Ricky's Stars

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An easy pattern that provides instructions on sewing an "hourglass square" block which is commonly used in quilt making today.

The example shown uses three hand dyed fabrics from RickyTims.com in light, medium and dark tones. Place the light, medium and dark colored fabric in the specified locations to create an allover "Ohio Star" pattern.

Note: This project provides instruction to make the quilt top only and not quilting and binding instructions.

Skill Level: Beginner

Materials Needed:

	Quilt Size			
	Crip/Lap	Twin	Full	Queen
Light Fabric	7/8 yd	2 yds	2 5/8 yds	2 3/4 yds
Medium Fabric	1 ½ yds	3 yds	4 yds	4 yds
Dark Fabric	7/8 yds	2 yds	2 5/8 yds	2 3/4 yds
Backing	2 yds	5 yds	6 yds	6 yds

Legacy™ Premier Quilt Batting Natural Blend 80/20 Cotton/Poly to match your selected quilt size
Crib, Twin, Full or Queen Size

Tools Needed:

- Sewing Machine
- Rotary Cutter
- Rotary Mat
- Rotary Ruler
- Thread
- Pencil
- Standard Sewing Supplies

The example shown uses Ricky Tims fabric in Desert Wind, Riverdell and Multi-Dark.

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Cutting Instructions:

Cut strips as follows: (Light and Dark are cut 5 1/4" and Medium is cut 4 1/2")

Size of Strips	Crib/Lap	Single	Full	Queen
Light - 5 1/4"	6 strips	13 strips	18 strips	19 strips
Medium - 4 1/2"	10 strips	22 strips	31 strips	34 strips
Dark - 5 1/4"	6 strips	13 strips	18 strips	19 strips

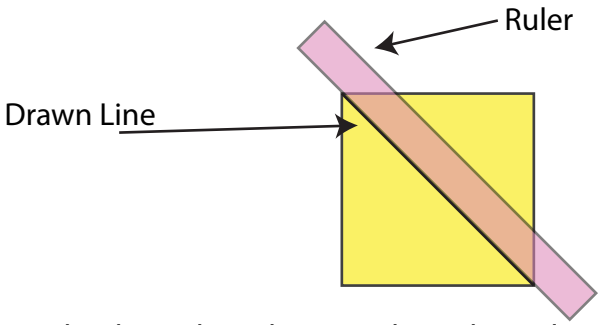
Cut all light and dark strips into 5 1/4" squares.
Cut all medium strips into 4 1/2" squares.

Number of Squares	Crib/Lap	Single	Full	Queen
Light 5 1/4"	42	90	121	132
Medium	85	181	242	265
Dark	42	90	121	132

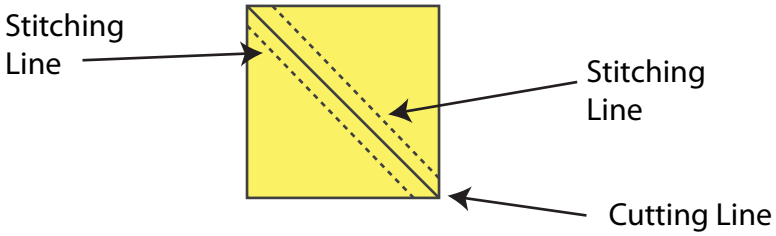
To Make an Hourglass Square block



Layer one each, a dark square and a light square, right sides together. Place the light square on top, lay a ruler from point to point and draw a line using a pencil from point to point as shown below:

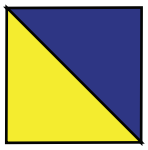


Stitch 1/4" from the drawn line, then cut along drawn line:



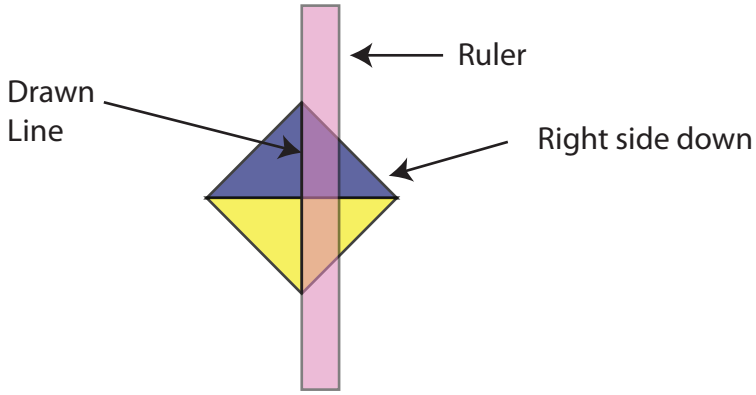
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Press towards the dark.

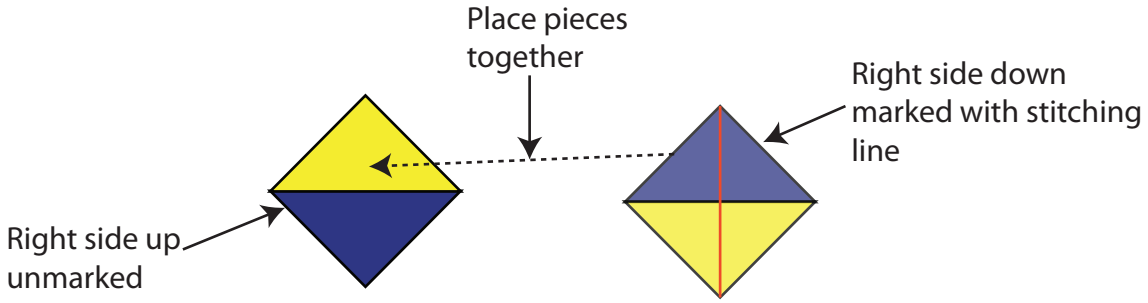


It is only necessary to draw a line on half of the squares for the next steps.

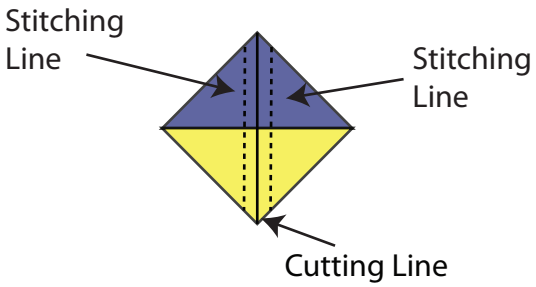
Lay ruler from point to point as shown, draw line on wrong side of fabric.



Lay two squares with opposite colors and right sides together as shown (top square is marked, bottom square is unmarked):



Stitch 1/4" from drawn line, then cut along drawn line:



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Press towards one side.



Lay out the medium squares and hourglass squares alternating the hourglass squares as shown below. Stitch strips together. It does not matter if you do them in columns or rows first. Press toward the medium squares.



After making strips and pressing towards the medium squares, stitch the strips together.

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