

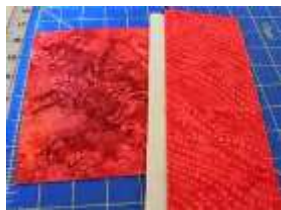
SAWTOOTH STAR POINTS



RAINBOW SCRAP CHALLENGE SAMPLER 2015

Next year's sampler quilt will be just a bit more preplanned than last year's. There will still be new 6 inch sampler blocks each month to include in your quilt, but each block will be set in a Sawtooth star to match the color of the block. I'm writing a tutorial here for a general Sawtooth Star block to finish at 12 inches. Refer back to it throughout the year. All you will need to do is make a 6 inch block as the patterns are posted throughout the year and insert one into the center of each star block

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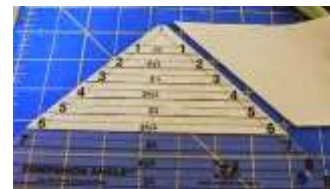


The Sawtooth Star is based on a flying geese unit. There are LOTS of ways to make flying geese blocks. If you have your own favorite, feel free to use it of course. As long as your geese are 6.5 by 3.5 unfinished (6 inches by 3 inches finished), you are good to go.

My favorite flying geese method is using the companion angle and easy angle ruler. I like that it allows the use of the same size strips as for the corner units, which seems like a better use of fabric to me than cutting larger squares in half. So this sample block has a plain 6.5 inch square in the middle, but just imagine that it is a sampler block you have completed as part of the challenge. In addition to your 6.5 inch block, you will need 3.5 inch strips of star point fabric and background color. The star points should "match" the colors in the sampler block in that everything will be inspired by the color of the month.

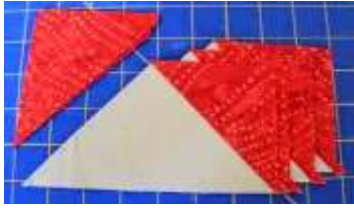
CUTTING

The background fabric will form the body of the goose block. It is cut from 3.5 inch strips using the companion angle ruler. Cut **4 body units**. If you are going to be using a consistent background fabric throughout the quilt, feel free to cut some extras for later. From the same strip you will also cut **4 - 3.5 inch squares**.



The points of the stars will also come from 3.5 inch strips, this time of the colored fabric of the month. Cut **8 triangles**.

SEWING



Start by assembling your goose blocks. The star points get sewn first onto one side of the body units.



Then onto the other. Press carefully and remove the dog ears. Check your seam allowance along the top edge. It should be a quarter inch from the edge to the point of the goose. If your seam allowance is too small, your seams are probably not a quarter of an inch. Check them and fix the problem before moving on or you will lose your points when you assemble the block



Here is the layout of the block. Four flying geese surround the center section and the background squares fill in the corners. Sew the rows together and press. The middle row seams iron to the center and the top and bottom rows are pressed out.

FINISHING

Your finished block should be 12.5 inches and will finish at 12 inches in the final quilt. The center will be more interesting of course, after you have inserted your own sampler blocks each month.

How fun would these Sawtooth star block be with a string block in the middle? Any 6 inch sampler block would work if you don't like my choice. Personalize this quilt as much as you like. I promise, it won't hurt my feelings if you deviate from the directions.



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