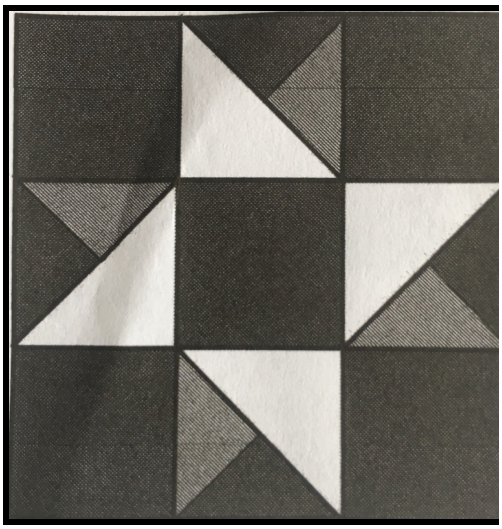
**SCRAP INSANITY: Starry Holiday Sky** **December 2018**

12" Block (12.5" Unfinished) Coastal Quilters Guild Block of the Month

~Design by the Knotty Threads, BoM chairs in 2011: Carol Hart, Kika Hutchings and Carolyn Rory



"December skies on a clear night in Santa Barbara are often the most beautiful of the year, setting the scene for our holiday celebrations! Since this is such a busy time of year, we've planned a simple block of squares, triangles and quarter-square triangles. To make it even easier you will only need two scrap fabrics and one background fabric. Have fun creating blocks for this starry, starry night quilt. Hope you win!"

******Magical Option****** In honor of our Christmas Party, please consider adding something special to your block this month by making the center square *magical* using creative piecing, zingy fabric or a sparkly technique of your choice. Example above has a silky, shiny pocket for surprises!

## Fabric

Light Yellow or Gold Scraps:

Cut 2 pieces, 4 $\frac{7}{8}$" square

Darker Yellow or Darker Gold Scraps:

Cut 1 piece, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$" square

Dark Blue Background fabric:

Cut 5 pieces 4 $\frac{1}{2}$" square and 1 piece 5 $\frac{1}{4}$" square

(If you choose the ***Magical Option*** for your center block, you will replace ONE of the 4 $\frac{1}{2}$" squares with 1 piece sparkly*magical 4 $\frac{1}{2}$" square)

## Assembly

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 4 $\frac{7}{8}$" light yellow or gold scrap squares. Cut apart on the diagonal lines to form 4 triangles.

Draw 2 diagonal lines on the back of **both** of the 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ squares. (looks like an X) Cut apart on the lines. You should now have 4 small dark blue and 4 small dark gold scrap triangles.

Stitch one dark scrap triangle to each background blue triangle on the short side. Press. Sew each pair of small triangles to the long side of a light yellow or gold scrap triangle, forming 4 $\frac{1}{2}$" squares. Press and trim to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$"

Assemble the squares as shown in the diagram (minding the 'spin' of the triangles)

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