

Block of the Month: March 2019

* Wonky Star *



Well, when you were looking for bird fabric last month, did you find other animals or some Tula Pink fabric that you forgot about? So, let's continue with a fussy cut center block. If you have Tula Pink fabric in your stash with a hidden animal, use it. Otherwise, choose another animal or a flower fabric, and solids for the star and a cream/off-white/light background.

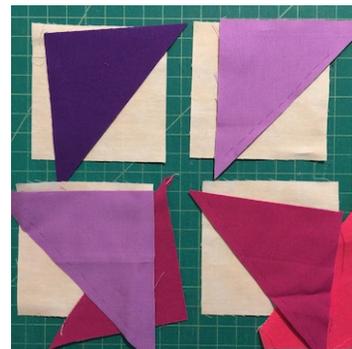
Materials Needed

- (8) 3.5" squares in cream/off-white/light for background
- (1) 3.5" square for center - fuzzy cut a Tula Pink animal, or other animal or a flower
- (4) 4" squares in 4 different solid or reads-solid colors to coordinate with center square for star points

Note: All seams are 1/4" unless noted otherwise.

Instructions

1. Starch the 4 star point squares as they will be cut on the diagonal to avoid bias stretch. The "stitch & flip" method will be used to create the star points.
2. Stack the 4 solid squares on top of each other and cut on the diagonal to create 8 triangles.
3. Take 4 background squares and 4 triangles. Stitch a triangle to the right side of a background square. (see pic 2, top 2) Changing the angle of the triangles will help create the wonky-ness of the star. **(Make sure that when the triangle is flipped and pressed to the correct side, it extends past the edges of the background square.)**
4. Flip the star point and press with hot iron. Cut the excess background off.
5. Sew the remaining 4 triangles to the left side of these 4 background blocks (see pic 2, bottom 2) — mixing up the colors and ensuring it extends past the edge of the 3.5" square. You can overlap the triangles slightly at the bottom, or leave a space. Each variation just adds to the wonky-ness.
6. Again, flip the star point and press with hot iron. Cut the excess background off.
7. Trim all 4 blocks to 3.5" squares by cutting off the excess.
8. Layout the block in final layout, and sew squares together in rows. Press seams to the solid squares. This will create nesting seams when sewing the rows together.
9. Press last 2 seams open. Finished block will measure **9.5" Square**.



Remember, we appreciate DIFFERENT blocks. So if you make multiple blocks, please use different fabrics. This BOM is due at the guild meeting on **March 4, 2019**. More info on the BOM at www.mpqg.org/block-of-the-month.htm