



OCTOBER 2008 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Sawtooth Star

Turn in at November meeting

Techniques: *Traditional piecing. 1/4 inch seams*

Block size: 6-1/2 inch unfinished

Colors: Asian fabrics, with black background. Black can also be a colorful Asian fabric with a black background. The center and star points can be from one fabric, or the center and star points can be from two different fabrics. The sample above uses 3 fabrics: a floral with black as background; a bright floral as the center; and a cream on cream Asian fabric for the star points

Cutting:

- Center Square – One (1) 3-1/2 x 3-1/2-inch square
- Background fabric
 - Four (4) 2 x 2-inch squares
 - Four (4) rectangles, 2 x 3-1/2 inches
- Star Points – Eight (8) 2 x 2-inch squares

Construction:

1. Make 4 Flying Geese Units – the “sew and flip” method
 - a. Draw a diagonal line on back of all eight Star Point squares
 - b. Place one square right sides together at one end of a 2 x 3-1/2-inch background rectangle, with diagonal line running from center of rectangle to lower right corner
 - c. Sew on the diagonal. Trim 1/4-inch on the outside of the sewn seam, flip triangle back and press to the star point triangle
 - d. Place second square on other side of the rectangle, right sides together, with diagonal line running from center of rectangle to lower left corner. Sewn on line, trim, and flip
 - e. Repeat for other three rectangles
2. Make two identical rows (for top and bottom of block)
 - a. Sew one 2 x 2-inch background square **to either end** of a Flying Geese unit
 - b. Press toward the background squares
3. Make center row
 - a. Sew one Flying Geese unit each to one **side** of the center square. Make sure the star points are pointed **AWAY** from the center square
 - b. Sew another Flying Geese unit to the opposite side of the center square.
 - c. Press toward the center square
4. Assemble the block
 - a. Sew top row to center row, matching seams. Press toward the center row
 - b. Make sure top row star points are pointed away from the center block
 - c. Add bottom row, making sure star points are pointed away from the center block and press toward the center row
5. Block should measure 6-1/2 inches square