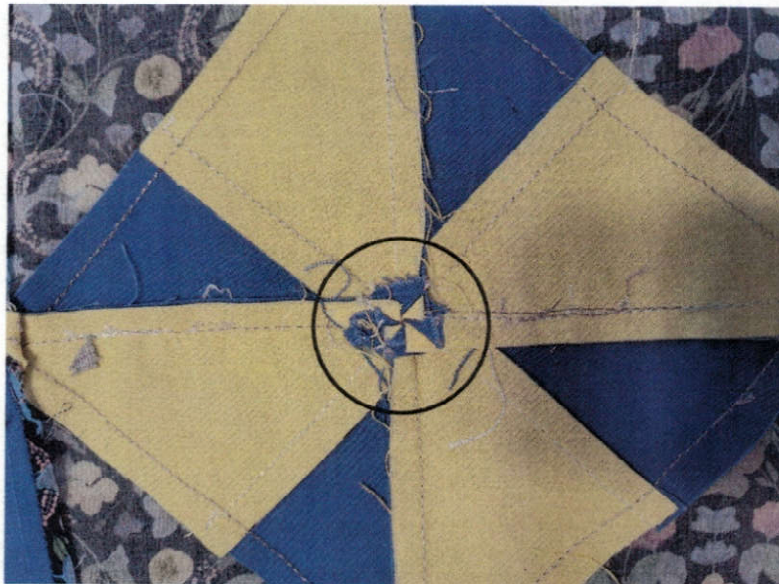
5. Once you have sewn all 4 quadrants together, your are going to “spin” the seams. This will reduce the bulk of the fabric at the centre.

Press the seams (vertical) of each half of the pinwheel in opposite directions.



Match centre seams using  pin method. Match corners and sew two halves together.

At the top of your horizontal seam you'll see one or two tiny stitches from where you sewed the two quadrants together. Carefully undo them. Then press one half of the horizontal seam up and the other half down. You'll see a tiny pinwheel in the seam.



Reference "Spinning Seams in a Pinwheel Block" YouTube video by Snowy Days Quilting <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHKj542GDFI>