



# FEBRUARY 2009 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

## *GSQ Spring Star*

Turn in at March 2009 meeting

**Techniques:** Going “scrappy”. Dealing with many fabrics in a single block.

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

**Colors:** Think SPRING: pastels, in solids, tone-on-tone or patterns. You need six different spring fabrics (numbered 1 through 6 on the diagram) and a cream background fabric (number 7).

**Cutting:**

- o Color 1: two 1-1/2 inch squares
- o Color 2: two 1-1/2 inch squares
- o Color 3: four 1-7/8 inch squares, cut once diagonally
- o Color 4: eight 1-7/8 inch squares, cut once diagonally
- o Color 5: four 1-1/2 inch squares
- o Color 6: four 1-7/8 inch squares
- o Color 7 (cream): four 1-1/2 inch squares; AND eight 1-7/8 inch squares, cut once diagonally

**Piecing:**

- This block is easiest to make if you make one row at a time, because of the tricky fabric placement.
- Half-square triangles (HST's) are made the traditional method. Place two triangles right sides together and sew quarter-inch seam down the long side. If you prefer to make the HST's the quick way (1-7/8 inch square, diagonal line, sew scant quarter inch either side of line, cut on line), you'll need the same number of cut squares in the cutting instructions, but DON'T cut them once diagonally.
- Join squares and HST's in rows, in accordance with the diagram below.
- Wait to press until after you have laid out the patches in rows. For rows 1, 3 and 5, press all seams to the left. For rows 2, 4, and 6, press seams to the right. This will help to make the rows and diagonal seams nest properly. Press all ROWS toward the center of the block.

