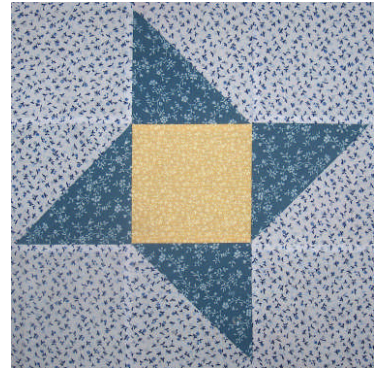


York Heritage Quilters Guild Block of the Month - November 2009
Friendship Star

Excerpt from "Selina and the Bear Paw Quilt"

"Quilting bees were like holidays for everyone. While the children played outdoors, the women sat around the quilting frame, laughing and chatting. They sewed the three layers of the quilt together with tiny stitches in a pattern that had been traced lightly on the cover. At the end of the day, everyone gathered to admire the Friendship Star quilt, with its long, thick patches of colour."

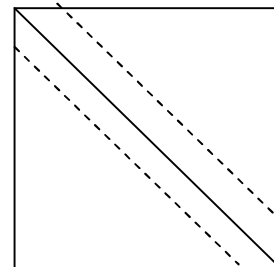


For the center square, cut one yellow, solid or traditional small print square, $4 \frac{1}{2}'' \times 4 \frac{1}{2}''$.

Cut 4 squares, $4 \frac{1}{2}''$ each for the corners.
from a small traditional print, with a white background (again, no creams).

For the half-square triangle patches:

Cut 4 squares, $4 \frac{7}{8}'' \times 4 \frac{7}{8}''$ (or 5")
from any blue fabric, textured, small floral
or other traditional print
From the same background fabric as used for
the corners, cut 4 squares, $4 \frac{7}{8}'' \times 4 \frac{7}{8}''$ (or 5")



Place a light print square right sides together with a blue square and on the wrong side, draw a diagonal line from one corner to the other. Sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}''$ from that line on both sides of it. Cut along the line, press seam towards the dark side. Trim to $4 \frac{1}{2}''$.

If you're having difficulty getting it to measure $4 \frac{1}{2}''$ square, try cutting 5" squares to start with and trim the result to $4 \frac{1}{2}'' \times 4 \frac{1}{2}''$, keeping the diagonal line corner to corner. Assemble block as shown above.