MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD
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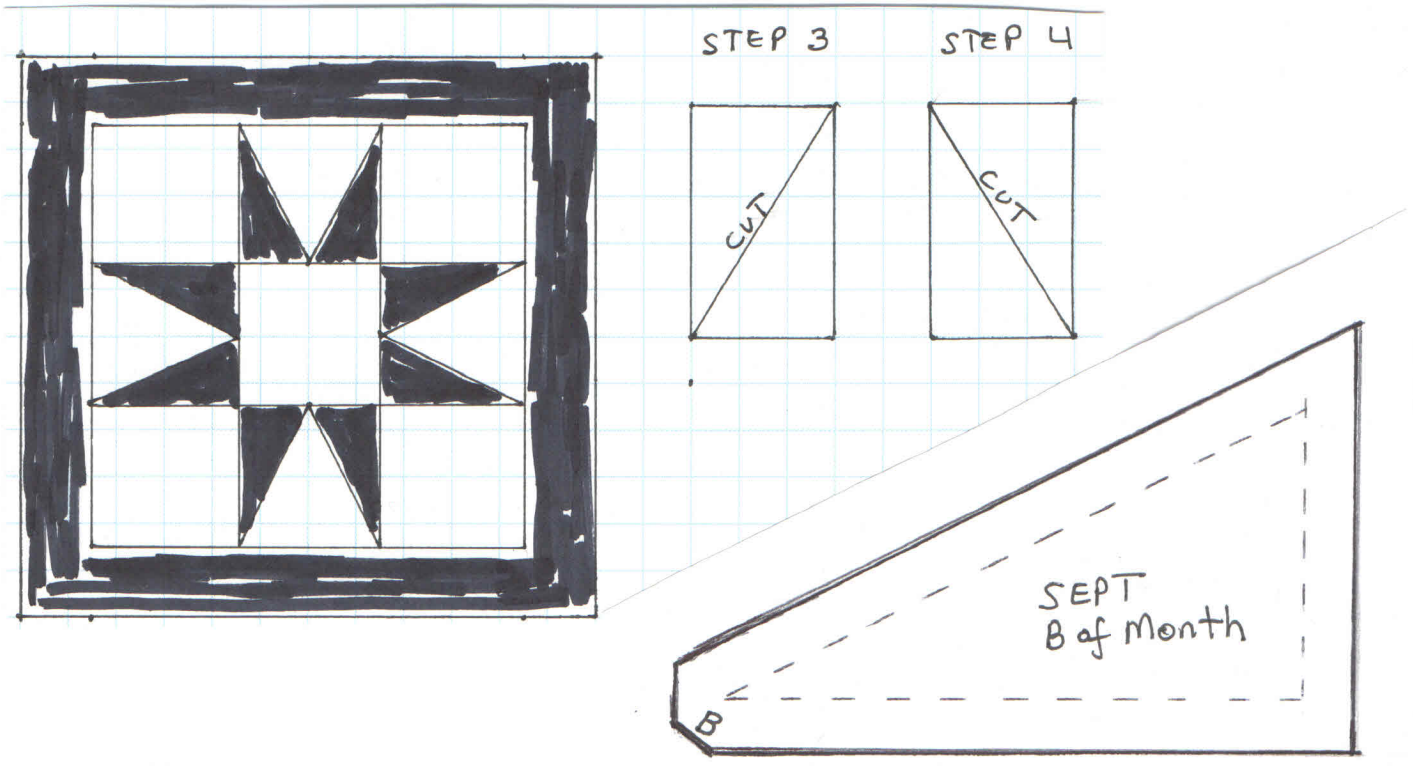
FRAMED STAR BLOCK
Note: This pattern includes the use of the attached template.

Cut: (4) 2 1/4" x 4 3/8" rectangles for the star points
(5) 3 1/2" squares for the corner and center patches – put these aside until Step 8
(4) 3 7/8" squares for the center of the star point patches
(2) 2" x 9 1/2" rectangles for the border
(2) 2" x 12 1/2" rectangles for the border



1. Mark the center of one side of each of the 3 7/8" squares (i.e. at 1 15/16").
2. Placing the mark at the top of the 3 7/8" square, position a straightedge from the top center mark to the lower right hand corner of the square and trim with a rotary cutter. Discard the cut off triangle piece. Then, position the straightedge from the top center mark to the lower left corner of the square and trim with a rotary cutter. Discard the cut off triangle piece. The result should be an isosceles triangle (left and right sides are the same). Trim 3/8" off of the **TOP** point of the triangle to make a blunted triangle 3 1/2 " tall (this blunting of the triangle will help with matching the side pieces). Repeat this step for the other three 3 7/8" squares.

3. For (2) of the 2 1/4" x 4 3/8" rectangles position a straightedge from lower left corner to the upper right corner and cut with a rotary cutter. To fine cut these side triangles for ease in piecing, sub cut using a rotary cutter with the enclosed template and fabric right side up. **Be sure to carefully cut the little LINES on the template**. These will be your LEFT star points.
4. For the remaining (2) 2 1/4" x 4 3/8" rectangles position a straightedge from lower right corner to the upper left corner and cut with a rotary cutter. To fine cut these side triangles for ease in piecing, sub cut using a rotary cutter with the enclosed template right side up and the fabric **wrong** side up. These will be your RIGHT star points.
5. With right sides of the fabric together, stitch the right star point to the left side of the isosceles triangle, **MATCHING LINE B TO THE BASE OF THE ISOSCELES STAR TRIANGLE.** Press seam toward the star point.
6. With right sides of the fabric together, stitch the left star point to the right side of the isosceles triangle, **MATCHING LINE B TO THE BASE OF THE ISOSCELES STAR TRIANGLE.** Press seam toward the star point. This completes a star point unit.
7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 three more times to make 4 star point units.
STEPS 8 – 12 WATCH YOUR STAR POINT UNIT ORIENTATION
8. With right sides together, stitch a star point unit between two 3 1/2" squares to make the top row of the block. Press the seams toward the 3 1/2" squares.
9. With right sides together, stitch a star point unit between two 3 1/2" squares to make the bottom row of the block. Press the seams toward the 3 1/2" squares.
10. With right sides together, stitch a star point unit on either side of a 3 1/2" square ensuring that the star points point away from the 3 1/2" square. Press the seams toward the 3 1/2" square. This is the center row of the block.
11. With right sides together, matching seams, and ensuring that the star points point away from the center row, sew the top row of the block to the center row of the block.
12. With right sides together, matching seams, and ensuring that the star points point away from the center row, sew the bottom row to the center row of the block.
13. With right sides together, sew a 2" x 9 1/2" rectangle to the top of the block.
14. With right sides together, sew a 2" x 9 1/2" rectangle to the bottom of the block.
15. With right sides together, sew a 2" x 12 1/2" rectangle to the right and left sides of the block.
Block should measure 12 1/2" to finish at 12".