

Block # 5 – The Eight Pointed Star

1. This block uses templates that you will have to make.
2. Mark your templates in such a way so that you'll have the correct orientation of each piece.
3. Make sure you add 1/4" to all sides of the templates. Follow the instructions carefully in cutting out the pieces.
4. If you have an add-a-quarter ruler, you can use the templates at the size you drew them, and cut the fabric using the add-a-quarter ruler. Align the lip of the ruler with the template edge and cut. This ensures you don't trim any edges off the template, and still add the 1/4" seam allowance.
5. When the instructions say to "Flip the template" rotate it, do not change it from right side facing up to right side facing down.
6. When sewing the side triangles to the middle triangle, be sure there is a 1/4" overhang at the end of the point of the side triangle. Do not align the end of the point.
7. Watch that you don't cut off the points on the outside.
8. When sewing the rows together, press seams in the top row to the right, the middle row to the left, and the bottom row to the right so your seams will nest and you won't have a build up of fabric.