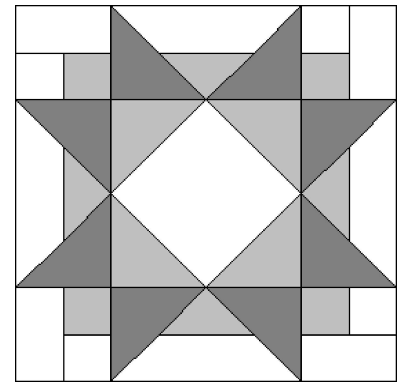





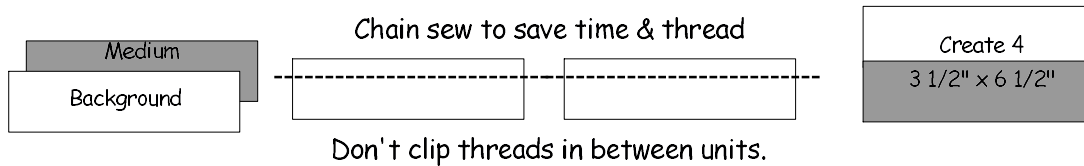
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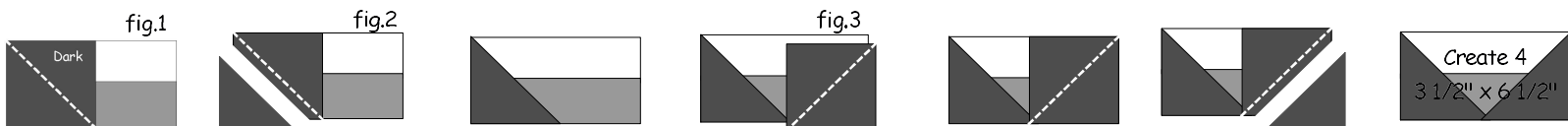
You'll need the following:

-  Background
 - 2" x 3 1/2" rectangles - 4
 - 2" squares - 4
 - 2" x 6 1/2" rectangle - 4
 - 6 1/2" square - 1
-  Medium
 - 2" squares - 4
 - 2" x 6 1/2" rectangles - 4
 - 3 1/2" squares - 4
-  Dark
 - 3 1/2" squares - 8

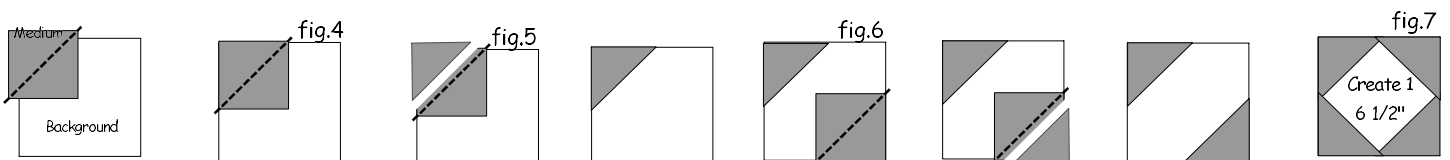
Layer the Background 2" x 6 1/2" rectangles with the Medium rectangles, right sides together. Sew down the lengthwise edge. Press seam allowance toward the Medium rectangle. Create 4 units measuring 3 1/2" x 6 1/2".



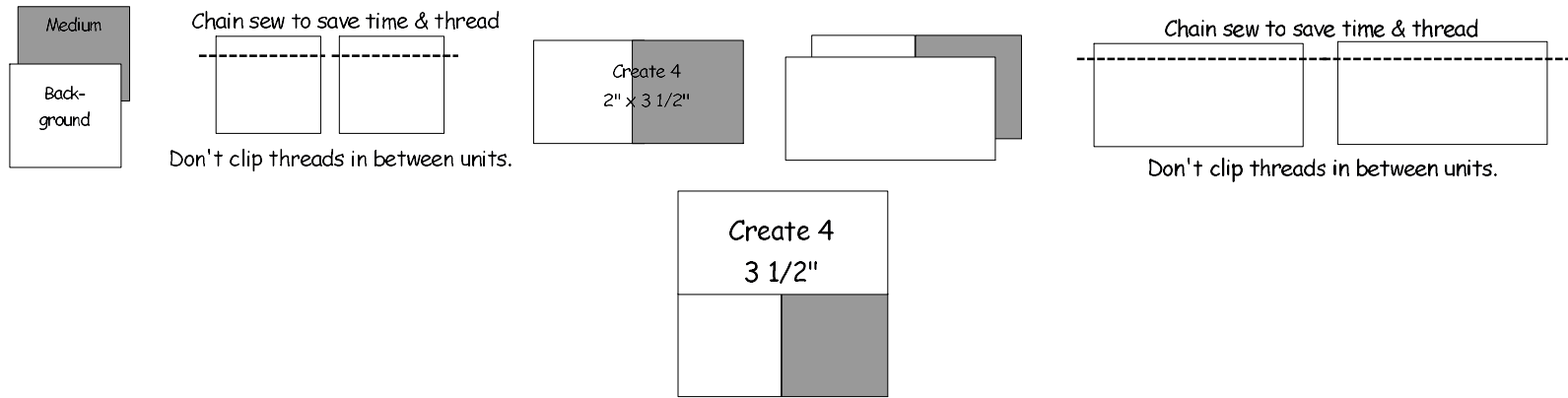
Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of all the Dark 3 1/2" squares. (You can also just iron the squares on the diagonal to create the line.) Layer the Squares on the units from above, as shown in the diagram(fig.1), right sides together. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim 1/4" from the line toward the outside corner(fig.2). Press the seam allowance toward the Dark. Repeat the process on the other corner as shown(fig.3). Create 4 units that measure 3 1/2" x 6 1/2".



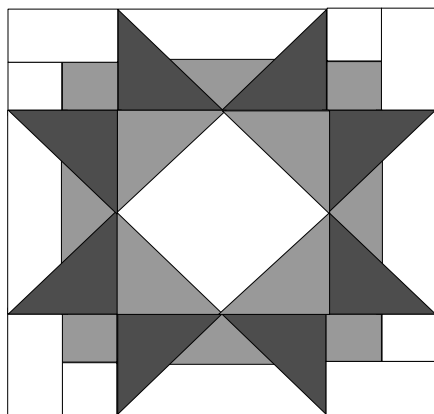
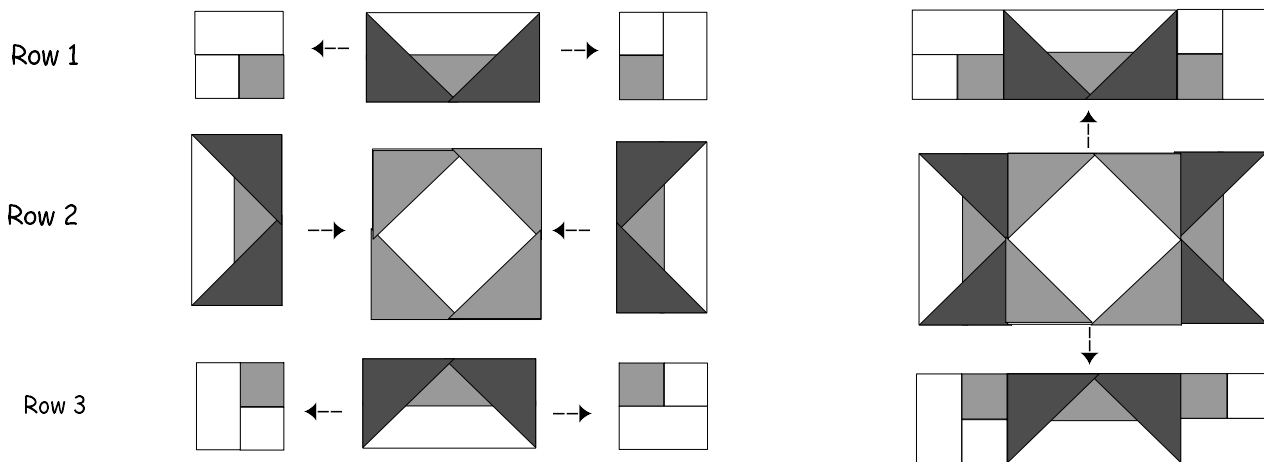
Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Medium 3 1/2" squares. (You can also just iron the squares on the diagonal to create the line.) Layer a Medium square on the corner of the Background 6 1/2" square, right sides together, as shown in the diagram(fig.4). Sew on the diagonal line. Trim 1/4" from the line toward the outside corner(fig.5). Press the seam allowance toward the Medium. Repeat on the opposite corner(fig.6). Then repeat on the remain two corners to create your "Square in a Square unit" measuring 6 1/2" (fig.7).



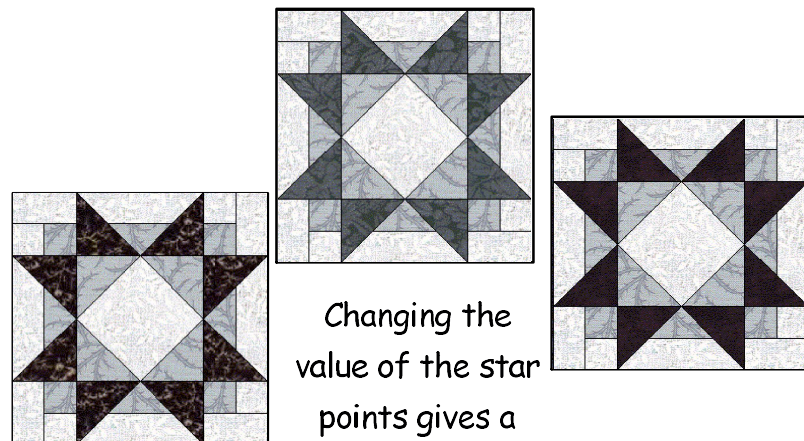
Layer the Background 2" square with the Medium 2" square. Sew and press seam allowance toward the Medium. Units should measure 2" x 3 1/2". Layer these with the Background 2" x 3 1/2" rectangle, as shown in the diagram. Pay attention to the orientation of the 2-patch. Sew down the lengthwise edge. Press seam allowance to the side. Create 4 units measuring 3 1/2" square.



Sew the units into rows. Pay close attention to the orientation of each unit. Press the seam allowance in the direction of the arrows. The rows should measure 3 1/2" x 12 1/2" (except Row 2, it should measure 6 1/2" x 12 1/2"). Sew the rows together to create your block, measuring 12 1/2". Pay close attention to the orientation of each row. Press the seam allowance in the direction of the arrows.



Framed Variable Star
12 1/2" square



Changing the
value of the star
points gives a
softer look to the
block