

Row Ten Friendship Star Blocks

You'll need the following to create 12 Star Blocks:

Background

2 1/2" squares – 48

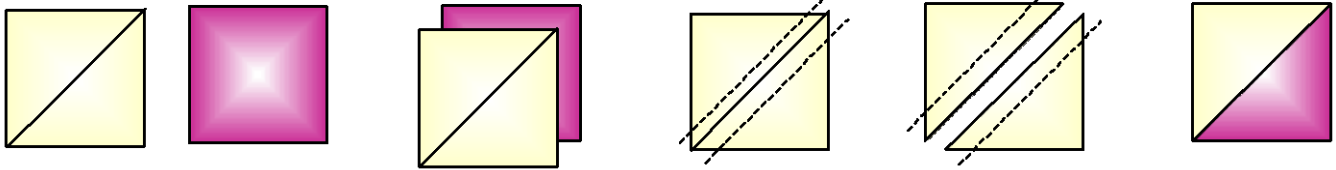
3 1/4" squares – 24

Scrappy - (I am using 6 colors)

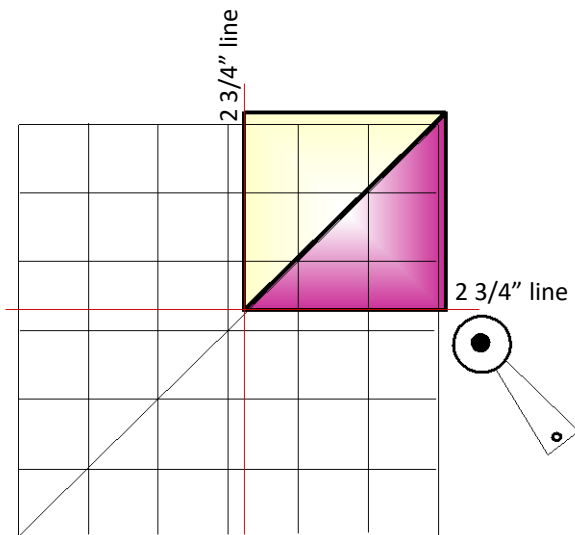
2 1/2 squares - 12 (2 of each color)

3 1/4" squares - 24 (4 of each color)

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 3 1/4" Background squares. Layer these squares with the Scrappy 3 1/4" squares. Sew 1/4" from the line on both sides of the line. Cut apart on the diagonal line. Press seam allowance toward the Scrappy Color. You will need to trim these units to 2 1/2". For best results trim from all 4 sides. Create 4 for each Friendship Star block.

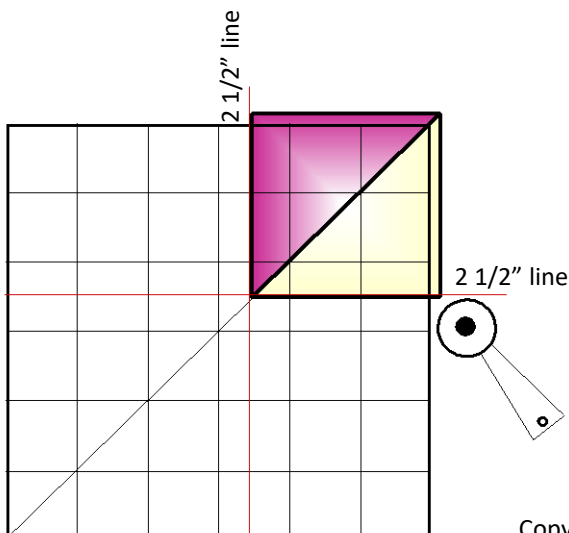


Now you are ready to square the HST's to 2 1/2". This is where your 4" (or 6") ruler will come in handy. I am using the 6" ruler for illustration purposes.



- * You'll line the diagonal seam line of the HST up with the 45 degree line of the ruler.
- Next line the bottom and side of the block up with the 2 3/4" marking on the ruler and trim off the extra on the top and side.

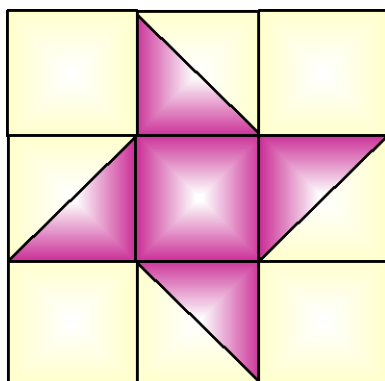
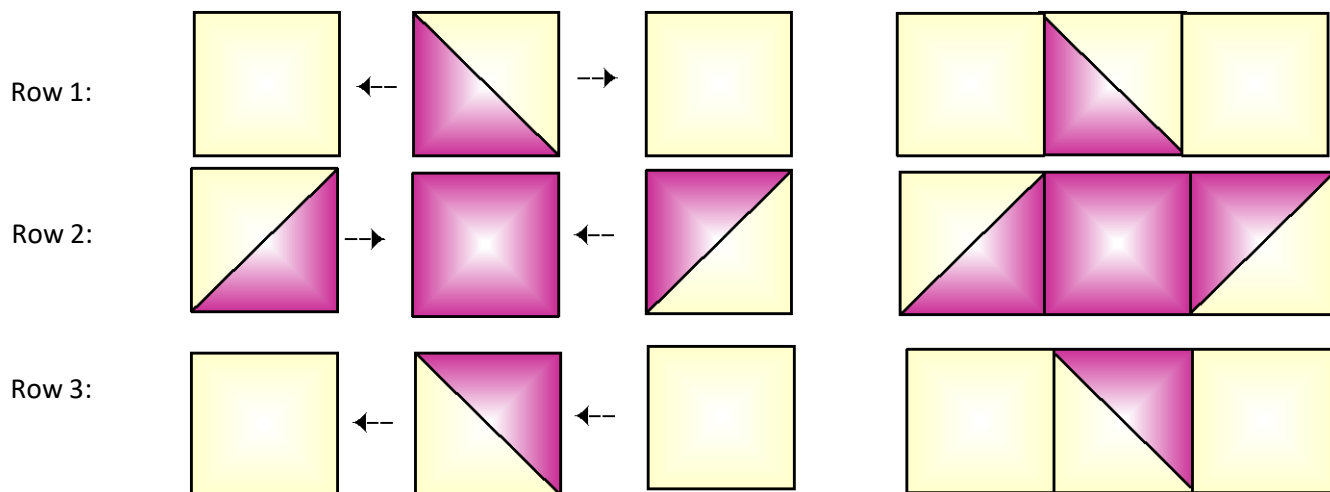
****Don't worry if your block doesn't reach the 2 3/4" line - it is more important to make sure the diagonal of the block is on the diagonal of the ruler and that it is bigger than 2 1/2". ***



- * Turn the block around and once again line the diagonal seam line of the HST up with the 45 degree line of the ruler.
- * Next line the bottom and side up with the 2 1/2" marking on the ruler, trim off the extra. Make sure to use the 2 1/2" marking.

This part can be tedious, but you'll find you'll have a more accurate block, which results in a nicer quilt!

Sew the units together to create block rows. The rows should measure 2 1/2" x 6 1/2". Press the seam allowance in the direction of the arrows. Sew the rows together to create the block. Press the seam allowance to the side. Create 12 Friendship Star blocks measuring 6 1/2".



This month, I am going to suggest NOT sewing your blocks into a row. Wait until after next month's row before deciding what to do. I alternated this block and next month's block to create a bit of interest with the last two rows. Below is an idea of how it will look if you want to keep the rows separate.

We have one more row to do and then we are onto the pieced border!

