

Classic Vintage
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 Clue 4

This clue brings us a traditional sawtooth star, but this one has some HSTs to change it's appearance. We need eight (8) of these stars. We will also create some 2-strip rail fence units. We need four (4) rail fence blocks. I am excited to work on this clue with you. I might even try to lay this design out on point. The more we make, the more I want to challenge myself. This first block is a lot of cutting, but remember, it is eight blocks and they have several "pieces" in each block.

Block A: sawtooth stars

BACKGROUND	<i>6" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>2-7/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>Scraps + 1</i>		
<i>Sub-cut to 2-7/8" squares</i>	<i>16</i>		
<i>4-7/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>2</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 4-7/8" squares</i>		<i>16</i>	
<i>5-7/8" WOF strips</i>			<i>2-3</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 5-7/8" squares</i>			<i>16</i>

MEDIUM	<i>6" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>2-1/2" WOF strip</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>Sub-cut to 2-1/2" squares</i>	<i>8</i>		
<i>1-7/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>2</i>		
<i>Sub-cut to 1-7/8" squares</i>	<i>32</i>		
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>	<i>64</i>		
<i>4-1/2" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 4-1/2" squares</i>		<i>8</i>	

MEDIUM	<i>6" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>2-7/8" WOF strips</i>		3	
<i>Sub-cut to 2-7/8" squares</i>		32	
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>		64	
<i>5-1/2" WOF strips</i>			1-2
<i>Sub-cut to 5-1/2" squares</i>			8
<i>3-3/8" WOF strips</i>			3
<i>Sub-cut to 3-3/8" squares</i>			32
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>			64

MEDIUM/DARK	<i>6" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>2-7/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>Scraps + 1</i>		
<i>Sub-cut to 2-7/8" squares</i>	16		
<i>1-7/8" WOF strips</i>	2		
<i>Sub-cut to 1-7/8" squares</i>	32		
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>	64		
<i>4-7/8" WOF strips</i>		2	
<i>Sub-cut to 4-7/8" squares</i>		16	
<i>2-7/8" WOF strips</i>		3	
<i>Sub-cut to 2-7/8" squares</i>		32	
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>		64	

MEDIUM/DARK	6" blocks	12" blocks	15" blocks
5-7/8" WOF strips			2-3
Sub-cut to 5-7/8" squares			16
3-3/8" WOF strips			3
Sub-cut to 3-3/8" squares			32
Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles			64
DARK	6" blocks	12" blocks	15" blocks
2" WOF strips	2		
Sub-cut to 2" squares	32		
3-3/8" WOF strips		3	
Sub-cut to 2-3/8" squares		32	
4+ " WOF strips			3-4
Sub-cut to 4+ " squares			32

That's a lot of cutting, but truly easy assembly. First things first, let's grab those DARK squares and the smaller triangles we cut to make some square in a square units. We will have two MEDIUM triangles on two adjacent sides with the MEDIUM/DARK triangles on the other two sides, like this:



We need to grab those BACKGROUND squares and the MEDIUM/DARK squares of the same size to create some HSTs. We will accomplish these by drawing one diagonal line on the wrong side of the BACKGROUND fabric, mate with the MEDIUM/DARK and stitch 1/4" to the left and right of our drawn line.



Once we do the stitching for these HST units, we will trim these to 2-1/2", 4-1/2", 5-1/2". We now have 32 HSTs and 32 square in a square units that all measure the same 2-1/2", 4-1/2" or 5-1/2". We are ready to lay this out and stitch it together.



Here is our 9-patch layout. We will need those final MEDIUM squares we cut on page 1 (or 2) .

Once stitched together, our blocks should be 6-1/2", 12-1/2", or 15-1/2". These are a bit tricky to press and there is a bit of bulk with the square in a square points. You will have EIGHT of these now.

Now we are ready to move on to Block B and our rail fence blocks, easy!



Block B: the rail fence blocks

BACKGROUND and DARK	6" blocks	12" blocks	15" blocks
1-1/2" WOF strips	3 each fabric		
2-1/2" WOF strips		4 each fabric	
3" WOF strips			5 each fabric

We will stitch these along the long sides and press toward the dark fabric.

We should have 3, 4, or 5 strip-sets now. We will cut down each strip-set into 2-1/2", 4-1/2", or 5-1/2" lengths. All will be cut the same length. (2-1/2" for the 6" blocks, 4-1/2" for the 12" blocks, and 5-1/2" for the 15" blocks) We need 36 of these squares.

Strip-sets:



We will assemble these in a 9-patch manner again, just like block a.

Rows 1 and 3 are exactly alike with row 2 the odd man out.



Complete, these should be pressed in the most flat way you can and truly should NOT need to be trimmed. You will have FOUR of these. They should measure 6-1/2", 12-1/2" or 15-1/2".