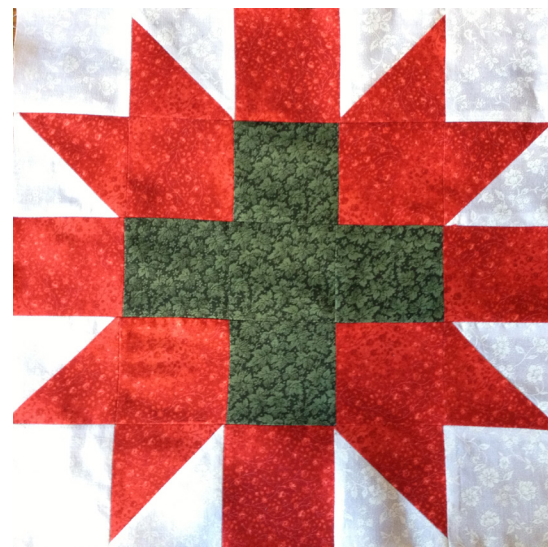


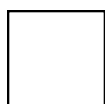
Block of the Month 2013-14: EVERYBODY IS A STAR

December's Block: Star-Crossed Block

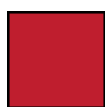
Dating back to the 19th century, this block has been called many things — from a Friendship block to a Hearth and Home block. This particular pattern, which uses half-square triangles, is called *Star Crossed*. It was originally designed as a 10½" finished block and was scaled up to 13". However, if you trim the half square triangles to a scant 3", you should end up with a 12½" finished block. Select red and green Christmas patterned fabrics if you're so inclined. Otherwise, red, green and white fabrics will give this block a crisp, clean look. Enjoy!



FABRIC



White



Red



Green

CUTTING

- » 5 – 3" squares for the center cross (red or green)
- » 8 – 3" squares for the star (green if you use red for the center/red if you use green for the center)
- » 4 – 3⅞" squares for the star half-square triangle (white)
- » 4 – 3" squares for the background (white)
- » 4 – 3⅞" squares for the background half-square triangle ((green if you use red for the center/red if you use green for the center)

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

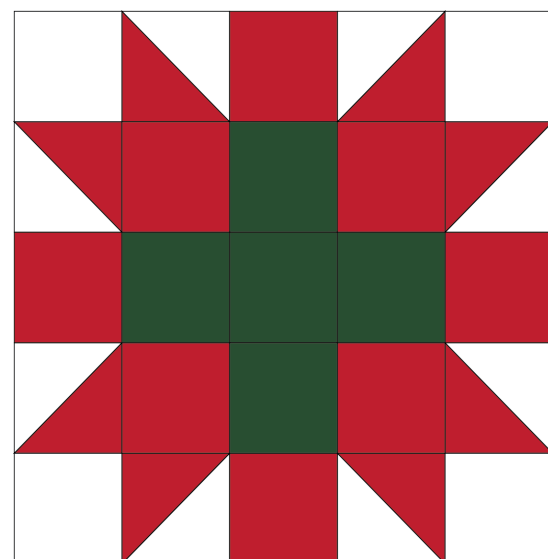
Make eight half-square triangles using white and either red or green depending on which color you choose for the center cross. If you choose green for the center, your half-square triangles will be red and vice-versa.

Make a diagonal line on the 3⅞" white squares. Pair with the other 3⅞" squares (red or green as previously described) and pin. You should have four pairs of blocks pinned together which will yield eight half-square triangles once sewn and cut. Sew ¼" away from each side of the diagonal line and then cut on line to get half square triangles.

Press seams open for your new half-square triangles and bring them back to the cutting mat. Using a ruler with a 45-degree angle marking, line up your half-square triangle along the center seam and trim to a scant 3" (2.9").

Lay out half-square triangles and squares following block layout and piece together. Sewing in pairs, stitch the squares of each row together, then sew each row together to finish the block. Press seams open. If your finished block is slightly larger than 12½", spray it with starch and iron it to tighten it slightly.

— *Irelle Beatie, Julie Cohen and Adela Laband*



Assembly Diagram

Opportunity Quilt Coordinator Needed

Quilters in our community have already volunteered to help with an opportunity quilt, but we are in need of someone to organize the construction and quilting of the quilt. We would like to have the quilt done prior to our Harvest of Colors Quilt Show in 2014, with the drawing to be held that December. Please contact Carol Fay for more information.