



# JANUARY 2009 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

## *Eight-Pointed Star*

Turn in at February 2009 meeting

**Techniques:** Quilting with quick-cut templates for accuracy when measurements are not “regular”

**Block size:** 6-1/2 inch unfinished

**Colors:** Blues and yellows. Center square can match either the star points or the background (sample matches the star points). Star can be yellow on blue background, or a blue star on yellow background. Fabrics can be solids, tone-on-tone, and/or prints.

### **Making and Cutting from Templates:**

- Templates include 1/4-inch seam allowances. Some people like the shaped ends on the seam allowance. If so, cut exactly as printed (on the outer line). Some people prefer to leave the dog ears. If you do, cut straight beyond the marked lines on the template and don't trim.
- For quick cutting: Fold fabric in four layers, lay template on top of fabric and pin in center (flat head). Place a ruler on top of the template, lining the quarter-inch marks with the inner line on the template. Cut through four layers. Turn stack of fabric; align to next inner line, cut and repeat. For 63-degree triangles, cut one stack of 4. For side triangles (star points), cut one stack of 4 with each of the two side templates.

### **Cutting:**

- Corner squares: Cut four (4) 2-1/2 inch squares from background fabric
- Center square: Cut one (1) 2-1/2 inch square from your choice of the star or background fabric
- Star points and 63 degree triangles: Cut as indicated above [four (4) 63-degree triangles, four (4) right-side star point triangles and four (4) left-side star point triangles].

### **Piecing:**

- Put 63-degree triangle right side up. Lay right-side star point triangle down along right side of big triangle (right sides together), aligning the star point piece with the top of the 63-degree triangle. Sew 1/4 inch seam. Press to STAR POINT side. Repeat with the left side star point triangle. Make 4 units.
- Assemble the block in three rows, making sure to align the star point patches correctly with the point of the 63-degree triangle facing toward the center square. Press top and bottom rows away from the star point patch. Press middle row toward center square. After joining rows into block, press toward top and bottom rows (away from center square row).

