

Stars Over Bethlehem
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 Clue 1

We will make the blocks with the largest cuts first, please remember along the way to use left over WOF and scraps when you can. We be using templates in a future clue, so please save your scraps as you may be able to fit a template unit on them. We will also use the tri-recs tool in THIS clue (Block B). We need ONE Block A and FOUR Block B units. All units should measure 12-1/2" once assembled in this clue.

Block A (only one):

BACKGROUND	
7-1/4" WOF strips	1
Sub-cut to 7-1/4" squares	1
Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles	4
AND 3-1/2" squares	4
MAIN COLOUR and MAIN ACCENT	
3-7/8" WOF strips	1 each fabric
Sub-cut to 3-7/8" squares	4 each fabric

Let's grab TWO of those 3-7/8" squares in each fabric. We will be making four HSTs with these. Draw ONE diagonal line on the wrong side of the lighter fabric (easier to see). Mate with the other fabric and stitch a scant 1/4" to the left and right of the line. I am not sure if you can see my stitching in this pic.



We will take these two units and the remainder of the 3-7/8" squares to the cutting table. We will cut these units ON the line, cutting the remainder of the squares on ONE diagonal as well.

Take the HST units and press them open, toward the darker fabric. The final step is trimming these down to 3-1/2" squares. We should have four of these now.

With those remaining triangles, let's make four flying geese units.

I don't mind which fabric you have on the right and which one is on the left, but BE CONSISTENT once you choose.



Let's square these to 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" now. You may need to sliver trim because we are stitching on the bias, but make sure you keep your 1/4" seam allowance at the top point.

Let's grab those remaining squares, the HSTs, and these flying geese units to complete our first block. I laid out the flying geese and squares around the outside, then placed my HSTs in to finish the Bethlehem Star.

Create in a 9-patch manner, three rows of three.



This should be 12-1/2" now.

Block B (four of these):

BACKGROUND	
4-1/2" WOF strips	2-3
Using the "tri" tool, cut triangles	16
AND 4-1/2" squares	16
MAIN ACCENT	
4-1/2" WOF strips	1
Sub-cut to 4-1/2" squares	4
MAIN COLOUR	
4-1/2" WOF strips	2
Using the "recs" tool, cut triangles**	16 sets (32 triangles)

** Please leave this strip folded while cutting, this will give us a definite left and right leg for the stars.

Let's create four tri-recs stars. If you know me, you know this is one of my very favourite stars. Grab those BACKGROUND larger triangles and the MAIN COLOUR smaller triangles.

With the larger triangle in the centre and the smaller triangles to the outsides, let's create 16 star points. I like to start with the right side. Once this side is stitched, I flip it to the right side and use that point to lay the left side accurately.

I have a YouTube tutorial for those "tricky tr-recs" units... how to cut and how to assemble.

We are ready to lay out our four tri-recs stars.



I find it easier to press toward the squares, leaving the points to sort themselves out. Nice and flat!

These should measure 12-1/2" now.

