

August Newsletter Block 4, Borders and preparation for block 5.

This block is called Garden of Eden, and you will make 4 blocks that are 9" unfinished, and finish at 8 ½ inches.

From a light fabric, Cut one 4" WOF strip. Cross cut it at 2" until you have 16



rectangles, 2" by 4".

From Print, fussy cut 16- 3" squares. Centering your design.



From C2-#1, cut 3 WOF strips at 2 ¾" Cross cut these into 32 squares. Cut each of these squares with one diagonal. Giving you 64 triangles. Group these triangles into 16 sets of 4 triangles each



Then using any extra C2-#1 fabric, cut just 4 squares, at 2"

Step 1.

Take each of your 16 fussy cut squares. Using the 16 sets of 4 triangles from C2-#1 Make 16 squares in a square. Trim them to 4" square.



Construct this 9-patch block with the light rectangles making a cross between the 4 larger blocks, with the 2" block in the center.



Making the four outside borders.

From your reserved border fabric, Take your print and your background fabrics

From BOTH fabrics:

Cut 5 10 ½ inch blocks. Cut them twice on both diagonals.

From both fabrics, cut 4 6-inch blocks. If you cut carefully, you can get these blocks from the second 10.5' strip. Cut these 6" blocks only once diagonally.

Know that the 6" triangles finish the top and bottom of the 4 borders. You are only sewing the triangles from the 10.5" blocks at this time.

Retrieve your finished 24 -6" June Coxeys Camp blocks. Make 4 sets of these blocks: Each set will make one border. Put them in 3 piles: 6 print triangles, 6 Coxeys Camp blocks and 6 background triangles, lay the 6 Coxeys camp blocks, on point, point to point. Tuck print triangles in the left side spaces and the background in the right side.



Sew the print triangles to the upper left side of blocks 2 through 6. Sew the background triangle to the lower right side of blocks 1-5.

Iron toward the triangles. Sew your resulting 6 diagonal strips together matching the points on the blocks.

Finish the top and bottom of the borders with the triangles from the 6-inch blocks.

Then make 3 more. The 4 patches in the middle of the block is semi-directional

Decide how you want them to look before you sew them.



Making the feathers ahead for next month's block—or not:

The center medallion for this quilt is a 28" Feathered star, on point.

Please don't be discouraged. I'm leaving this center up to you, but giving you some ideas. I took Marsha McCloskey's feathered star wall hanging class in 2002. I was really impressed with how she made the feathers.

I have drafted a 28" feathered star with a square in a square center. This is a link to Marsha McCloskey's directions for making the feathers for my star;

<https://erinrussek.typepad.com/one-piece-at-a-time/2010/02/feathered-star-lesson-6-bias-strip-piecing.html>

Start by layering C2-#1 with your lightest color. Right sides (or wrong sides) together. C2-#1 on top, light on bottom. Cut 2 12-inch blocks. Cut the square diagonally once. Lay the 2 triangles on top of each other.=4 layers. You will need squares of your C1-#1 and C1 - #2 as well as C2-#2 IF you want all your feathers to be the same, add these totals and make that many. You will also need a number of light and dark unsewn triangles.

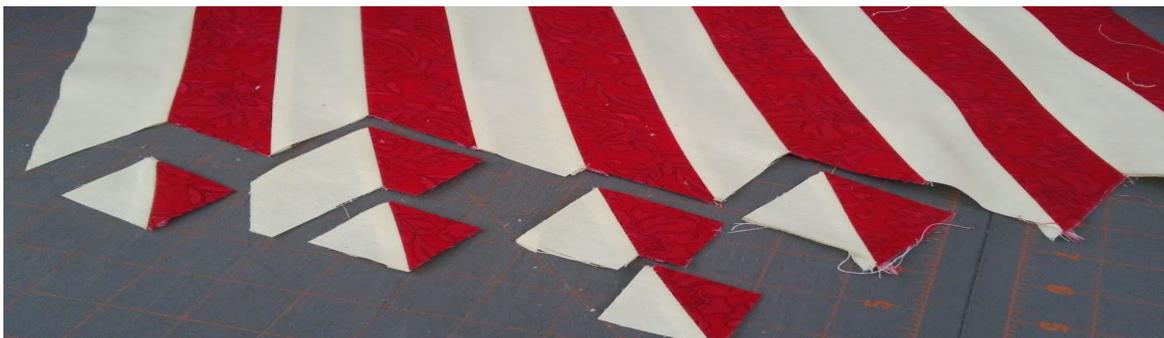
Starting at the longest diagonal, cut the triangle into 2 -inch strips. Sew the 4 long



strips together alternating light and dark.



Making sure your strips make a light/dark point. Set the next longest strips to the first 4. Making sure your points start at the same place on one end. Iron your seams open. You can now cut a half square triangle from each point. You can then cut a second set of HST's from the alternate diagonal seams.



Note: When I made this block back in 2002, I was impressed with the fact that there was so little waste in this process. With the strips cut at 2 inches, I found I could only cut 2-inch HST's, and needed to cut them down to 1 ½ inch feathers. I could probably

get by with cutting the rest of the strips at 1 ½ inch, but I'm going to cut the strips at 1 ¾ inches. This will give me some waste, but not so great as the 2-inch strips.

Some of you have done a feathered star at the class this month. If you want to use that block, DO IT!!! You will need to adjust your borders so that the unfinished block is 28 ½ inches square. Follow Nancy Mahoney's directions. If you want, make the feathers the way she taught you in the class. As long as each feather is 1.5" unfinished; and you make the required amount, the process is up to you.

If feathered stars aren't to your liking. There is a quilt pattern book called "One and it's Done" Which enlarges a single block to baby quilt size. You could find a 14-inch finished block and double the size. Be sure to remove the half inch seam allowance before doubling the size of the pieces, and add it again when you cut out all your pieces.

A 28-inch medallion square can also be filled with 4 - 14-inch blocks, on point, or 4 - 12-inch blocks with sashing.

My feathered star requires 104 feathers with your lightest light and C2-#1. (64 on diagonal, 40 on grain) You can get 50 HST's from one 12- square of C2-#1 plus the light fabric. Cut both layers of fabric sets at 12 inches. You will need an additional 32 lone triangles to finish the ends and the ones that meet in the intersections. Some will be light, some in color.

Your next color is C1-#1. You need 44 on grain. And 16 halves. Cut that square at 12 inches, as well.

You need 36 feathers in light and C2-#2. These are all diagonal. Cut this square at 10 inches. It should give you 35 feathers. But if you cut your strips at 1 ¾ inches, you should get enough.

Finally, you need 24 feathers of C1#2. On grain. A cut square at 8 inches, will yield 21, and cut at 10 inches will yield 35.

Again, these are McCloskey's numbers for 2-inch strips. Marsha cuts the on-grain feathers at 1 7/16ths and the diagonal at 1 ½. I am cutting all mine at one and a half inches. That one-sixteenth can't possibly make that much of a difference. But if you are using Nancy's directions, her feathers seem to have a larger size difference. I put that information in for you to decide what you want to do.

Next month: finishing the center and putting it all together!