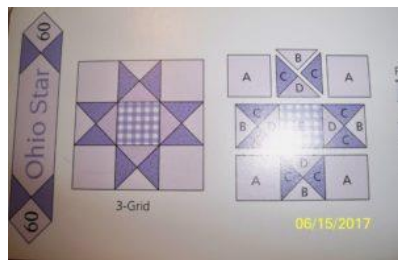


# Ohio Star



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## Here are the shapes and quantities for a 12 inch block:

- 1- 4 1/2" center block
- 4- 4 1/2" quarter square triangles that will surround the center
- 8- 4 1/2" quarter square triangles that will be the star points
- 4- 4 1/2" quarter square triangles of background fabric
- 4- 4 1/2" squares of background fabric

## Directions for assembling the block:

First of all, arrange the triangles in the following manner. Half of the star points are on the left and half are on the right.



Now that you see how the block looks when it is arranged, we are changing the piles to get them ready to go through the sewing machine. Separate the block into two halves like shown in the pictures below.



Combine the four triangle piles into two piles. All of the star points are on the left with a short flat side facing the sewing machine. The background and center surround color are on the right with a short flat side facing the sewing machine.



As you sew these pieces, handle them gently. They have bias edges that will stretch if you pull or tug on them.

Put the triangle pairs right sides together and sew using an accurate 1/4 inch seam allowance.



Lay all sewn triangles with the dark triangle up.



Press towards the dark triangle. Lay the halves out to make it easier to sew them correctly.

Carefully flip one half onto the other half. Line up the seams that have been pressed to either side. Pin if you wish to make it easier to get the parts to match up in the center.



Sew the halves together. Press. You now have four quarter square triangle blocks. The hard part is done!

Lay out your block pieces to assemble the nine patch as follows:



Lay the center row of pieces, face down, on the pieces on the left. Sew the pieces together on the right hand side.



After sewing all three sets of pieces together, lay the units on the ironing boards with the solid 4 1/2" piece on the top. Press towards the solid piece. This is much easier than trying to get the points on the triangles to all press the same way.



Once the unit is pressed, add the final quarter square block to the center. Be careful with the color placement. Press with the solid square on top. It will be a little awkward, but only for a moment.



Almost done! Now add the remaining background squares to the top and bottom row units. Press towards the solid block.



Sew the top row to the center row. Pin if that makes you happy. Press with the top row on top. It is easier to press towards two solid 4 1/2" blocks. You are now 2/3 of the way to a finish!



Finally, add the bottom row unit. Press towards the bottom row. What a beautiful Ohio star!

